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14th April, 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Year 9 Pathways choices

On the evening of <u>19th and 20th April</u>, we would like to provide students and parents/carers the opportunity to meet with a senior member of staff to discuss their pathway choices for Key Stage 4.

Normally, we would have met with students, individually, during the school day, to offer guidance and support with these vitally important decisions. In the current situation, these meetings will be carried out via school cloud.

We will be using an appointment system for parents/carers to book a video call with a senior member of staff to discuss your child's pathway choices for Key Stage 4.

Please visit https://sjhs.schoolcloud.co.uk to book your appointments. The link below directs to a video which shows you how to book and attend your appointments. The attached guide also provides step by step instructions on how to book and join appointments:

https://vimeo.com/473882995

If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the school office who will be happy to add appointments on your behalf.

We are very much looking forward to meeting with you and we want to make sure it is as useful as possible for families. With that in mind, we have created the following protocols for everyone in order to ensure that you all have a smooth and positive experience.

Timings

Meeting times are restricted to <u>5</u> minutes only. There will be a countdown at the top of the screen, when this reaches 0 the meeting will automatically end. This is important as parents will be waiting for their meeting in a virtual lobby. If there are discussion points that will take longer, then a follow up telephone conversation can be arranged.

Format

We hope that these meetings allow you to discuss child's options fully. If you have a specific query, please note this when making your booking before <u>Friday 16th April 2021</u>. The senior member of staff will endeavour to provide you with an answer during your session, arrange to contact you at a later date or arrange another meeting if required.

Safeguarding

We will record all virtual meetings to ensure that everyone is safeguarded. We want to remind you that this meeting, whether online or a telephone call, is to talk about your child option choices only. All meetings are private between parents and the teacher. Teachers will hold these meetings in a private space where they cannot be overheard, and we would ask the same for those of you at home or in an office.

We really hope that this is a useful opportunity for you and your child to consider appropriate pathways choice, and we welcome any feedback. A survey link will be sent out on Friday 23rd April so you can register your feedback and help us improve future events.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact:

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Kind Regards,

Mr Seghiri