

Wednesday 10th March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Subject: Pathways S2-S5

Each year we work with young people throughout the session to develop their career management skills and to support them to make decisions about their future. This year we have had to do things differently, however we are continuing to work with young people to develop these skills and support their progression.

Careers and Pathways Partner Events

This year we have all experienced many restrictions. It may be a surprise therefore, that the offer of support from partner agencies has actually increased. This is as a result of events being online rather than physical. We will continue to groupcall, tweet and post details of these as events which support young people with pathways come up. We would ask that you encourage your child to engage with these as many parents/carers and young people find them immensely helpful.

Pathways Process

We would normally have held assemblies and a parent/carer Pathways Evening in school; this year all of this information is being provided in a series of videos.

Young people would normally complete a pathways form; this year they will still do this, but the form is online.

When young people make their pathway decisions, they are supported by members of the Senior Leadership Team and House Team; this year they can request a meeting using the online form to request a discussion. Staff will also make contact if they want to talk anything through with pupils. Class teachers and PSE teachers will also be discussing pathways in lessons online to support this process.

Stages of the Pathways Process

1. Once you have read this letter, please watch the 'Intro to WAC Pathways' video. You will find the link on the website, school app and in a groupcall message. Please discuss this with your child. You can pause and replay the videos as many times as needed.
2. On Friday 12th March we will send out the links to the second video 'Pathways Roadmap', via groupcall, and post these onto our website and app. These videos are released a day after the 'Intro to WAC Pathways' to allow time to watch and discuss the first video. Each yeargroup has its own unique version. For example, if your child is currently in S3, you need the S3 into S4 Pathways Roadmap video.

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3. On Monday 15th March we will send out the links to the Microsoft Form for young people to complete their pathways submission. The link will be sent via groupcall and posted onto our website and app. This link is released one day after the 'Pathways Roadmap' video to allow time to watch the video and discuss the contents. For all young people, there are questions to answer and tasks to complete which are needed to make informed pathways decisions. We recommend that they do not complete the form until they have carried out all the suggestions in the videos.
4. Friday 19th March is the deadline for submission of the pathways form. This gives a full week to explore: www.myworldofwork.co.uk and prepare to submit the pathways form. You can contact the school before this date if you need any additional support. The form can only be submitted once for each pupil, so it's vital that they have spent time watching the videos and considering your pathway in advance of this date.
5. If they request a pathways meeting, or staff feel there is something in their submission they would like to discuss, they will schedule a meeting with them on Teams.

We appreciate this year is different in many ways, however planning for the future has not stopped because of the pandemic. We look forward to continuing to support our young people as they continue on their learning pathway.

Yours Faithfully,



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