

15<sup>th</sup> December, 2020

Dear Year 9 parents and carers

As you may know, your child will be selecting their Key Stage Four subject choices for September 2021 in the first few weeks of next year. In order to support you and them with this we have produced the attached electronic guidebook which fully explains the process and the subjects that your child can consider selecting for study at GCSE (or equivalent) in Year 10 and Year 11.

Under normal circumstances, we would have run a variety of events in January at SBL to help you and your child to make these important decisions. We will, of course, have to do things differently in January. The attached electronic guide is a good starting point for you and your child to understand the process and details of the subjects available. To assist further we will also:

- 1) Send a video in January to explain what we are trying to achieve and to further explain the process.
- 2) Send a letter making specific suggestions to help you to select the correct pathway.
- 3) Have a parent/carer discussion with your child's teachers (using internet video technology) on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January (evening).
- 4) Have a special fortnight in January where our subject teachers will explain the available courses to students.
- 5) Provide a school report showing your child's up-to-date progress.
- 6) Collect your final decisions by Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

Please do take a look at this year's [pathways booklet](#) (Pdf) so that you can become acquainted with the process and discuss it with your child over the holiday if you wish to. We look forward to contacting you again in January with more information.

With every best wish for a peaceful and happy holiday.



Mr S A White  
**Vice Principal**

cc SBL Students