

9 February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Further to Mr Sadler's recent letter I wanted to update you on the school's Choices Process (previously called Pathways Process). Due to the pandemic, we have moved many stages of the process online. These will be coordinated through Microsoft Teams and your child now has access to the <u>Year 9 Choices 2021 Team</u> which will form the main basis for this.

In the Team they will find the answers to all of their questions regarding researching, selecting and applying for Year 10 & Year 11 (Key Stage 4) Level 2 subjects.

## The Team features the following:

- Choices Booklet (released by 22 02 21)
- Spotlight Videos which showcase subject areas
- Pages with each subject's aims, assessment methods and progression routes
- Link to Fast Tomato (independent education and careers suggestions)
- Link to Unifrog (independent destinations platform)
- Opportunities to contact teachers and our Independent Careers Advisor
- Live Teams Meetings from each faculty area
- Information and resources to support decision making

Plus lots more besides! Please do have a look! Please have a look at the next page for key dates moving forward.



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## **Key Dates:**

Date	Activity
Wednesday 10 02 21	Year 9 Choices Team is live – Students can use the resources to research their level 2 options
Monday 22 02 21	Choices Booklet published giving further details about the process and options for students
	Application Forms set as individual assignments in Teams.
	Live Meeting 1630 – 1800 – Art and DT
Tuesday 23 02 21	Live Meeting 1630 – 1800 – New Business Technologies
Wednesday 24 02 21	Live Meeting 1630 – 1800 – Media and Languages
Thursday 25 02 21	Live Meeting 1630 – 1800 – Performing Arts
Friday 26 02 21	Live Meeting 1630 – 1800 – Social Sciences
Monday 01 03 21	Subject Spotlight Assignments Due
	Live Meeting 1630 – 1800 – Core Subjects
Monday 08 03 21	Choices Application Form Due

Please note, Live Meetings occur through the Team

In summary, students are currently at the research phase of their Choices journey.

More details about the next steps will feature in the Choices Booklet released on or before Monday 22 02 21.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please use the Ask our Careers Adviser, Submit a Question to a Subject Teacher, or Request a Call From School buttons from within the Y9 Choices Team. You can also email your child's Tutor.

This is an exciting time in your child's education. We look forwards to working with them and you over the coming weeks and months.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family safety and every good health at this time.

Rob Hague

**Deputy Head**