



January 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

**Year 9 Pathways for Key Stage 4 Evening: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 18:00**

We are writing to invite you and your daughter to our **Pathways Evening on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January**. Your daughter will begin a significant phase in her education in September and it is our aim to ensure that, with your help, she is fully informed about the subjects she wishes to study. The evening will include short presentations from the two of us at 18:00, 18:30, and 19:00. There will also be an opportunity to meet with subject leaders in classrooms to discuss the courses on offer, including some advice about the choices ahead as well as an overview of how the process works. Some courses offered are in collaboration with Wyvern.

The new-style GCSEs introduced this year are more difficult than previously, so we have thought especially carefully about how to offer every girl a mix of appropriate courses. We have used our detailed knowledge of each girl to select a pathway booklet for her, from which she should make her choices. You will be able to take this booklet away with you and examine the detailed information about the GCSE courses offered. Senior members of staff will also be available during the evening to discuss any queries you may have.

The evening will be the formal launch of a process by which a form is submitted and later the choices confirmed. The final deadline for submitting the pathways form is **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**. This will allow time between the evening and the deadline for any further support you and your daughter may require. Your daughter's tutor will be able to offer support and guidance throughout the process, supported by her Head of Year, Tutor and senior staff.

Parents can of course attend without their daughters, and indeed vice-versa, but we very much hope that both parents and daughters can attend the evening together. If you are unable to attend and would like an opportunity to discuss the process and your daughter's future with either of us please contact Mrs Charlotte Crook, the Head teacher's PA, either by phone or email [ccrook@st-edmunds.eu](mailto:ccrook@st-edmunds.eu).

Yours sincerely

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