

11th February 2021

Re: Key Stage 4 Pathways

Dear Parent/Carer

As you are already aware, it is the Year 9 Pathways Evening on Tuesday 2nd March. This provides an opportunity for you and your son/daughter to discuss the KS4 pathways with subject teachers at the Academy. You will be able to find out more about the courses available, and discuss whether it would be a suitable pathway for KS4.

Students have already started to think about which subjects they would prefer to study at KS4. Teachers have shared information on the KS4 pathways available in their subject areas during curriculum lessons this week, and will continue with this during the first week back after the half term break.

Our school ethos of *'Empowering Learners for Life'* is fundamental to the development of our new KS4 curriculum offer. We firmly believe that students should have greater flexibility with their preferences rather than following the previous model of selecting subjects from a pre-determined block. We are therefore developing a new curriculum model which allows this greater flexibility for our students.

In addition to the core subjects (English, Mathematics, Science, Physical Education, PSHE and Enrichment), students will study an additional 4 subjects. One subject **must** be either, Separate Sciences or Computer Science (*class teachers will discuss student suitability for these courses*) **or** French, Geography or History. Students will then rank order 5 additional subjects that they would like to study and will be allocated with 3 of these.

Subject staff will be available between 2:45pm – 4:45pm on Tuesday 2nd March, so you can book appointments via Insight to find out more about the KS4 subjects and to discuss whether the pathway is suitable for your son/daughter. We strongly recommend that you book appointments with members of staff for any subject that your son/daughter is considering as one of their preferred pathways. The booking forms are now open and will remain open so that you can continue to book appointments after the half term break.

The class teachers available for appointments and the subjects that we are currently offering are on the attached sheet. You will notice that in addition to the traditional curriculum that the students currently follow, we are expanding our offer and have included a variety of new, vocational qualifications for our students to study. Details about each course and links to the specifications will be shared during the first week back after half term. The Head of Department for English, Maths and Science will also be available if you have any KS4 curriculum specific queries.

If you have any queries, or require further information at this stage, please do not hesitate to contact me via the main reception.

Yours sincerely



Mrs C Woolley
Assistant Principal

Key Stage 4 Pathways Evening – Tuesday 2nd March 2:45-4:45

GCSE Art	Mrs Henshall-Smith
	Mrs Barker
GCSE Business Studies	Mr Wilkinson
GCSE Computer Science	Mr Shaw
WJEC Vocational Award in Construction	Mr Jackson
OCR Cambridge National Creative iMedia	Mr Rowley
GCSE Design & Technology	Mr Jackson
GCSE English	Mr Nelson
	Miss Nixon
GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition	Mrs Sackett
GCSE French	Mrs Taylor
GCSE Geography	Mrs Meir
OCR Cambridge National Certificate in Health & Social Care	Mrs Sackett
GCSE History	Mrs Sayle-Kermode
	Mr Charlesworth
GCSE Mathematics	Mr Currie
GCSE Music	Mr Welsh
AQA Technical Award in Performing Arts	Miss Nixon
GCSE Photography	Mrs Henshall-Smith
	Mrs Barker
GCSE Physical Education	Mr Jones
	Miss Wood
GCSE Religious Education	Mrs Lovatt
	Ms Jackson
	Mr Ralphs
GCSE Science	Mrs Woodall
	Miss Hodnett (9M1)
	Mr Williams (9G1)
OCR Cambridge National Sports Studies	Mr Jones
	Miss Wood
BTEC Travel & Tourism	Mrs Welch-Moore
Head of Year 9	Mr Rowley

Our Academy Careers Adviser, Janet Kemp (Entrust Skills & Employability Service) is also available for appointments from 3:35pm onwards. Please contact her directly to arrange a convenient time.

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