



Tuesday 18th January 2022

GCSE Pathways information

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of the upcoming launch of our GCSE Pathways process on Thursday 20th January.

As students look forward to joining Year 10 and beginning their examination courses, it is important that they choose the courses which are right for them. They must think very carefully about choosing which route would suit their style of learning and about the subjects which they will enjoy and enable them to progress to the next stage of their education or training beyond Year 11. Having a genuine interest and enthusiasm in a subject is always a sound basis from which to start their selection. The choices are for students and parents/carers to make decisions together.

Due to the current situation, we are unable to hold a Pathways Evening in school but will be putting all the information you require in a pre-recorded video which will be available on Thursday 20th January. In the video we will go through the KS4 curriculum, the route ways available to your son or daughter as well as providing clear guidance on how to choose the right courses for them. The video will be accessible via our school website <https://website.network.st-edwards.poole.sch.uk/information/options/>. If this video is password protected please use the password needed to access letters from the school.

Your child will also receive an options booklet from their tutor detailing all the courses available and a letter with some personalised guidance and recommendations for your son and daughter which will enable all decisions to be fully informed.

On Thursday 27th January we have our Year 9 Virtual Parents Evening where you will have the opportunity to speak to individual teachers about your son or daughters current progress and also obtain further information about studying the subject at GCSE.

Yours sincerely

Mr Michael Wood
Director of Learning (Years 8 & 9)