



# HEANOR GATE SCIENCE COLLEGE

“Develop all learners to achieve their full potential”  
“Create a culture of aspiration”

Principal: **Mr S Huntington**



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Dear Parent/Carer

## Y9 Pathways Process

As you may be aware, we are approaching what, for many students, is the most crucial time of Year 9 – the Pathways into the next phase of their school career. To enable this process to run smoothly, I thought that this would be a good opportunity to write and let you know how the process will run over the next few months.

Pathways is the process through which students at HGSC are guided into the subjects which will suit their interests, career aspirations and abilities. For our students to access the careers they want, it is vitally important that they get this phase right and not limit themselves in any way beyond the age of sixteen.

Starting in January, there will be a Pathways launch assembly followed by:

The **Pathways Evening on Wednesday 15 January 2020 (time by invitation)**. Students and parents are invited to attend. During this session there will be a short presentation, after which you will be given an opportunity to discuss the process and course content with tutors and representatives from the subjects on offer at GCSE. These sessions will be time allocated and we ask that you attend the presentation at the time above.

From Monday 20 January all students will be interviewed by a member of the Senior Leadership Team, along with myself, to provide them with individual advice and guidance to help them make their Pathways choices. These discussions will be based partly on what they want to do in this next phase, but also partly what we know of the student and their capabilities. As stated, this phase is about maximising their opportunities for their future and we would ask you to support us with this. At this stage all students will be given a Pathways form to share with yourselves at home which will outline our recommendations for GCSE.

**Thursday 30 January 2020:** An opportunity to meet and discuss your child's progress during the **Year 9 Consultation evening**.

**Monday 3 February 2020:** The Pathways form will need to be completed and returned to school.

From 2 March 2020 students will receive the final confirmation of their Pathways selections.

To support this process students should use the **Unifrog** platform. This is an incredibly powerful tool for our students to access and they should be encouraged to make use of this both at school and at home to aid them in their decision making process. They have had time on this during tutor periods but do ask your child to show you this tool and spend some time going through it with them.

Thank you for your support in this process.

Yours sincerely

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