



**Park Hall
Academy**

Dear Parents/ Carers

Guided Pathways for Year 8 students

I am writing to update you about our plans for the arrangements for the Guided Pathways process for students in Year 8. This process is to help guide our students towards the most appropriate courses and subjects in readiness for their Key Stage 4 programme of study from Year 9 in September.

In a slight change to the published calendar, we are planning on replacing the general Guided Pathways evening with more intensive support in school to help guide the youngsters in these crucial decisions. We are keen to secure the support and insight of parents and carers and therefore propose the following process to ensure that students and parents/carers are fully involved and have several opportunities to seek further clarification and guidance, should they wish to do so.

Guided pathways Support	
Date	Guidance
Wednesday 1 st February	Year 8 Parents/ Carers Evening Dr Close (Vice Principal) will be running voluntary information sessions every half an hour that explains the process
Friday 10 th February	Year 8 Assembly An Introduction for students to the Yr 8 Guided Pathways process
Spring-term	Personalised Learning interviews will take place with the Head of House to preview pathways and courses. Students will be able to make an initial expression of interest in courses. This information will be sent home to parents/carers.
Summer-term to June half-term	Following a review of all students' guided pathways details, we will write to parents with a suggested programme.
June half-term onwards	Individual appointments to clarify any outstanding issues

We are confident that these arrangements will help guide and support students into the most suitable courses. If however, you have any questions or queries, then please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's Head of House. These details can be found below.

Heads of House for Learning		
Arden House	Ms L Hall	0121 748 0423
Bradford House	Ms A Norrey	0121 748 0462
Jaguar House	Ms E Millar	0121 748 0463
Spitfire House	Ms J Sheldrick	0121 748 0461

Yours faithfully

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