



St Alban's
Catholic High School

22 June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 Pathways 2024 - 2026

Back in March I wrote to all parents/carers of students in Year 8 with information about how the Pathways process will work for your child over the next year. As you will be aware we have decided to adapt the current Pathways process to ensure that the disruption in education over the last few years does not impact the depth of knowledge gained from each Key Stage 3 subject and the informed choices that students make about the subjects they study at GCSE and beyond.

This week Year 8 students have had an assembly with further details about how Year 9 will look for them and how the Pathways process will fit into the Year 9 curriculum design.

You can see the slides that were shown at this Assembly on our Pathways page on the school website:

[St Alban's Catholic High School - Pathways \(st-albans.suffolk.sch.uk\)](http://st-albans.suffolk.sch.uk)

The Pathways Process for 2024 – 2026 will begin in the Spring term of 2024 with a series of **Pathways Assemblies** with information on each subject from our Subject Leaders. The slides from these assemblies will be available on the Pathways page of the school website alongside an introduction video.

Our **Pathways Evening and Fair** will be held on **Wednesday 28th February 2024**. The evening will be an opportunity for you and your child to gain further information about the subjects and courses they plan to study. The evening will begin with information about the Pathways process and the things that you and your child should consider when making choices for the future. Our subject leaders will then be available to give details of their courses and answer any questions you may have. At the evening you will also be given a copy of the Pathways Booklet for 2024 – 2026 with further information from each subject and details of the online portal to enter initial choices. The evening will be held in the school Sports Hall.

Following the Pathways Evening, students will be asked to make their initial choices of four subjects for the start of Pathways which will be for 10 weeks in the summer term of Year 9. Students will have an opportunity to adapt their Pathway after 5 weeks and then make their final choice of three subjects that they will study to GCSE. This will ensure that they are settled into their subjects by the start of Key Stage 4 in Year 10.

Yours faithfully

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