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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 8 Pathways

At Ken Stimpson Academy we are reaching an exciting time of year for our Year 8 students over the coming weeks. They will need to begin making decisions about the curriculum and GCSE's they would like to follow in Year 9 and beyond.

From September 2024, our current Year 8 students will be able to study and focus on options of their choice, alongside the core subjects of English, Maths and Science. These optional subjects will offer them more curriculum time and allow them to develop a much deeper understanding of the subject.

The decisions that you and your child make regarding the options they take may affect their future career pathway. To help with the making of these decisions we have our **Year 8 Pathways Evening** on **Wednesday 7th February 5.30 pm – 7.00 pm**.

- There will be a presentation where information about the Key Stage 4 curriculum and the Pathways process will be shared.
- The same presentation will be run twice, starting at 5.30 pm and 6.15 pm.
- Parents and students will have the opportunity to speak to subject staff who can share key
 details and information about their subjects.
- Please <u>click here</u> to book onto the presentation you would like to attend.

The aim of the Pathways process is to ensure that students are enrolled on the most appropriate courses in the next stage of their school career and is vital in securing their academic success. It is our intention that following the evening you will be much more informed about the subjects your child will study for the next 3 years.

If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to get in contact via email pathways@kenstimpson.org.uk

Yours Sincerely

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