Dear Year 9 Parents and Carers,

Year 9 is an important year in which students choose the GCSE (and equivalent) options which they will study alongside compulsory subjects of English, Maths and Science. At Deptford Green we call the options process 'pathways'.

You are invited to attend a parent webinar on Tuesday 24th November from 5:30-6:15 to find out more about what the pathways process involves for parents and students. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions and clarify anything you are unsure of.

Please register in advance to secure your place using the link below. I will also record the session and post online for those who not able to attend at this time. https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/717a60ec-be48-4b0a-a8bf-05783ee94096@03d3f265-3fdf-4864-aace-ac19955abc4e?source=copyLinkLegacyShareEventDialog

Following the webinar, I will share the 2026-7 Pathways booklet which is designed to give further information about the subjects on offer. I will also be speaking to students in assembly.

I have included a timeline of the process below:

Tuesday 24th November 2026	Parent webinar outlining key information and dates for the pathways process. Please see link and details above.
W/C 11th January 2027	Year 9 exams will take place in the hall across a range of subjects. These grades will help students to decide which subjects they would prefer to study. The data will also be used to support the school in placing students in the right pathway and subjects.
W/C 8th February 2027	Year 9 reports issued to all students and parents via email. These will include the suggested pathway for your child.
Wednesday 10th Feb 2027	Parents' evening for all parents and students in Year 9. This will be **in-person**. Please sign up via SchoolCloud for appointments.
	Pathways Fayre – When you come to parents evening there will also be a pathways fayre your opportunity to find out more about the subjects on offer.
Tuesday 23rd February 2027	Individual Pathways interviews. Sign-up to follow.
Friday 12th March 2027	Deadline for all Pathways forms to be submitted. (You may have already submitted your form during your interview.)
Summer Term 2027	Students get the results of their options choices. At this stage there will be an opportunity to change, should students have changed their minds.

At this stage, I would recommend beginning to have a conversation with your child about their possible preferences which can become part of an ongoing dialogue in the build up to their choices in February.

I look forward to meeting with you soon to explore what lies ahead in more detail. In the meantime, lease do not hesitate to contact me if you have any urgent questions you would like me to answer jcallaghan@deptfordgreen.co.uk

Many thanks,

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