



### **Future Pathways – Year 10 Opportunities**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to inform you about a range of exciting opportunities available to Year 10 students over the course of this term and into the Autumn term of Year 11.

#### **Future Pathways Oracy Project**

The Future Pathways Programme is designed to broaden students' horizons beyond their GCSE options and encourage them to begin thinking about A-level choices and post-16 pathways. As part of our focus on oracy during form time, students will also have an opportunity to research and present on a topic of their choice. This may be a specialist subject, a personal interest, or an area they are curious to explore. Through this process, students will develop valuable research skills, including how to identify reliable sources and reference them appropriately, while also building confidence in presenting and becoming more informed, well-rounded individuals.

#### **University Exposure**

Students will have the opportunity to be involved in one of the following:

1. A talk from Cambridge University about the university application process and guidance on choosing A-level subjects.
2. A visit to Oxford or Cambridge University.
3. A university-style lecture which will be delivered by a Russell Group University to learn more about competitive university applications beyond Oxbridge.

Students will be able to sign up for these opportunities and indicate their preferences. Participation is optional, and students may choose not to take part. We will aim to allocate students one of their first two choices wherever possible. However, if any opportunity is oversubscribed, places will be allocated at random.

The sign-up form was sent to students on Wednesday, and they had until Friday to sign up. If they missed this, then please ask them to complete the form, and they will be able to participate in future opportunities.

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