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Dear Parent / Carer

Choosing Key Stage 4 Options – Year 9 Students

At the end of January your child will receive their Key Stage 4 Courses booklet, which will give details of the subjects every student **must** do in Year 10 and 11 as well as those that they can choose to do. To make sure that your child makes the right choices for him/her it is important that they start thinking now about what subjects might be the right ones for them.

The booklet, which will be sent home via the students, is the first step in the support that FCC will give you and your child in this process. Which Way Now? is full of information, ideas and action points to help your child choose well. To get the most out of it you and your child should use it as a workbook, starting at the beginning and working through right to the end.

Amongst other things the booklet helps students to identify their likes and dislikes, strengths and weaknesses, explains qualification levels and assessment methods and, along with the parents and carers guide, provides answers to some of the questions you might both have.

CareersEtc is a one-stop shop for careers education, information, advice and guidance provided by the Connexions service in West Sussex. A guide to how to access it and to the sort of information you can find in it is also enclosed.

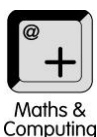
In January, during two Citizenship lessons, your child will have the opportunity to use Launchpad, a careers programme which will help students identify their personal learning and thinking skills and then match them to subjects they might study in KS4 and to future careers.

All students are free to use the well-stocked Careers library (in N9b) at break and lunchtime; as well as lots of books on a variety of subjects there are computers that students can use to access online resources. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me using the details below. I will also be at the KS4/Year 9 Consultation Evening on Thursday, 9th February.

Yours sincerely

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