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Dear Year 9 Parent/Carer

Re: Ratton School Pathways Dates 2024

I am writing to provide you with some information about the Pathways process that will take place in school over the next few couple of months. Pathways is the process by which Year 9 students, parents and teachers will agree the subjects that your sons and daughters will study in Years 10 and 11. The choices that students make now are particularly important and will have an impact on their future routes into college and employment. We want to ensure that everyone is fully informed to enable the correct choices to be made.

The key dates are detailed below. I would draw your attention to the Pathways evening on Thursday 14th March. There are some changes to the curriculum this year, so I would encourage you to attend, even if you have older children who have been through the process recently. Further details will follow about this evening, along with how to submit the final decisions made.

Date	Event
Mon 29 th Jan - Fri 9 th Feb	Taster sessions for some subjects e.g. Child Development, Sociology
w/b 19 th Feb	Data reports go home - Attitude to learning and predicted grades
Thurs 29 th Feb	Y9 Parents' Evening (opportunity to discuss progress with subject teachers)
Tues 5 th March	Careers Day - a variety of activities geared towards considering the future
Thurs 14 th March	Pathways evening (in school 5.15-7.30 TBC) - <i>further details to follow</i>
Fri 15 th - Fri 22 nd March	Complete and submit final choices
Fri 22 nd March	Deadline for choices

If you have any queries at any point throughout the process, please do make contact with myself (mhatton@ratton.co.uk) or the Head of Year 9, Mrs Marriott (lmarrriott@ratton.co.uk).

With best wishes,

Mark Hatton
Senior Assistant Headteacher

