

5 ways to... support your child with their pathways choices

As a parent you have a large role to play in giving help and support to your child when it comes to making decisions such as choosing their GCSE pathways subjects, a college or even a career.

Now is a great time to discuss their choices. Here are some top tips to help them to make informed decisions.



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Research

When selecting a GCSE course it's important to know as much about the course as possible: the topics covered, how it is assessed, future careers the subject could lead to. Help your child to use their pathways Booklets to find out everything they need to know to make an informed decision.

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Helping them be self-aware is a great skill for the future

Let them assess their own strengths and weaknesses and listen closely to what they believe their needs are. Ask them how they know and how this information might help them to make their choices.

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Life is about self-discovery - we don't have all the answers

How many of us are in careers we thought we would be in when we were teenagers? We can only make decisions based on what we know now. It's okay if your child is unsure about what they want to do after school. Wildern's pathways offer ensures students are studying a broad and balanced curriculum that will keep every opportunity open to them.

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EBacc

The EBacc was introduced by the government to encourage students to study a broad range of subjects to help keep their options open for further study and future careers. To achieve the EBacc students must continue with the Modern Foreign Language subject in Key Stage Four.

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Modern Foreign Languages

If your child is interested in studying or working abroad in any way then a modern Foreign language can help with employment later on.

You can find additional information to help you and your child navigate the pathways process on our School Website. Go to the main Menu, click on Information and then Pathways.

Your child's tutor is the first port of call should you have any concerns or questions that are not covered in Pathways Booklets or our Website.