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Dear Parent/Carer

I am getting in touch to give you an update on some of the key points previously communicated to you concerning Year 9 Pathways and Year 9 Parents' Evening.

Year 9 Pathways

On Wednesday this week we launched the Year 9 Pathways process with our students in assembly and a letter was sent home to indicate which pathway your child is on, with an explanatory video from Mr Jones to introduce you to the process. I want to thank you for the high level of engagement we have seen so far with this and I ask that you continue to have those essential conversations with your child about their options.

The [Year 9 Pathways](#) website is now live and our tutors have shown their tutees how to access all the different areas of this in tutor time this morning. We have also put in place additional tutor time activities to help their decision-making, including additional sessions on Unifrog and practice sessions to help them get ready for their SLT interview.

Year 9 Parents' Evening

Year 9 Parents' Evening on **Thursday 29 January from 4pm-7pm** is fast approaching. This event will give you an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and to speak with teachers about their suitability for the different option subjects. The inclusion team and the Year 9 Achievement Team will be available should you wish to discuss any other matters..

A great number of parents/carers have already made appointments on Arbor, so again I would like to thank you for this high level of engagement. Appointments will remain bookable into next week, but I recommend that you book as soon as possible in order to secure suitable slots and to avoid disappointment.

Please be aware that some teachers may already have reached their appointment capacity due to them teaching multiple groups of Year 9s. Where this is the case and you have subject specific questions related to pathways or academic performance, please complete the following form to request a call - <https://forms.gle/KnhNEpqdN8hnpp8E6> We will then liaise with these staff members to get directly in touch with you around the date of the Year 9 Parents' evening.

Below is a reminder of the instructions for booking appointments on Arbor:

- Log into the Arbor app or Arbor website and scroll down to Parent Consultations.
- You should then be able to see a list of your child's subjects/teachers available for appointments. As you click on each of these, you will be given a list of available appointments for that teacher. Simply click on the time slot you would like and the appointment will be in the system.
- This can then be repeated for your child's other subjects.

If you need any help in making appointments or you cannot access Arbor, please contact info@heanorgatespencer.org.uk

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