

Dear Parents & Carers,

I have the pleasure of contacting you to launch our Year 9 GCSE Pathways programme. Below you will find more information on the arrangements and support available to support students as they complete the GCSE Options process.

- Each student will receive a GCSE Pathways booklet during tutor time, full of information and guidance on subject areas. We ask that they complete this carefully, making notes and completing the back page before they enter their selections as outlined below. A digital copy of this booklet is available on the website or by email on request.
- A pathways letter will be posted to you for your child to record their choices and bring to their Computer Science lesson in order to enter their selection on the Sims App.
- Our GCSE Pathways micro-site that is full of information videos recorded by our teams for each Key Stage 4 subject. These videos will be publicised to students via email link. (<u>https://sites.google.com/marshlandhigh.co.uk/mhspathways</u>)
- Students will receive advice on how to enter the data about the subjects that they would like to follow at GCSE. Students will enter their GCSE Options during regular Computer Science lessons starting **Monday 11th March 2024.**
- Should you have any subject specific questions relating to GCSEs, we encourage students to approach their teacher of that subject, or the member of staff linked to that subject in the Pathways booklet, to discuss these questions or request a phone call from the department. If parents and carers require any further guidance beyond this please contact me, Olly Mackett, with your questions and I will follow up and respond to you directly.
- Year 9 Parents Evening is Thursday 18th April 2024. If a student wishes to modify their choices following this event, the final deadline for changes will be Thursday 25th April. Students should speak directly to Mr Lucas to do this.

Thank you for your patience and support as we complete this process. Once the process is complete, we will be in touch later in the summer term to confirm exactly which subjects your child will be studying from September 2024.

Yours faithfully,

Olly Mackett Deputy Headteacher



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