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Dear Parents/Carers

## **Year 9 into 10 Guided Pathway Information**

I am pleased to attach the Guided Pathway information booklet for courses starting in Year 10 at Outwood Grange Academy. (Please see link at the end of this letter)

At Outwood Grange Academies Trust we firmly believe that all children, irrespective of their starting point, are entitled to a broad and balanced curriculum which will enable them to succeed both whilst at the academy and beyond. It is our intent that the experiences we provide our students through our wider educational offer, and specifically our curriculum offer, drives our Trust's vision of Students First: raising standards and transforming lives.

To that end, we are delighted to offer an innovative curriculum, which enables all students within our academy to fulfil their potential and develop the all-important knowledge, skills and qualities which will serve them well in later life.

We fully support the entitlement that students have to study the group of qualifications which the government calls the English Baccalaureate (EBacc): English, mathematics, sciences, one humanities subject (geography or history) and a modern foreign language. To both support attainment in this important group of subjects and promote a broad and balanced curriculum for your child, we require all students to study either geography or history at GCSE. For many students it will be appropriate that they also study a modern foreign language. This will ensure students can attain the Full EBacc which, increasingly, higher education establishments are looking for: these subjects are also an excellent foundation for those who wish to go on and study A Levels in the 'Facilitating Subjects' (biology, chemistry, physics, English, geography, history, maths, modern and classical languages.). It is possible to study both geography and history alongside a modern foreign language if a student wishes.

We will advise you if we believe that your child should be following the Full EBacc route and as always, provide specialist independent careers advice to ensure that you have access to impartial support during this process which can be requested through your child's Learning Manager. If you have any questions about the courses offered, please contact the Head of department using the contact details under the course headings in the Guided pathway booklet.

We understand that this is a crucial time and the choosing of qualification courses is very important. You will find further information on the Academy's website. Students have had an assembly streamed into their tutor classrooms explaining the process.

I will be emailing all students with the information and the links they need to complete the process. Students must be logged into their school Google account to access these.

Whatever your child is hoping to study, and then do in later life, I am sure that you will find the Guided Pathway process helpful.

Please contact me directly via email should you have any questions.

Yours faithfully

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## **Guided Pathways Booklet**