

To: All Parents/Carers of Year 9 students

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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Pathways Process

Our Pathways process for Year 9 students will begin on Wednesday 5 December 2018, coinciding with Personal Development Day here in school. This is an exciting time for students who have their first opportunity to choose some of the courses they study, as well as the chance to start learning about some completely new subjects. To support the process there are a number of events for students and parents/carers. A summary of these is given below:

Event and Date	Venue	Invited	Details
Pathways Launch Information Evening Wednesday 5 December	Riding Hall	Parents	This is an information evening, aimed at parents who are new to the pathways process. Our talks will cover the format of our Key Stage 4 curriculum, how students are allocated suggested pathways, a timeline for the process and frequently asked questions (see further details below).
PD Day Wednesday 5 December	In school	Students	Personal Development day will be used in school to launch the pathways process with students. An assembly will cover the same information as will be given to parents in the evening.
Year 9 (A Half) Progress Evening Thursday 6 December	The Space	Parents and students	Chance for parents of students in the A Half to speak to subject teachers about current progress and courses at Key Stage 4.
Year 9 (B Half) Progress Evening Wednesday 12 December	The Space	Parents and students	Chance for parents of students in the B Half to speak to subject teachers about current progress and courses at Key Stage 4.
Pathways booklet launch Tuesday 8 January	Tutor groups	Students	Pathways booklets distributed to students during form time.
Year 9 Subject and Careers Fair Wednesday 9 January 5.30pm – 7.30pm	The Space	Parents and Students	This is our main information evening. Representatives will be available to speak to students and parents from all subjects, as well as from outside organisations such as FE and HE providers and training companies.

For the information evening on Wednesday 5 December 2018 parents/carers of students in Draco, Hercules and Indus may attend from 6.30pm – 7.15pm and parents/carers of students in Orion, Pegasus and Vela may attend from 7.30pm – 8.15pm. As students will have their own launch assembly, they do not need to attend the information evening.

To support the pathways process we have teamed up with U-Explore (www.startprofile.com). U-Explore provide Start, an online careers platform that aims to inspire young people, presenting them with a wide range of possible future opportunities to consider, and placing them in control of their own learning and progression.

Students and parents/carers can access Start at any time to access a wealth of exciting careers features, including job profiles across many industry sectors and 360-degree virtual tours of real work environments. Anyone who is unsure where to start can begin their journey by searching for their favourite subjects, interests, skills and qualities or even the qualifications they are studying for. Students can 'like' any particular jobs and their preferences are saved in an individual profile which can be accessed from the toolbar to the left of the web page.

As a parent/carer you are welcome to set up your own username and password to access U-Explore. We would ask you not to log in using your child's user details as this affects the tracking software. Instead, please register yourself using the information followings:

Visit www.startprofile.com and click 'Login' at the top right of the page, then select 'U-Explore Online Login'.

Click the 'Register with us' button.

1. In the About Your Establishment section, select East Riding, North Ferriby and South Hunsley School from the drop down lists;
2. Tick the 'Parent' box and enter the Registration Code: **44215**;
3. Create a memorable username and password for yourself;
4. Click 'Register' then log in using your new username and password and begin exploring!

We hope that you and your son/daughter will enjoy using Start to start thinking about and planning for the future, and look forward to seeing you at our support events.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B. Gray', with a horizontal line underneath.

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