

4<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Key Stage 4 Pathways Evening – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

I write to inform you of our Key Stage 4 Pathways Evening, which is absolutely vital for the planning of your child's future. As you may know, your son/daughter will begin their Key Stage 4 programme of study from September 2020.

In preparation for this, you are invited to a Pathways Evening to find out more about the options available. We aim to enable students to make confident and informed choices about their future and the Pathways Evening is a crucial part of this process; we very much hope that you will be able to attend with your child.

**Curriculum Presentation**

The session will begin with a presentation from Mrs Wigham, Principal, on the Key Stage 4 curriculum which will be in the Main Hall at 4.30pm and 5.30pm. It is important for you to attend this to fully understand the many new choices open to your child. You will find out which subjects are compulsory, which are optional, what new courses are on offer and how much time in the fortnight is allocated to each one. You will have a chance to consider the pathway which is most suitable for your child and how this will lead to higher or further education after Year 11.

**Subject Displays**

Following the presentation in the Main Hall, you will have the opportunity to view option subject displays and discuss course content in more detail with subject specialists.

**Graduation**

The extended Key Stage 4 curriculum is a wonderful opportunity, but if Studio West students are to gain advantage from it, they must be ready to work hard, with a mature attitude, whatever their ability, and to have good attendance. Therefore, we intend to ask all our Year 8 students to prove that they are ready by "graduating" to Key Stage 4.

We hope and expect that all students will achieve the graduation standard. We will advise any students and their parents/carers if we think they are at risk of failing to graduate, to give students a chance to improve their effort and attitude. This will be fully explained on the evening.

If any student does not take the advice then they run the risk of having to retake part of, or the whole of Year 8. We want the start of Key Stage 4 to be crisp and meaningful as students begin their journey towards their exams.

We look forward to meeting you on the evening.

Yours faithfully,



Val Wigham  
**Principal**