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Dear Parent/Carer,

Pathways Process 2026



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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. A launch assembly will take place on Friday 6th February 2026. Further assemblies are taking place during the week beginning 9th February 2026 to introduce the range of qualifications available to pupils.

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 6th February 2025- 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 to 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 21st March 2025**. 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.

Pathways Information Evening- Thursday 5th March 2026

A Pathways information evening will be held for Parents on Thursday 5th March 2026 between 5.00pm and 6.00pm. During this evening you will receive information about the how the Pathways process works, what choices are available to your child and how to use careers information to support your pathway choices. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions about Pathway subjects to our Directors of Learning following the presentation.

A Virtual Progress Evening will also be held on **Wednesday 11th March 2026**, during which you will be able to receive information about your child's progress and speak to teachers of subjects 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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