

To: Parents/Carers of students in Year 9

Our ref: 87361986

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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Re: Key Stage 4 Curriculum**

I am writing to let you know about our process this year for helping Year 9 students make the transition to Key Stage 4, including choosing their options subjects. 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.

Event and Date	Venue	Invited	Details
Week beginning 21 November 2022	Riding Hall	Students	The year 9 options process will be launched in House assemblies during this week
Key Stage 4 Curriculum Launch Information Evening Thursday 1 December 2022	Talks in Riding Hall, subjects around the school site	Parents and Students	This is an opportunity to meet with teachers and current students from each of our subject areas, as well as representatives from local businesses, colleges and universities, the armed forces and careers guidance colleagues.  Students will be able to collect a copy of our Key Stage 4 Curriculum Booklet
Year 9 (A Half) Progress Evening Thursday 12 January 2023	Online	Parents and students	Opportunity for parents and 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 18 January 2023	Online	Parents and students	Opportunity for parents and students in the B Half to speak to subject teachers about current progress and courses at Key Stage 4
Monday 23 January – Monday 20 February 2023	Online	Students	Online applications for Key Stage 4 options choices  The link for applications will be shared with students in form time and via the InTouch app from Monday 23 January

We do hope that you and your child are able to join us on this evening and look forward to supporting you with the Key Stage 4 Curriculum options process. Due to the number of parents attending the Launch Information Evening event, we are asking that wherever possible, parents try to attend at the time allocated to the house that their child is in:

5.00pm – 5.15pm for students in Draco and Hercules

5.30pm – 5.45pm for students in Indus and Orion

6.00pm – 6.15pm for students in Pegasus and Vela

Year 9 students can request a careers appointment at any time by contacting their Head of House. They can also speak to any of their current subject teachers about their courses. If students have questions regarding subjects that they do not currently study, contact details for someone in school that they can speak to will be included in the guide.

Many thanks for your support as we work with you and your child to select the next steps in their learning journey as part of our South Hunsley community.

Yours Faithfully



Helen Savory  
**Assistant Headteacher**

### **START Careers**

To support the pathways process we have teamed up with U-Explore <https://shs.startprofile.com> U-Explore have designed Start, an online careers platform that aims to inspire young people in considering their future careers, presenting them with a wide range of possible 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. 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 <https://shs.startprofile.com> and click 'Login' at the top right of the page, then select 'Login'.

Click the 'Register' button, where you will be asked to provide your details, as well as choosing a memorable username and password. Once you have registered, you can log in using your new username and password.

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