

7th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: **Introducing Our First Ever Platinum Pathways Roadshow**

We are delighted to invite you and your child to our very first **Platinum Pathways Roadshow** on **Thursday 24th September**, from **3.10pm to 4.30pm** in the **Main Hall**.

At Burton Borough School, we are committed to providing opportunities that allow students to develop their interests, build valuable skills and make a positive contribution to both the school and the wider community. Our **Platinum Pathways Programme** has been designed to do exactly that.

What is a Platinum Pathway?

A Platinum Pathway gives students the opportunity to develop beyond the classroom through a range of enrichment activities, leadership opportunities and community experiences. It helps students build important life skills such as teamwork, communication, resilience and leadership, while encouraging them to play an active role in school life and the wider community.

Platinum Pathways offer a wide range of opportunities, enabling students to choose an area that interests them, whether that be leadership, community engagement, wellbeing, sport, the arts or other areas of personal development. Each pathway provides unique experiences, helping students grow in confidence, develop new skills and make a meaningful contribution both in school and beyond.

The Roadshow will give students and parents the opportunity to:

- Explore the full range of Platinum Pathways available.
- Meet the staff and organisations leading each pathway.
- Learn about the activities, experiences and opportunities on offer.
- Understand the level of commitment involved before making a choice.

Students who take part in a Platinum Pathway will complete a **Platinum Passport**, recording their achievements, experiences and contributions throughout their journey.

From Participation to Leadership

The Platinum Pathways Programme provides a clear progression route for students who wish to take on increasing levels of responsibility and leadership within the school community.

Platinum Pathway (Years 7-10)



Platinum Student (Year 10 Summer Term-Year 11)



Head Student (Year 11)

What is a Platinum Student?

A **Platinum Student** is a student leader who has successfully engaged with a Platinum Pathway and wishes to take a more active role within our school community. Students apply for a specific responsibility that matches their interests and strengths, supporting younger students and contributing to important areas of school life.

Through this role, students develop leadership, communication and mentoring skills while making a positive difference to others. Platinum Students are expected to demonstrate commitment, responsibility and pride in our school values.

Students who demonstrate exceptional leadership and commitment as Platinum Students can then apply to become **Head Students**.

Head Students act as the student voice of Burton Borough School, representing BBS at school events and within the local community. They are ambassadors for the school, role models for younger students and leaders who help shape the student experience.

The skills, experiences and achievements gained through the Platinum Pathways Programme provide valuable evidence for future applications and help students prepare for further education, employment and life beyond school.

What Happens Next?

Following the Roadshow, students will be asked to select their chosen pathway, and tutors will record their choices. As they join their pathway, they will have their pathway passport to record their successes and have a record of the skills they have acquired.

We encourage all students and parents to attend this exciting event and discover the many opportunities available through our Platinum Pathways Programme. We are confident that every student will find a pathway that inspires them, develops their talents and helps them make the most of their time at Burton Borough School.

We look forward to welcoming you on **24th September**.

Yours faithfully,

Karen Heins
Assistant Headteacher