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Year 9 Preferences Evening: "Pathways to Success" Thursday 9th February, 2012

10th January, 2012

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Preferences for Year 9 students

As you will know, the Spring Term of Year 9 is when students in Year 9 complete their Preferences. They make choices about the optional subjects which they would like to study in Years 10 and 11.

Last year we introduced changes to the programme for Year 10 to allow the maximum number of our students to achieve the English Baccalaureate and continue with a broad range of additional options in subjects where they excel or in which they are particularly interested. These changes allow students to personalise the curriculum they follow from 14 to 16 to a greater degree than before.

This is being explained to Year 9 students during their assembly on 12th January when they are also being given reassurance and advice about what they should be doing now to prepare for the choices they will make later this term.

Your child will shortly be issued with their "Preference Guide" containing information to enable them to finalise their choices about courses they wish to study in Years 10 and 11. Please read and discuss this with them prior to the **Preferences Evening**.

The Preference Evening is on **Thursday 9th February, 2012 at 6.00pm**. There will be guidance on implications of particular choices and information about arrangements to address the individual needs of students. There will also be opportunities to meet Learning Directors of Departments and discuss requirements for particular subjects in greater depth. I will write to you again nearer the time with the detailed arrangements for the evening.

Final Preference Forms will be issued to students on the evening to be returned to your child's form tutor by Monday 20th February. If you are not going to be able to attend, please contact Ms Sherrard-Smith before Thursday 2nd February.

Yours sincerely

Mr P. Plowman
Deputy Head KS3/4 transition

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