

27<sup>th</sup> January 2023

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Dear Parent/Guardian

We are about to embark on an exciting phase for Year 8 students who will be opting for the pathways they will study in Years 9, 10 and 11.

In our recent Year 8 Pathways WINK, we explained the pathways process and the choices available to your child. If you have not yet viewed this presentation we recommend you do, so that you are fully prepared to support your child. You can find it on the school website in the WINK area [here](#)

Students will receive a Pathways Booklet from their tutor and are expected to bring these home at the end of this half term. This booklet provides all the information you will need about pathways and the subjects that students can opt for. 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, EfL, and either History or Geography.

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 they will need to select a Modern Foreign Language within their pathway choices.

Pathways forms will be emailed as a Google Form on Friday 10th March 2023. **Forms must be completed by Monday 20 March 2023.**

Students will receive further guidance and information regarding the pathways process through the tutor programme, their EfL lessons and assemblies. 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 here: [Pathways 2023](#)

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 R Thornton**

Assistant Headteacher KS3

**Pathways: Key dates**

Thursday 2nd February	Year 8 Parents Evening
Week beginning 6th February	Pathways booklets sent home
Wednesday 8th February	Year 8 Speed Networking Careers event
Week beginning Tuesday 21st February	Subject Information Pathways assemblies
Monday 27th February - Friday 10th March	Subject Taster Lessons (These are built into your child's timetabled lessons. All students will have a taster lesson for every pathways choice)
Friday 10th March	Pathways forms emailed home
Monday 20th March	Deadline for Pathways forms