

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 8 Progression Evening Wednesday 14th January 2026

Further to my letter dated 15th December 2026, I am writing to confirm the arrangements for our Progression Evening on Wednesday 14th January.

6:20pm-7:30pm ISTUDY
6:50pm-8pm WLEARN

This event will provide you and your child with an outline of the pathways process, including information about the number of guided and free subject choices available to students and our additional core curriculum offer at KS4. There will be a talk for parents & pupils in forms **8I, S, T, U, D & Y in Upper Hall promptly at 6:20 pm**, and another talk for parents & pupils in forms **8W, L, E, A, R & N in Upper Hall promptly at 6:50 pm**. Please attend the correct talk for your child's form group. There will then be opportunities to visit subject stalls and talk to staff and current students. The locations of each subject are attached to this letter for ease of reference.

Onsite parking will be available on the school playgrounds. Entry will be through the back gates, which are accessed via the service road towards the Billesley Tennis Centre, off Wheelers Lane. The main school gates will be closed to vehicles.



I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that **Year 8 Parents' Evening will take place on Wednesday 11th February 2026**. Please save the date.

We look forward to seeing you at Progression Evening, where many staff will be on hand to answer any questions that you may have.

Yours sincerely



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Subject Locations Wednesday 14th January

Activity	Date
Upper Foyer	SEND & Pastoral Teams
OU Block	Geography & Travel & Tourism History & Sociology Religious Studies
Canteen Ground Floor	Health & Social Care Business Economics Psychology
Lower Hall	Art PE & Dance Music Drama Computing (all courses) Modern Foreign Languages
Upper Ground Floor	DT Product Design DT Fashion & Textiles Food Preparation & Nutrition

Pathways Timeline

Activity	Date
Pathways booklet online	From December 2025
Year 8 Pupils & Parents Pathways Evening	Wednesday 14 th January 2026
Taster sessions and subject focus events	w/c 19 th Jan. 2026. Students engage with department offers in lessons. Non KS3 subject videos and presentations in form time.
Year 8 Parents' Evening	Wednesday 11 th February 2026
Latest report available on Edulink	w/c 2 nd March 2026
Pathways form link sent home	Monday 2 nd March 2026
Pathways form completed online	March 9 th -13 th 2026 (13/03/26 3:00pm deadline)
Personal interviews - checking	w/c 16 th March 2026
Pathways subjects confirmed	June 2026

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