

To: Parents/Carers of pupils in Year 9

Our ref: 87608156

20 November 2023

**Re: Key Stage 4 Curriculum**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to let you know about our process this year for helping Year 9 pupils make the transition to Key Stage 4, including choosing their options subjects. This is an exciting time for pupils 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 pupils and parents/carers.

| Event and Date  | Venue   | Invited            | Details   |
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| Wednesday 22 November 2023  | Riding Hall   | Pupils             | The Year 9 options process will be launched in year assemblies during this week   |
| Key Stage 4 Curriculum Launch Options Evening<br>Wednesday 29 November 2023 | Talks in Riding Hall, subjects around the school site | Parents and pupils | This is an opportunity to meet with teachers and current pupils from each of our subject areas, as well as representatives from local businesses, colleges and universities, the armed forces and careers guidance colleagues.<br><br>Pupils will be able to collect a copy of our Key Stage 4 Curriculum Booklet |
| Year 9 (A Half) Progress Evening<br>Thursday 11 January 2024                | Online  | Parents and pupils | Opportunity for parents and pupils in the A Half to speak to subject teachers about current progress and courses at Key Stage 4   |
| Year 9 (B Half) Progress Evening<br>Wednesday 17 January 2024               | Online  | Parents and pupils | Opportunity for parents and pupils in the B Half to speak to subject teachers about current progress and courses at Key Stage 4   |
| Monday 15 January – Monday 19 February 2024                                 | Online  | Pupils             | Online applications for Key Stage 4 options choices<br><br>The link for applications will be shared with pupils in form time and via the InTouch app from Monday 15 January 2024  |

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 Options Evening event, we are asking that wherever possible, parents try to attend at the time allocated to the house that their child is in:

5.30pm – 5.45pm for pupils in Draco, Indus and Orion

6.00pm – 6.15pm for pupils in Hercules, Pegasus and Vela

Year 9 pupils can request a careers appointment at any time by contacting their Head of Year. They can also speak to any of their current subject teachers about their courses. If pupils 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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "H. Savory".

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.

Pupils 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. Pupils 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. Staff will be on hand on our Options Evening to offer support with logging in to and using Start. Look out for the CEIAG stand in the Hub.