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Dear Parent/Guardian

In our recent Year 8 Pathways Information Evening, we explained the pathways process and the choices available to your child. If you have not yet viewed this presentation you can find it on the school website under information; pathways.

Students have received a **Pathways Booklet** from their tutor and were asked to bring these home. This booklet provides all the information you will need about pathways and the subjects that students can choose. We recommend you read the information in this booklet carefully and spend time with your child talking about the subjects they may want to study.

All students will continue to study English, Mathematics, Science, Core PE, Education for Life, and **either** History **or** Geography.

Students will select and rank order three further subjects and one reserve choice. Most students will study the top choices they pick. Occasionally, we cannot offer students all one of their preferred choices. They must consider their reserve choice carefully.

Whilst it is not compulsory to study a language as part of our core curriculum, we believe all students should have the opportunity to continue learning a language and strongly recommend all students to continue studying the language they have studied in KS3.

For a student to study the English Baccalaureate and continue studying their Modern Foreign Language they will need to select this subject within their three pathway choices.

Pathways forms will be made available from Friday 14th March. Pathways choices must be made by Monday 24th March.

Further information regarding how to complete the Pathways Form will be sent nearer the time.

Students will receive plenty of guidance and support regarding the pathways process through the tutor programme and their Education for Life lessons. In addition, all students will take part in a subject taster lesson for every pathways subject.

All information regarding pathways can be found on the school website.

If you would like to discuss the identified pathway choice for your child in more detail, please contact your child's tutor in the first instance.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Warner Assistant Headteacher, Teaching and Learning







Pathways: Key dates

Thursday 23rd January	Pathways Information Assembly
Thursday 30th January	Parent Information Evening
Weeks beginning Monday 3rd February and Monday 10th February	Communications Lesson to complete SIMs login detail EL pathways Lesson
Thursday 6th February	Year 8 Parents Evening
Thursday 13th February	Year 8 Careers event
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Week beginning Monday 24th February	Pathways subject information assemblies and quizzes in tutor Pathways booklets sent home
Weeks beginning Monday 24th February and Monday 3rd March	Pathways tutor sessions including Transition Leader visits to tutor time to answer any questions you may have
Week beginning Monday 10th March	Pathways Tutor sessions, including how to complete your pathways forms guidance
Monday 3rd March - Friday 14th March	Subject Taster Lessons (These are built in to your timetabled lessons)
Friday 14th March	Pathways forms emailed home
Monday 24th March	Deadline for Pathways forms