

Melksham Oak Community School

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Dear Parents/Guardians

This booklet will help you to make decisions about the courses your child is to follow for the next three years at Melksham Oak Community School. We hope you will find the process and the information clear and useful. Should you wish to discuss any difficulties or seek further information feel free to contact any of the following: your child's Form Tutor; the subject teachers or Mrs Lawrence, Assistant Headteacher.

The challenge for us all is to prepare your child for changing work patterns in the future. We feel that our curriculum, which makes full use of the distinctive strengths of Melksham Oak Community School, will provide your child access to a broad and balanced programme of courses which give flexible career opportunities whilst providing the scope to concentrate on individual strengths.

We are confident that the model we have decided upon will provide for individual capabilities and help your daughter or son realise her or his potential. We offer GCSEs, BTEC and Vocational Qualifications (mainly starting in Year 10). These options offer your son or daughter continuity of study from Year 9 through to the age of nineteen, whether it is by an academic or an applied pathway.

There have been a number of recent changes made by the Government. We believe that we have addressed these and we have included specific guidance in this booklet. We have extended the length of Key Stage 4 in order to give our students an even better chance of success. It is possible that further changes will be imposed and if this is the case we will keep parents and students informed.

We look forward to talking to you more about these choices on Thursday 1st February 2018 at the Guided Pathways evening.

Yours sincerely,

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