

22 February 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers

Over the next few weeks our Year 9 pupils will begin their 'Pathways' process, which formalises the next stage of their education and allows them study courses up to the end of Year 11.

Unfortunately, due to the current Covid-19 restrictions, we are not able to host an event in school. As such, we will be offering all our information online via a dedicated portal on our Academy website; details of which will be released next week prior to the launch event on Thursday 4th March. During this process pupils will have the opportunity to listen to subject specialists describing the content of the courses on offer and how these courses will support them with their post-16 education.

This is an important process and I have therefore outlined some key dates that will help support our pupils:

Thursday 4th March 2021 – Year 9 Pathways evening

Thursday 18th March - Year 9 Parents' Consultation evening

Friday 26th March – Deadline for returning completed Pathways form.

The pathways process will begin on Thursday 4th March with an introduction to the Level 2 qualifications on offer and key guidance for parents on GCSE gradings, the EBacc qualification and Attainment 8. Following this introduction, pupils will be guided to one of two 'Pathways' to help them select the subjects best suited to them.

Communications will be sent out next week via our Astrea App. If you do not already have the App installed on your mobile phone, it can be downloaded free from the Apple App Store/Google Play. You can click here to download it: <https://bit.ly/2Qqvy3g> or cut and paste the link into your browser.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about this process, please contact myself or Miss Moniz (Head of Year 9) at the academy.

Yours sincerely



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