

Dear Yr 9 Parents and Carers,

Welcome to this year's Pathways Programme for Year 9.

This is a particularly exciting and important time for your child, it will be the first time that they will be starting to make independent decisions about their future.

Over the course of the next few weeks we will be focussing on Careers and choices. This newsletter highlights just a few of the many helpful resources that there are out there, to help guide you when having conversations with your child about their interests and aspirations. We will be using most tutor time and assemblies to explain the pathways process to the students, with Heads of Faculty speaking about their GCSE offer, visiting speakers, workshops and one to one/group Careers Interviews with our Independent Careers Adviser Alix Boyle.

All the information that you and your child will need will be uploaded onto [the website here for your reference](#).

We look forward to meeting you all again at the **Parents Evening on March 3rd** and receiving the students Pathway choices by **Friday 13th March**. We will be hosting a workshop in the study hub for parents nearer the deadline, on **10th March 5pm - 6pm** if you would value support completing the application form.

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Senior Deputy Head Teacher

InvestIN is a UK-based organisation that provides students aged 12-18 with an immersive experience of their dream career. They have recorded a series of Webinars for Parents that you might find helpful. For example; Making it into Med School, Engineer your Future or Communicate with Confidence. Some of their insight days and work experience opportunities can be expensive, but we are able to apply for financial assistance if your child is in receipt of FSM - just let us know.

<https://investin.org/pages/parent-events>

National Apprenticeship Week Beg Monday 9th Feb
[Visit this website](#) to find out everything you need to know about Apprenticeships, including Parent Guides, Parent Perspective Podcasts, Latest News and loads of Apprenticeship Story Films

Promoting Diversity Across Apprenticeships

[BAME Apprenticeship Alliance](#)

Discover Creative Careers

[Interested in a career in the creative industries? Find out about the range of roles, the prospect of work and where to go for further information.](#)

[Where to find out even more - links to more websites](#)

Useful Resources for Parents

Spring 2026

National Careers Week Week Beg March 2nd

[Websites for a huge range of resources for students as well as parents - webinars etc will go live nearer the time.](#)

Youth Employment UK

[Useful website for general advice and parental guides](#)

Parent Guide (paid books and articles)

[Parents Guide to Virtual Work Experience Opportunities](#)

Career Pilot

[Expert careers information and tools for 11-19 year olds](#)

ICould

Information about talking to your child about careers

- Making decisions about next steps
- Talking with your child about careers
- Using Labour Market Information
- Digital safety

<https://icould.com/information-for-parents/>

Take the Buzz Quiz

[Start thinking about your career and discover your personality type](#)

LifeSkills for Families

[Tools, tips and activities to help your family build money and employability skills for their future.](#)

Apprenticeships

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

UCAS Advice for Parents about Higher Education

[We've got lots of resources and information dedicated to helping parents and guardians support students applying to uni.](#)

National Careers Service

[Provide information, advice and guidance to help you make decisions on learning, training and work.](#)

Prospects

[Looking for that perfect career? Guidance for students to make the right choice. Match your skills and personality to 400+ job profiles.](#)

Not Going To Uni

[Opportunities that exist outside of the university.](#)

How 2 Become

[Offers detailed advice on how to access a range of sectors. Also offers the purchase of resources, compiled in conjunction with professionals working in these fields, designed to enable you to achieve your dream career or course.](#)

Success At School

[Gives clear and comprehensive information about a range of Career Zones \(sectors\), in an easy to access format. Students can create a profile to help to collate useful information. '60 second interviews' giving a profile of professionals, provide a useful insight into specific careers.](#)