



11 January 2023

Y9 GCSE Pathways Process and Information

Dear Parent / Carer,

Principal: Mrs N Walker

This half term Year 9 pupils will complete their GCSE Options choices for the subject's pupils will study in Year 10 and Year 11. We believe that every child should have the opportunity to study a broad and balanced curriculum which meets the needs of the individual. As such, the Pathways process is designed to be as flexible as possible to allow as much freedom of choice as we can.

To ensure that pupils and parents are fully supported in this process, I'd like to outline key dates where information will be shared:

Wednesday 11th January – Pupil Information Assembly

Pupils will receive information within an assembly about the whole process and where to find any further information that they may need.

Monday 16th January to Wednesday 18th January – Form Time Information

During form time, pupils will receive further information with regards to key areas of the pathways process including;

- Information of where to find the Year 9 Pathways Brochure which can be accessed on the academy website. Due to a drive on sustainability, pupils will have to access all information through the website as paper versions of all pathway's information won't be distributed.
- Form time information about Ebacc / MFL & Science qualifications
- Information on how to complete the pathways form
- A dedicated area of the academy website will also become live for Yr9 to access all information around Pathways, including specific subject videos on all available options.

Wednesday 18th January (5:30pm-7:30pm) – Pathways evening at Horbury Academy

Pupils and parents are invited into the academy to speak with subject specialists, should they wish to. To manage numbers on site, we would ask that each pupil is accompanied by a maximum of 2 adults. The evening will consist of a short presentation in the Main Hall, followed by the opportunity to speak with staff from different subject areas about the course. Additionally, the year group will be split into 2 groups who will be invited into the academy at different times to maximise time available to speak with different subject areas regarding pathways for your young person.

Timings for the evening:

To arrive at 5:30pm	To arrive at 6:00pm
9NZE – Mr Buckland-Harriss	9IVO – Miss Robinson
9HNK – Mr McEleny	9VEN – Mr Lunn
9AUS – Miss Booth	9BOL – Miss Widdowson
9IRE – Miss Hayton	9ETH – Mr Walmsley

Thursday 19th January – Pathways Form to be open for all pupils

In order to complete the options process and select the pathway choices pupils want to study, every pupil will need to complete a Microsoft Form by Friday 3rd February. Regarding the deadline for completion, places on courses **will not be** determined or filled by those that complete the Microsoft form first. All pupils will have the allocated time to ensure that they chose the most suitable pathway.

Please note - Pupils struggling to access this form or who are unable to access the form due to technical issues, will be supported in the academy to complete the form during form time within the allocated submission window.

Finally, I would like to share where all of the information can be found for pathways on our website:

<https://www.horburycurriculum.org/>

By clicking the link above, you will be directed to the main Y9 Pathways site. The Y9 Pathways Booklet, with all information can be accessed here, in addition to subject videos from the Curriculum leaders from each subject area. The website will provide pupils with all the necessary information and guidance to make these very important decisions.

It's our aim to ensure that all pupils and parents have all relevant information to understand the process and to make informed decisions about their option subjects at Horbury Academy.

Yours sincerely,



Mr N Ash
Vice Principal