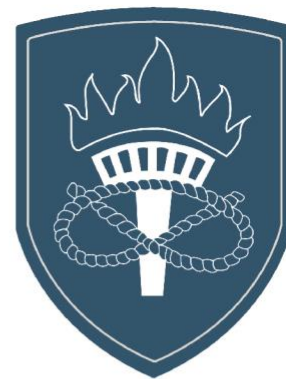


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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 9 Pathways Process 2024

The next few weeks will prove to be an extremely important time for your child as they prepare to enter Key Stage 4. There are a number of key events planned that will help guide your child in exploring all of the pathway choices available to them and, in turn, make well informed decisions for their next steps. Your child is receiving a range of assemblies that will explain to them the upcoming Pathways process and give them an insight into the courses that they can choose from. The initial launch assembly took place on Friday 2nd February 2024. Further assemblies are taking place during the weeks beginning 5th February 2024 and 19th February 2024.

Year 9 Careers

At this key transition to the next stage of their learning, your child may be thinking carefully about their future career. PSHE sessions are helping to support pupils through this, but if your child needs any help to examine their career options or check if their Key Stage 4 choices will help them along the way to their chosen career, then they can request to have a discussion with our Careers Adviser (Mr Altree). Pupils can ask their form tutor to book an appointment for them. We have also put together a series of digital resources that may be helpful to you on our dedicated careers website <https://barrbeaconschool.co.uk/careers/>.

Year 9 Pathways Process Launch – Friday 23rd February 2024- 4.00pm

The pathway process will launch virtually via our school website. You will have access to a dedicated section of the website. We have put together a wide range of resources that you should find helpful in the decision making process and support your child through this pivotal point of their journey with us. The resources include:

- A prospectus with detailed subject pages
- Links to resources and contact details for school careers staff to support even further

Your child will be emailed a link to their school email account to access their pathways form. This will need to be completed electronically by the deadline of **Friday 15th March**. We strongly advise that you and your child take time to view all of the materials we have provided before completing the application as this cannot be edited once submitted. A virtual Progress Evening will also be held on **Thursday 7th March 2024**, during which you will be able to receive information about your child's progress and speak to teachers of subject your child might be interested in choosing. More information about Year 9 Progress Evening will be sent to you after half term.

Yours sincerely,

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