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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 9 pupils,

Progression to Key Stage 4 and KS4 Options

In line with the current requirements for the KS4 Curriculum and Qualifications, we are pleased to say that we have designed a curriculum which supports the potential of all our students.

We are excited about our KS4 curriculum offer. It builds on experience in KS3 and our ethos of high aspiration and inclusive learning; preparing all students for their future lives with a broad, challenging set of options. We have taken a measured approach and students can choose from a wide range of courses including meaningful applied courses as well as those which qualify for the English Baccalaureate.

KS3-4 Progression - Parent Partnership Evening – Tuesday 23rd January 2024

This will be held in the lower school. All GCSE subjects will have a display stand and subject teachers will be on hand to discuss the course content and qualification with pupils and parents from 3.30pm until 6.00pm.

At 4:45pm there will be a talk in the KS3 school hall by Ms C. Burrard-Lucas (Assistant Principal, KS4), Mr A Raja (Assistant Principal, KS4) and Mr V. Vaghela, outlining important information regarding the options process. We strongly advise all pupils and parents/carers to attend. However, the PowerPoint which accompanies the talk will be uploaded to our website for parents/carers who are not present.

Information, Advice and Guidance Programme (IAG) – January/February/March 2024

To prepare your child for the decisions ahead, we offer a comprehensive information, advice and guidance programme (IAG). The IAG is paramount to the students' eventual success and we invest a great deal of time in ensuring that every pupil embarks upon courses on which they can be successful. We understand that making option choices are exciting but daunting and there is a team of experts to help and guide.

- Pupils will be offered information, advice and guidance (IAG) by their form tutors.
- Staff in each subject will talk to pupils during lessons, explaining what is involved with that subject.
- Options information including the GCSE options handbook will be available on the school website



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BEAL SIXTH FORM

- Parents' Evening held on **Tuesday 27th February 2024** will provide specific information to support in students in making their GCSE options decisions. After this event the GCSE options MS Form will go live.

If you have any questions about the advice and guidance your child receives, do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely



Ms Y Andress and Mr P Bray
Co-headteachers



Ms C. Burrard-Lucas
Assistant Principal KS4



Mr A. Raja
Assistant Principal KS4



Mr V. Vaghela
Head of Year 9