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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the Year 9 Progress Evening, in school on March 21st 3:40-6:40pm. This will provide you and your child with the opportunity to discuss their next steps in their educational journey. One crucial aspect of this journey is the selection of subjects they will study in Key Stage 4, a decision that will shape their academic path and future opportunities.

At Church Stretton School, we are committed to providing a comprehensive and enriching curriculum that caters to the diverse interests and aspirations of our students. Our Key Stage 4 curriculum offers a wide range of subjects, each carefully chosen to provide a balanced and stimulating learning experience.

We have carried out two free choice exercises to gauge the level of interest of each subject, once before the Year 9 Pathways Information Evening and again after the Information Evening took place. We have used the information gathered from the free choice exercise to construct the Pathways option blocks below:

Option Block A	Option Block B	Option Block C	Option Block D
French	Art	Child development	Art
Geography	DT	Geology	Drama
History	Food Prep and Nutrition	Geography	Food Prep and Nutrition
RPE (Religion, Philosophy and Ethics)	Music	History	History
Sports Studies	Triple Science	Triple science	Sports studies

Please note that students will need to pick one subject from each of the four option blocks listed above when the final Pathways option form is shared with them electronically on Friday 22nd April, they will also need to select a reserve subject from each block. The options we offer may be subject to change as a result of the number of students who opted for each subject, staffing changes or we may choose to offer an alternative level 2 course for a subject that matches the needs of the cohort. We will of course share any changes with you at the earliest opportunity.

We understand that choosing the right subjects can be a daunting task for both students and parents. To support you and your child in this process the Pathways booklet is available on the website [here](#). This details the process we follow and contains lots of useful information. The school website [here](#) has information about each subject and the links to two websites that offer lots of useful career's advice and forward planning activities to help students decide.

To further support you in this process our dedicated team of teachers and our careers advisor, Andrew Austin, will be on hand at the Year 9 Progress Evening to answer any questions and provide guidance to ensure that your child makes informed decisions.

It is important to encourage your child to consider their strengths, interests, and future ambitions when selecting their Pathways subjects. By choosing subjects that they are passionate about, they are more likely to excel academically and enjoy their learning journey.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information or assistance regarding Key Stage 4 subject selection. Together, we can support your child in making the right choices for their future success.

Kind regards,

Mr D Bird
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Church Stretton School