

January 2021

Dear Year 9 Parent/Carer

Re: Ratton School Virtual Pathways Presentation 28th January 2021

I am delighted to introduce Pathways 2021. This is the process by which year 9 students, parents and teachers will agree the subjects that your sons and daughters will study in years 10 and 11. The choices that students make now are particularly important and will have an impact on their future routes into college and employment. We want to ensure that everyone is fully informed to enable the correct choices to be made.

Due to the current Covid 19 restrictions the pathways process will be slightly different this year. On Thursday 28th of January, we will be hosting a Virtual Pathways Evening and you are all invited to join this online presentation about the Pathways option process. A link to enable you to access the Pathways presentation will be made available on the evening through the Ratton School Website. During the presentation you will have the opportunity to learn more about how the Pathways process will work (including instructions on how to complete the online options forms) and the chance to collect more detailed information about specific subjects at the Virtual Pathways Fair. Tutors will be will also be available to offer advice and guidance in the days following the presentation. A booklet outlining all the available choices will be emailed to you.

Please see below the key dates for the Pathways Process:

Week beginning 11.1.21: A link to Year 9 Pathways Assemblies will be sent to all year 9 students to view at home.

Week beginning 11.1.21: Guided support for students in their online Ethics lessons.

Thursday 14.1.21: Year 9 online Parents Eve. Please use this opportunity to discuss options with teachers.

Thursday 28.1.21: Online Parents Pathways Evening

5.15 - 5.35pm Pathways presentation

5.35 - 6.30pm Pathways Fair

Wednesday 3.2.21: All online options forms need to have been submitted.

Week beginning 8.2.21: Information advice and guidance with tutors (by request).

Yours sincerely



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