



# George Spencer Academy

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Year 8 Pathways– The Journey into Year 9

From July 2019 your son/daughter will begin their year 9 studies. As they move further up the school your son/daughter will have to start making some decisions about the subjects they study. To help your son/daughter make informed choices, George Spencer Academy are offering two events to support the Pathways process.

**Year 8 Pathways Presentation and Marketplace: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019 4.30 to 7pm**

(Presentations and the Marketplace will take place in the Maths block, Lower Site)

Year 8 Pathways involves students making some decisions about which courses they will study in Year 9 in the Faculties of Social Sciences (Geography, History and Philosophy) and the Creative Arts (Art, Drama and Music). The Marketplace will be an opportunity for parents and students to look at the individual subjects, gather information on course content and consider possible career paths. Your child will begin some level 2 (GCSE) courses next year so I recommend that you attend the evening so you can have the opportunity to discuss the courses with curriculum leaders and subject staff. Before you attend the marketplace, there will be a presentation about the Pathways process and the Year 9 Curriculum on the ground floor of the Maths block. The presentations will start at the following times:

- 4.30pm 8PJ and 8VS
- 5.00pm 8RN, 8RD and 8RK
- 5.30pm 8JWB and 8GM
- 6.00pm 8PM, 8HG and 8NLS

If you would like to attend a different presentation to the one specified then please liaise with your son/daughter's Learning Manager.

**Year 8 Progress Evening: 4.30pm - 7.00pm in the Maths Block – Lower Site**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019 'P' half – 8JWB, 8GM, 8PM, 8HG, 8NLS

This evening will be a chance to discuss your son/daughter's progress in each subject and (in Social Sciences and the Creative Arts) to discuss Pathways decisions. You will be able to make appointments for the Progress Evening using 'Insight'.

Please get in touch if you have any questions regarding these two events. Wishing all of year 8 a restful half-term break. Please ensure that the reply slip below is completed and returned to your son/daughter's Learning Manager by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**.

Yours sincerely,

Ms L. Brown

Year 8 Director of Learning and Teacher of English

Please complete and return as soon as possible. Year 8 Progress Evening P Half

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Form \_\_\_\_\_

I will / will not be attending the Year 8 Progress Evening on the 14th of March between 4.30pm and 7pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Person with parental responsibility)