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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 8 Pathways Process 2020

Due to the changes in GCSEs many of our GCSE courses are now taught over three years and at the end of year 8 students have previously been given the opportunity to choose two subjects to continue studying in year 9 and to start their GCSE course.

Students were asked to choose two subjects from Geography, History and ICT or Computer Science. This year however, due the school closure, the uncertainty around the return to school and the need to plan a timetable for September we have decide not to go ahead with the Pathway process.

In September, all current year 8 students will continue studying History, Geography, ICT and Computer Science. Students will start the GCSE courses in these subjects and at the end of the year will decide whether or not to continue with the GCSE in that subject as part of the wider year 9 Pathways choice. We strongly feel that asking students to make a decision about a GCSE when they are away from school is unfair and may add undue stress and pressure at this difficult time.

Students will not be disadvantaged in anyway by making the Pathway choice on these particular subjects in year 9, and it may end up being an advantage in that they have had chance to experience the GCSE before making a final decision.

If you have any questions or queries about the Pathways process please contact me on **knights.e@kevi.org.uk** or if you have any questions about a particular subject, please contact your child's subject teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Ms E J Knights
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