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Friday 8th December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 Important Dates

We are nearing the final weeks of this half term before the Christmas holidays approach. I wanted to take this opportunity to make you aware of some upcoming important events for Year 9 students and parents where engagement and attendance will be valuable.

Tuesday 16th January – Year 9 Parents Evening – 4.00pm – 6.30pm

Please put this date in to your diary! It is Year 9 parents evening on this day, it is really important where possible you are able to attend to speak with your child's teacher about their progress and more importantly about their pathways and options ahead of next year. Appointments can be made on Edulink in the coming weeks.

Friday 19th January – Pathways Fayre

All Year 9 students will be off timetable to spend the day working through our careers software, learning about qualifications and learning which pathway they will be on. Students will complete a mock selection process so they are aware of how this process works. We are also looking forward to some external speakers coming in to talk about different careers.

Thursday 22nd February – Pathways Evening – 5.00pm – 6.30pm

Parents and students will be invited in to school for a presentation by Miss Thomas and Miss Thiara regarding the pathways process this year and how this works. In addition to this all subjects we offer will have stands on what is offered in their subject and resources students may need. This will be a really important evening to get as much information as possible to ensure students make the right choices.

The upcoming weeks and months will be very important for students to ensure they make the right choices for their GCSE's. We are encouraging students to speak with their staff about their options for next year.

If you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact on
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Yours faithfully

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