



# St. Joseph's RC High School

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January 2022.

Annwyl Parent / Carer,

### Re: Year 11 Pathway's Evening

Firstly, I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year and I hope that 2022 brings a sense of normality back into our lives that we have all been craving for so long. With a new year at hand, new and exciting opportunities for year 11 lay around the corner as they prepare to sit their summer examinations and begin to think about the set sets in their academic journey. I know it may seem a long time until September, but we actually need to start the process now of transitioning from Key Stage 4 to their next academic / career pathway.

At St. Joseph's, we like to believe that we offer students the best possible pathways for them to continue with their academic careers in a supportive, nurturing and Catholic environment. This is reflected in the Estyn Inspection report and in the fact that we have been placed in the top 10% of providers nationally for the past four years by the ALPS performance data system. It reflects the dedication, determination and commitment of our students and staff in the Sixth Form to ensure that all involved achieve their hopes and ambitions.

Under normal circumstances, we would normally host a Transition Evening for those students interested in continuing their education with us for AS and A Levels, and we would usually interview all of the students regarding their appropriate pathways. However, this will not be possible for this academic year. Instead, we will be utilising a dedicated section of the Sixth Form page on the school website with all of the information you will require to make informed choices. This will include the Sixth Form Prospectus, the Draft Pathways Form, an introduction video from myself with a presentation explaining the next steps, and Loom presentations from all subjects regarding their course content. I believe that these will aid students and parents to be able to re-watch and pause videos, should they need to. I would urge any students interested in returning to study AS and A Level with us, to engage with these presentations to help you consider your choices and to read the Prospectus to inform you about what Sixth Form life may be like. The page on the website will launch on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January**, and link and further information will be sent to you on that date.

Following this, we would like you to consider your choices thoroughly and carefully. If there is a subject you are considering studying in collaboration with another school, details of these will be available from Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, and again we will provide information on how to access them. Students should also take this opportunity and time to discuss their suitability for specific subjects with their teachers either on their Google Classroom Stream, via email, or in person. In lieu

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of face to face interviews, I would like to offer all parents and student the opportunity to book an online pathways discussion with us on School Cloud. This is the same system that is used for Parents' Evening and the booking system will go live on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January. We will also ask students to submit a DRAFT pathways form by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022 to assist us in planning for next year, but you are reminded that they are not tied to these options yet.

I hope that this information will be helpful in enabling students to make suitable choices for their future pathways, but if you have any questions then please contact me via email on [ojames@sjhs.newport.sch.uk](mailto:ojames@sjhs.newport.sch.uk) or have a look at our dedicated Sixth Form Instagram page on @SJHSSixthForm.

I wish Year 11 all the very best for this year and with whatever choices they make for their pathways next year and I look forward to working with you over the coming months and years.

Yn gywir,

**Owain James**  
**Head of Sixth Form.**

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