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Dear Parent / Carer

RE: Year 9 Pathways

I hope you are safe and well and your child has enjoyed returning to school. As I indicated last week our Pathways process is launched today.

I have created a video that will provide guidance and support explaining how to access our Pathways materials. This video can be found by clicking the link below:

https://video.wixstatic.com/video/68dba1_c0e8166bde394be195c762bdac2d0bae/720p/mp4/file.mp4

To help your son / daughter make informed choices we have created a Pathways Portal which provides access to a huge range of resources regarding this process, subject information and next steps. This can be found on our website. The resources include:

- Pathways booklet: Detailed information regarding each subject. (If you require a paper copy please request via the pathways email below)
- Subject pages: All subjects have provided detailed information regarding their subjects, assessment opportunities and progression to post 16 routes
- Subject learning journey: This allows you to see the subject content, when it will be taught and the assessment points throughout Year 10 and Year 11
- Head of Department videos: All Heads of Department have produced a short video discussing their subject and additional information not found in the booklet

This year we have changed the way students record their option choices. Rather than filling in paper forms, we have chosen to use a SIMS online portal. You will need to register with the service once you receive an invitation email. Attached to this letter is a guide to registering and using SIMS online. If you do not receive an invite email from noreply@sims.co.uk in the next 2 days, please contact the school on the email below. Please can I ask that you make your choices by Friday 26 March so that I can process the choices and create the classes.

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me on our pathways email pathways@pilton.college

Yours faithfully

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