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Dear Year 9 Parents and Carers,

KS4 PATHWAYS INFORMATION EVENING

We hope you will be able to join us for our upcoming **KS4 Pathways information evening on Wednesday 22nd January from 6 pm – 8 pm**. This event aims to support you and your child with selecting their courses for KS4 (Years 10 and 11).

During the evening there will be a presentation in the Main Hall about the overall process, guidance for how to consider subjects and comparison of different course types. Alongside this, you will be able to visit subject specific information stands to hear about individual courses in more detail.

To support the evening, and spacing:

> **Students in tutor groups B, G, and O and their parents/carers will go to the main hall first, and the presentation will start at 6 pm.** After this you will be able to visit the subject stands.
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> **Students in tutor groups P, R, and Y and their parents/carers will have their presentation in the main hall from 6:45 pm;** you can visit the subject stands either side of the presentation.

We have also produced a 'Pathways information booklet' which can be found here, along with other resources and information linked to the process. The booklet has guidance for the overall process and for 'how to choose subjects', followed by subject specific pages which give an overview of each course, outlining the assessment methods, and it also makes links to potential progression routes for students who take the course.

The subjects below are in the **core programme** and form part of every student's timetable:

English Language (both timetabled within 'English' lessons)
English Literature (both timetabled within 'English' lessons)
Maths
Religious Studies (examined in Year 10)
Science (combined or separate science, this choice is made by the science team)

Alongside this, students continue to take part in core PE and to have PSHEE lessons; neither are examined.

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In addition to the core programme above, **students will select 3 subjects (plus a reserve) from those below:**

Art - GCSE
Business - GCSE
Child Development - Vocational
Computer Science - GCSE
Creative iMedia - Vocational
Drama - GCSE
Film and TV production - Vocational
German - GCSE
Geography – GCSE
Hospitality and Catering – Vocational
Music – GCSE
Photography – GCSE
Product Design – GCSE
Sociology – GCSE
Spanish – GCSE
Sport – Vocational
Textiles - GCSE

After this event, and prior to students selecting their subjects, support for students will continue in tutor and in small group sessions during PSHEE. Once they have made their applications, further details to follow in Term 2, we will review their choices and have supportive conversations around their choices and aspirations.

Kind regards,

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