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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Parents'/Pathways Evening for Year 9

We would like to invite you to the Year 9 Options presentation on Tuesday 12th February 2019. The normal Year 9 parents evening will take place inside the Hall and Sutton corridor beginning at 4pm. For those parents who wish to find out more about the Pathway progress for Year 10, there will be a presentation at 3:30pm in the Learning Resource Centre (LRC - Hogarth Building).

The 30-minute presentation will cover the following:

1. What are Options
2. The Process and Timeline
3. General Questions & Answer session. (Specific enquiries to your child cannot be dealt with in this forum)

Over the next two weeks, students will attend an assembly outlining the options process. The Year Group will have a more detailed PSHE programme that will focus on how to make their decisions. Students have had the Pathways Booklet emailed to them personally, which contains lots of valuable information and advice. Parents can access this on our website www.hestoncommunityschool.co.uk under Curriculum tab/KS4 Pathways Guide

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 12th February 2019.

Yours faithfully,

Mr H Evans
Learning Co-ordinator for Year 9

Mr O'Hagan
Deputy Headteacher

The schedule below summarises the key dates:

TIMELINE FOR STUDENTS MAKING THEIR 'OPTIONS CHOICES' IN MARCH 2019	
ACTIVITY	DATE
Learning Coordinator uses KS2 Scale Scores & Data Harvest to determine student's Band	18.01.19
Year 9 Pathways Booklet emailed to students and placed on web-site	28.01.19
Students notified of their Band during registration	w/c 28.01.19
Deputy Headteacher Assembly to outline Options Process to students	01.02.19
PSHE lesson with tutors to prepare students for making Option Choices	08.02.19
Presentation to parents in LRC at 3:30pm to outline the Options Process	12. 02. 19
Parents Evening to receive feedback on their child's progress	12.02.19
Guidance provided in a Year 9 Assembly presentation to students on: a) Separate Sciences and Humanities Options b) New GCSE courses in Dance and Business	February 2019
Parents and student meeting with Senior member of staff to discuss chosen options and ensure they are appropriate	05.03.19
Five day cooling off period	12.03.19
Deadline for options submission	11.03.19
Students' options confirmed and a final three-day window to switch if there are still places available on courses	24.06.19
Student choices locked in for the whole two year duration of the GCSE course	28.06.19