

Tuesday 19th December 2023

Dear parent/carer,

### **Year 9 into 10 Guided Pathways**

We are pleased to attach the below link for completing the guided pathway form for key stage 4 at Outwood Academy Danum. The guided pathway form has been personalised for each student and it is essential to read the guidance given on the form above the list of option subjects.

[Y9 into Y10 guided pathway choices form](#)

At Outwood Grange Academies Trust we firmly believe that all children, irrespective of their starting point, are entitled to a broad and balanced curriculum which will enable them to succeed both whilst at the academy and in later life. As you will be aware, our key stage 4 curriculum is run over years 10 and 11, supported by a number of subject directors whose job it is to ensure the curriculum is right for students. Alongside these important subject specialists, we also deploy specialists in special educational needs and disabilities and attendance: regular attendance, especially throughout key stage 4 is critical to your child's success.

Students have three subjects to choose as part of their guided pathways allocation, to start in year 10. In year 11, there will be a further opportunity to have additional time for GCSE English and/or mathematics, for those who need it. We do this in the full knowledge that further and higher education, as well as many employment opportunities, require students to have attained a high level (GCSE grade 5 or higher) in literacy and numeracy. Furthermore, we fully support the entitlement that students have to study the group of qualifications which the government calls the English baccalaureate (EBacc): a GCSE grade 5 or higher in one English GCSE, mathematics, two sciences, one humanities subject (geography or history) and a modern foreign language.

We understand that this is a crucial time and the choosing of KS4 subjects is very important and **would ask you to attend the guided pathways evening on Thursday 11th January** and read the guided pathway booklet sent home with students last week.

The guided pathway form must be returned by Friday 26th January 2024.

Whatever your son or daughter is hoping to study, and then do in later life, I am sure that you will find the guided pathway process helpful, in the full knowledge that our sole aim is to put students first: raising standards and transforming lives.

Yours faithfully,

Mr A. Pearson  
Assistant Principal