

18 January 2024

Dear Year 9 Parent/Carer

Invitation to Year 9 Guided Pathways Information Evening - Thursday 11 January 5pm- 7pm

I am pleased to invite you to our Guided Pathway Information Evening that takes place on Thursday 11 January 2024. This is an important part of our programme of support, information and guidance for our Year 9 students, as they prepare for the start of their GCSE studies.

We believe the curriculum we have here at Outwood Normanby demonstrates flexibility, engagement and the promotion of high quality outcomes for our young people. Year 9 students are now at the stage of their school journey whereby they need to make a decision as to which subjects to study in Year 10 and Year 11. We are delighted to be able to offer an innovative curriculum, which enables students within our academy to fulfil their potential and develop the all-important knowledge, skills and qualities which will serve them well in later life.

Year 9 students will have an assembly this week which will introduce them to their subject choices, and they will be provided with an information booklet which explains our curriculum intent for all. Please can I urge you to ask to see the booklet, and spend time with your child reading the information provided.

In short, all Year 9 students will choose to study either History or Geography, and then two more subject choices from a list of qualifications. This is an important decision for your child, as it will not only determine their timetable for the remainder of their school life at Outwood Normanby, but it will also guide their path of study post-16, and employment opportunities beyond.

To enable your child to make the very best decision, we are hosting the information evening for Year 9 parents/carers and students which we strongly encourage you to attend. This evening will begin promptly with a presentation at 5.00pm to discuss the options available and our Guided Pathways process. After the presentation, you and your child will have the opportunity to meet with Heads of Department from each subject area to discuss information and guidance on the different courses available. We really hope to see you all on Thursday evening.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me via c.gibson@normanby.outwood.com if you have any questions at all.

Yours faithfully



Miss Christy Gibson
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