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Dear parents/carers

As you may have read in the recent newsletters, your child will be entering their Keystage 4 Pathways process very soon.

This is a vitally important time for all Year 9 students and we need to ensure that appropriate thought, research and conversation is had throughout. With this in mind, students will be attending subject assemblies during the next three weeks to gain a better understanding of the pathways on offer in September.

On **Wednesday 31 January** Miss Begley will deliver a final assembly to the students giving more information about the process and what comes next. Students will then be sent an 'Expression of Interest' Google Form to complete to help us understand what subjects are popular and what we can offer, staff and timetable in September. Please note, this expression of interest process is not the actual subject selection choices.

After half-term we will be holding a **Year 9 Parents' Evening on Wednesday 21 February**, so that you can talk to relevant subject teachers about your child's progress and see how well they are doing in their subjects.

Further to that, we will then be holding a **Pathways Evening on Thursday 7 March**, between 5.00 pm and 7.00 pm. This will give you and your child the opportunity to visit subject areas, talk to subject specific staff and look at displays illustrating what the subject involves. I will give more information about the process and what happens next. We will also be providing you with a hardcopy of the Pathways booklet along with the blocked Pathways form which shows the subjects that are available in each block.

It is very important that both you and your child attend this evening as it is at this point that the students are making their initial indication of the subjects that they are applying to study in Years 10 and 11.

This is an exciting part of a student's educational journey and we look forward to supporting you and them with their future goals and aspirations.

Yours faithfully



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