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January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Pathways to the Future

| Summary of Actions | Deadline |
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| Virtual Pathways to the Future parent information evening | Tuesday 28 January |
| Pathways to the Future interviews | W/B 24 February |
| Pathways to the Future deadline | Wednesday 12 March |

Year 9 students are about to enter an exciting phase of their educational career: For the first time they will have the opportunity to select some of the subjects that they will study.

Our Pathways to the Future process begins on **Tuesday 28 January** with the launch of our virtual parent information evening. During this evening, you will be introduced to the Pathways to the Future process, and we will share an overview of the subjects and courses that we offer from the beginning of Year 10. Following this, you will have the opportunity to engage with a series of videos that provide further details of the courses that we offer. These videos will then remain on our website, allowing you to access them at any point during the process. Please follow this [link](#) to the Year 9 page of our website for further information and to view the videos which will be available after the virtual parents' information evening on Tuesday 28 January.

On Tuesday 28 January, students will have an assembly where they will be introduced to the pathways and learn about what to expect from the process. Following this, on Thursday 30 January, during assembly, they will be provided with their Pathways to the Future booklet which will guide them through the decisions they will need to be making. The booklet contains information about all the subjects and courses on offer and serves as a source of reference. I would be grateful if you could take time to read it through with your child, discussing its contents and referring to Go4Schools to view their current attainment data.

Our Curriculum Leaders, along with students who currently study their subjects will also be delivering a series of assemblies from Wednesday 29 January until Tuesday 4 February. These assemblies will enable students to experience what it is like to study each subject and what to expect from our Key Stage 4 curriculum.

During the week commencing **24 February**, each Year 9 student along with their parent/carers will have a virtual 10-minute guidance interview with a member of staff, during which their provisional pathway will be discussed and refined. Details of which – including appointment times - will be given nearer the date.



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Wednesday 12 March is the planned deadline for submitting pathways choices. All choices will be submitted electronically, and further guidance will be sent on how to do this. Please ensure that your child has accessed all sources of information before making their final choices.

Can I thank you in anticipation of the support that you will give your child through this process. Please feel free to contact us at the college if you have any concerns.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E Marshall
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