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Dear parents and carers

We have now formally started the Pathways process where students are asked to identify the four option subjects they would like to choose to study throughout Year 10 and 11. Information about the process and each subject on offer is available on our [website here](#). There is a separate Pathways booklet with subject information available on the same page too. If you experience difficulties accessing the booklet electronically then please let us know and we will arrange for a hard copy to be printed.

Students have a free choice of 4 subjects from an alphabetical list of subjects that we are able to offer, if there are insufficient numbers of students wishing to take any subject then that subject may not run. If the subject does not appear on the list, we are unable to offer it. We aim to give students their first four choices, but this is not always possible and therefore we ask them to identify a fifth and sixth choice as reserve options. It may be necessary to hold a best-fit interview with some students if we are unable to offer them their first four choices. There is more information in the introductory video on the website and the Pathways booklet.

Please encourage your child to seek advice from their teachers about their suitability for the courses they wish to choose and please also encourage them to think of the reasons they are choosing that subject. There is further support and a list of good and bad ideas for choosing a subject in the introductory video on the website. Subject teachers/Head of Department contact details are available at the end of each subject presentation, please do contact the member of staff for further information if you need to.

**Key Dates:**

1. **Week commencing 08<sup>th</sup> March**, Subject information available on school website.
2. **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March**, virtual Progress Evening (letter sent out 12.03.21)
3. **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March**, electronic options form emailed to students.
4. **9am Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March**, deadline for submission of options form
5. **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April**, Best-fit interviews start.
6. **From 26<sup>th</sup> April**, subject choices confirmed.

Finally, can I remind you that the Pathways booklet is an important source of information and will answer many of the questions you may have. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions, If I am unable to answer your question, I will pass it to the most appropriate person.

Yours sincerely,

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