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Dear Parent/Carer

Students, as they move from Year 9 into Year 10 at Outwood Academy Carlton, have their first main point of choice within their five year educational journey with us. A feature of our Years 10 & 11 curriculum is the Guided Pathways, which, alongside a core entitlement, make up the broad and balanced range of subjects on offer. At the end of last term, your child was given their Y9 Guided Pathways booklet. In the booklet you will see that the core subjects: GCSE English Language and Literature, GCSE Mathematics and GCSE sciences - combined (double) science or biology, chemistry and physics - are taken by all students alongside non-examined courses in physical education and personal, social, religious and health education (currently called the Life programme). Students then have three subjects to choose as part of their Guided Pathways allocation. There is a copy of this booklet on our website.

Furthermore, 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. For many students it will be appropriate that they also study a modern foreign language subject so that they can attain the Full EBacc which, increasingly, higher education establishments are looking for; these subjects are also an excellent foundation for all students, including those who wish to go on and study A Levels in the 'Facilitating Subjects' (biology, chemistry, English, geography, history, maths, modern and classical languages, physics). It is possible to study both geography and history alongside a modern foreign language if a student wishes.

On Thursday 12th January 5pm-6pm, there will be a Y9 Guided Pathways evening. The evening will consist of a short presentation in the lecture theatre and there will be an opportunity for you and your child to discuss option choices with relevant subject teachers.

During this evening, you will receive a link to a Google Form so that your child can submit their Guided Pathway choices. The deadline for Guided Pathway choices to be submitted is Friday 27th January.

If you have any questions/queries, please contact J Poole (j.poole@carlton.outwood.com)

Yours sincerely

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