

January 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support with Year 9 Pathways. Up to this point it has been encouraging to see our students thinking about their futures and to hear of so many conversations also taking place at home. You will have the opportunity this evening to speak to many of your child's subject teachers who will also be able to give you specific information about courses in their area.

Please find enclosed the Pathways booklet and a sample copy of the Pathways form. In the booklet you will find details about each course we offer and information such as the topics which will be studied, and the assessment criteria. As you will be aware, students have already been working with their tutors and the Year 9 Achievement team on learning about suitable courses to help them realise their desired career. We have surveyed students, on what jobs they are interested in and their intended education route, and we have looked at their academic ability demonstrated so far. By putting all of these pieces of information together we have placed your child onto a Pathway that will keep all the right doors open for their future.

Over the next few days your child will be having an interview with a member of the Senior Leadership Team to help them complete the Pathway form. They will then bring the form home to discuss with you, and you can sign it and send it back into school before **Monday 30 January**. Once the forms are back in school we will write to you to tell you if your child's Pathway choices have been possible.

If you have any questions please talk to staff at parents' evening tonight or get in touch with your child's tutor. We look forward to explaining everything in more detail at the **Pathways Evening on Thursday 26 January** when you are invited to a presentation in **the main hall at ----**. Please place the slip below into the box in main reception tonight or return to your child's tutor to indicate whether you are able to intend the Pathways evening.

Yours sincerely



J Lee
Achievement Leader – Year 9

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Reply Slip - Y9 Pathways Evening – Thursday 26 January

I/we will^{*}/will not^{*} be attending the Pathways evening
(please delete as appropriate)*

Student's name:

RG:

Signed *(Parent/Carer)* _____