



The Priory School

Educating Students for Success in Life

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Dear Parent / Carer

Post 14 Learning Pathways September 2019

In an ever-evolving global economy, young people today are likely to have a number of careers within their working life. In the near future they will be competing for high-level apprenticeships, college and university places and ultimately jobs. Young people today will need to understand that they will have to be lifelong learners with a range of transferrable skills. Over the next five months, Year 9 students will be taking part in the Post 14 Learning Pathways process. It is vitally important that students are guided onto the appropriate learning pathway to ensure that they can successfully progress onto the next stage of their educational journey in preparation for the world of work.

Allocation of Learning Pathways

Using prior attainment data, (KS2 and KS3), teacher assessment of ability and projected GCSE target grades (1-9) students will be allocated a particular learning pathway. There are three main learning pathways, however for a small number of students an additional pathway will be created based on their specific learning needs. The learning pathways ensure a more individualised learning experience where there is equality of opportunity for all to succeed.

Learning Pathway 1

This route offers a maximum of nine qualifications (including English Language & Literature, Mathematics, double Science and at least one humanity (Geography and/or History). Students will have up to three additional subjects to take dependent on ability and guidance from the school. Students with predicted GCSE target grades of 4 and below would be placed on this learning pathway.

Learning Pathway 2

This route offers a maximum of 10 qualifications (including English Language & Literature, Mathematics, triple/double Science and at least one humanity (Geography and/or History). Students will have three additional subjects to take. Students with predicted GCSE target grades of 5 and above would be placed on this learning pathway.

Learning Pathway 3 (EBacc)

This route offers a maximum of 10 qualifications (including English Language & Literature, Mathematics, triple/double Science, one humanity (Geography and/or History) and one language (French or Spanish). This combination of subjects is known as the English Baccalaureate. Students will have two other subjects to take. Students with predicted GCSE target grades of 5 and above would be placed on this learning pathway.

Subjects within the specific learning pathways will have certain entry criteria attached to them due to the demands of the course (see table below). Due to curriculum constraints some subjects will only operate one GCSE group and where there is not enough numbers to deliver an economically viable group a subject may not run. The school will have the final say on the allocation of students to specific courses and learning pathways.

Subjects with additional criteria needed to study them:

Subject	Criteria
Computer Science*	Target grade 5 in Maths
Sociology*	Target grade 4 in English
Psychology*	Target grade 5 in Science
PE GCSE*	Target grade 5 in Science
Music*	Minimum of grade 2 Music

KS4 Curriculum Menu 2019–2021

Learning Pathway 1			Y10 allocation of hours (Sept 2019)
English Language and Literature (GCSE)			7
Maths (GCSE)			7
Science (GCSE)			10
Core Philosophy and Ethics			1
Humanity (Geography or History) GCSE			6
Up to three additional subjects			3 x 5
Alternative provision 1 * (Allocated by the school)	Design and Technology GCSE. Timber-based materials	Music* GCSE	
Art GCSE	Enterprise BTEC	Music Practice BTEC	
Core support 1 * (Allocated by the school)	Food & Nutrition GCSE	OCR National in Sport Science	
Creative Media Production BTEC	Health & Social Care BTEC	OCR National in Sport Studies	
Design and Technology GCSE. Papers and Boards	Interactive Media NCFE	Performing Arts BTEC	
Core PE			4
Total			50

Learning Pathway 2			Y10 allocation of hours (Sept 2019)
English Language and Literature (GCSE)			7
Maths (GCSE)			7
Science (GCSE)			10
Core Philosophy and Ethics			1
Humanity (Geography or History) GCSE			6
Three additional subjects			3 x 5
Art GCSE	French GCSE	Performing Arts BTEC	
Business Studies GCSE	Health & Social Care BTEC	Philosophy & Ethics GCSE	
Computer Science* GCSE	History GCSE	Psychology* GCSE	
Design and Technology GCSE. Papers and Boards	Interactive Media NCFE	Sociology* GCSE	
Design and Technology GCSE. Timber-based materials	Music* GCSE	Spanish GCSE	
Enterprise BTEC	Music Practice BTEC	Sport Science OCR National	
Food & Nutrition GCSE	PE GCSE*	Sport Studies OCR National	
PE			
Total			50

Learning Pathway 3 (EBacc)			Y10 allocation of hours (Sept 2019)
English Language and Literature (GCSE)			7
Maths (GCSE)			7
Science (GCSE)			10
Core Philosophy and Ethics			1
Humanity (Geography or History) (GCSE)			6
Language (French or Spanish) (GCSE)			5
Two additional subjects			2 x 5
Art GCSE	Health & Social Care BTEC	Philosophy & Ethics GCSE	
Business Studies GCSE	History GCSE	Psychology* GCSE	
Computer Science* GCSE	Interactive Media NCFE	Sociology* GCSE	
Design and Technology GCSE. Papers and Boards	Music* GCSE	Sport Science OCR National	
Design and Technology GCSE. Timber-based materials	Music Practice BTEC	Sport Studies OCR National	
Enterprise BTEC	PE GCSE*		
Food & Nutrition GCSE	Performing Arts BTEC		
PE			4
Total			50

Guidance on the Post 14 Learning Pathways Process

Over the forthcoming weeks a number of events will take place to support your understanding of the Post 14 Learning Pathways process. The aim is to ensure that you and your child fully understand the subjects on offer within each learning pathway, the requirements of the qualifications and how this will support future progression.

Event	Date
Post 14 learning pathways assembly	Tuesday 29 th January
Learning pathways booklets sent out to parents	Friday 1 st February
Form group learning pathways Q&A sessions	Monday 4 th to Thursday 28 th February
Y9 learning pathways 'subject market' where students have the opportunity to speak to current Y10 students studying specific courses	Tuesday 12 th February
Y9 learning pathways parents' evening	Thursday 28 th February
Y9 parents' evening	Thursday 14 th March
Subject request forms returned to Form Tutor	Friday 22 nd March
121 student interviews with SLT (Senior Leadership Team), and other key staff to review and finalise learning pathways subjects	Monday 1 st April to Friday 5 th April
Notification of Post 14 qualifications for September 2019 sent out to parents	Monday 20 th May

Please feel free to contact me throughout the process if you have any questions.

Kind regards



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