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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 9 Pathways

The curriculum pupils study in Key Stage 4 is of utmost importance. We have developed an EBacc driven curriculum which ensures that our pupils will not be held back by the subjects they study at GCSE.

Research has proven that studying subjects included in the EBacc provides pupils with greater opportunities in further education and increases the likelihood that a pupil will stay on in full time education. Studying the EBacc can also improve a pupil's performance in English and Mathematics.

To achieve the EBacc, pupils must study at least seven GCSEs in these five areas: English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Combined Science or Triple Science, History or Geography and a Modern Foreign Language (MFL).

The study of a modern foreign language is extremely beneficial because it will give our pupils a competitive edge. It will provide an insight into other cultures and can open the door to travel and employment opportunities. The study of a language also broadens pupils' horizons, helping them flourish in new environments.

Further information can be accessed via the link below:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/761031/DfE_EBacc_Leaflet.pdf

On **Tuesday 25th February 2025**, your child will receive an introductory assembly about the Year 9 Pathways process.

The Year 9 Pathways booklet will be made available on the academy website from **25th February 2025**. It can also be accessed directly using the link below:

<https://bit.ly/4grNwLF>

We encourage you to look at this with your child so that they can start to look at subjects that form part of the KS4 curriculum.



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The **week commencing 3rd March 2025**, your child will receive presentations from each Head of Faculty to outline the course content and assessment methods for each subject. As previously communicated, there will be a **Year 9 Progress Evening and Pathways Event on Thursday 6th March**. Please refer to the letter sent on Thursday 13th February 2025 for information about the format of the evening and the booking process for some subjects.

Additional pathways support will be provided as part of the Personal Development programme for all pupils and by members of leadership, where required.

On **Monday 17th March 2025**, your child will be sent a link to an online pathways form to their school email address where they will make:

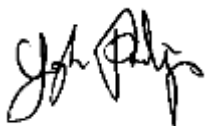
- their choice between French, Geography or History
- their choice of two additional subjects. Pupils will be expected to indicate their 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th choice of additional subjects and whilst we endeavour to provide pupils with their choices, we cannot guarantee that this will always be possible.

We require all pupils to complete the online form by **Friday 28th March 2025**.

Please note that some subjects will not be able to run should the number of pupils who choose this be too low.

Confirmed subject choices will be communicated with parents/carers in May 2025. Should you have any further queries in relation to the above, please contact Mrs Beazley (Deputy Headteacher) at postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk or call 01902 558222.

Yours faithfully



Mr J Phillips
Headteacher

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