Post 14 Pathways

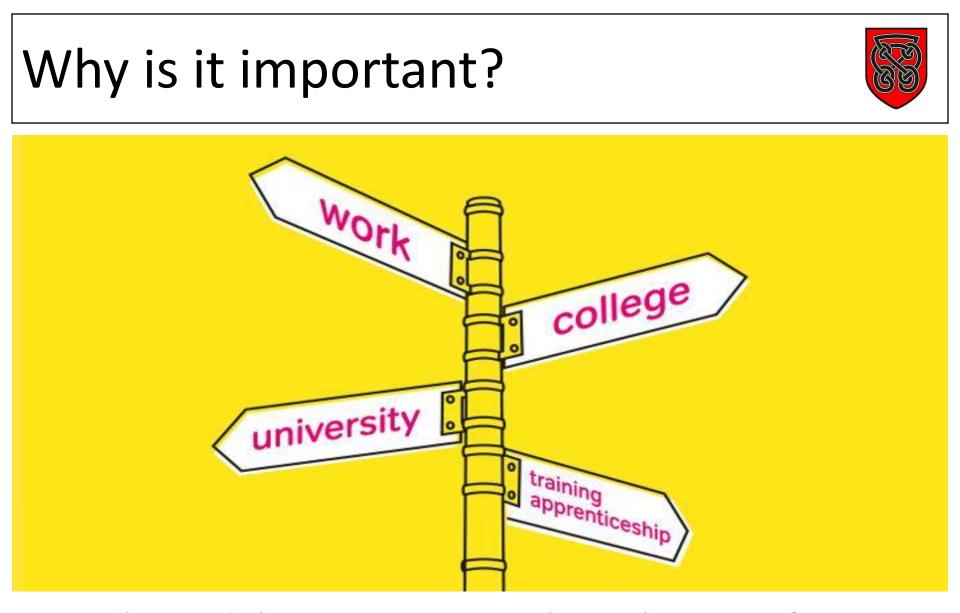
Why is it important?







This will be two years of your life studying subjects which you have requested...



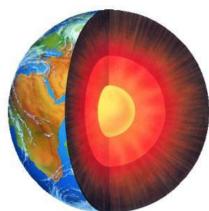
... beyond the next two years this is the start of your

qualifications that will help shape the rest of your life.

Core: Everyone will take...



- **English** (literature & language)
- Maths
- Science (double or triple as decided by The Science Department)
- At least one humanity (geography or history)
- Core P&E
- Core PE



There are three pathways...





Pathway 1:



- Offers a maximum of 9 qualifications
- Students will have up to 3 additional subjects
- Students with predicted GCSE target grades of 4 and below would be placed on this learning pathway.

Up to 3 additional subjects

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Food and Nutrition GCSE	Performing Arts BTEC
Health & Social Care BTEC	Philosophy & Ethics GCSE
History GCSE	Sport Studies OCR National
Media Studies GCSE	Travel and Tourism BTEC
Music Practice BTEC	
	Health & Social Care BTEC History GCSE Media Studies GCSE

Pathway 2:



- Offers a maximum of 10 qualifications
- Students will have <u>3 additional subjects to take</u>.
- Students with predicted GCSE target grades of 5 and above would

be placed on this learning pathway.

3 additional subjects		
Art GCSE	French GCSE	Philosophy & Ethics GCSE
Business Studies GCSE	Food Preparation and Nutrition GCSE	Psychology* GCSE
Computer Science* GCSE	Health & Social Care BTEC	Sociology* GCSE
Creative Computing BTEC	History GCSE	Spanish GCSE
Design and Technology GCSE	Media Studies GCSE	Sport Studies OCR National
PE GCSE*	Music* GCSE	Travel and Tourism BTEC
Film Studies	Music Practice BTEC	

Pathway **<u>3</u>** (EBacc):



- Offers a maximum of 10 qualifications including one language (French or Spanish)
- Students will have <u>2 additional</u> subjects to take
- Students with predicted GCSE target grades of 5 and above

2 additional subjects				
Art GCSE	Film Studies GCSE Performing Arts BTE			
Business Studies GCSE	Food Preparation and Nutrition GCSE	n Philosophy & Ethics GCSE		
Computer Science* GCSE	Healthy & Social Care BTEC	Psychology* GCSE		
Creative Computing BTEC	History GCSE	Sociology* GCSE		
Design and Technology GCSE	Media Studies GCSE	Sport Science OCR National		
Enterprise BTEC	Music* GCSE	Travel and Tourism BTEC		
PE GCSE*	Music Practice BTEC			

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 GCSE*	Minimum of grade 2 Music

Subject market place and taster sessions 8th March

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9.15- 9.45	I MEDIA (NP) B8	Psychology (AX) B2	Sociology (RF) E1	Market place (GYM)	Health and social E3	BTEC Enterprise C3	GCSE Business (C2
9.45-10.15	BTEC Enterprise C3	GCSE Business C2	Psychology (AX) B2	Sociology (RF) E1	Market place (GYM)	Health and social (E3	BTEC Business A1
10.15- 10.45	Health and social E3	BTEC Enterprise C3	GCSE Business C2	Psychology (AX) B2	Sociology (RF) E1	Market place (GYM)	Health and social A5
10.45 11.15	Market place (GYM)	Health and social E3	BTEC Enterprise C3	GCSE Business C2	Psychology (AX) B2	Sociology (RF) E1	Market place (GYM)
11.30 12.00	Sport studies (HF) A13	Market place (GYM)	Health and social E3	BTEC Enterprise C3	GCSE Business C2	Psychology (AX) B2	Sociology (RF) E1
12.00 12.30		Sport studies (HF) A13	Market place (GYM)	Health and social E3	BTEC Enterprise C3	GCSE Business C2	Psychology (AX) B2

- Ask questions!
- Study your timetable
- Please be on time



What subjects are best for me?

- Always request what you will get the most out of – don't be afraid to break up the band!
- Avoid being a 'sheep', they are <u>your</u>
 GCSEs.
- Think about your career, what do you want to do in the future?
- What do you enjoy?

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After five incredible years Zayn Malik has decided to le Direction. Niall, Harry, Liam and Louis will continue as forward to the forthcoming concerts of their world tour an recording their fifth album, due to be released later this y

Zayn says: "My life with One Direction has been more have imagined. But, after five years, I feel like it is to leave the band. I'd like to apologise to the but I have to do what feels right in my her be a normal 22-year-old who is able to out of the spotlight. I know I have fou and Niall. I know they will continue to

One Direction say: "We're really s respect his decision and send hir years have been beyond amazin so we will always be friends. Th forward to recording the new a stage of the world tour."





What happens next?



Event	Date
Post 14 learning pathways assembly.	Today
Learning pathways booklets sent out to parents.	29 th February
Y9 learning pathways 'subject market' where students have the opportunity to speak to current Y10 students studying specific courses.	8 th March
Y9 learning pathways parents' evening.	14 th March
Subject requests completed online	Thursday 28 th March
121 student interviews with SLT, (Senior Leadership team), and other key staff to review and finalise learning pathways subjects.	After Easter



February 2019

Dear Student / Parent / Carers

During the coming weeks your child will be making important decisions about the next two years and the courses they are going to follow. As they become a member of the Upper School in Year 10, they will start to take greater responsibility for their own learning. One of the ways this happens is that they are able to request some of the courses that they wish to follow for the next two years, leading to examinations in these subjects.

Your son / daughter has been placed on Learning Pathway 3

This is the pathway which offers your child the greatest opportunity to succeed. They will have the opportunity to study up to nine courses, so it is important that they make the right decisions. For this reason we have provided you with this booklet. There will be a chance to meet all staff involved during the Post 14 Pathways evening on Thursday 28th February 2019. The subjects your child requests will usually have a strong bearing on their future studies and their eventual career choice. This, together with the fact they will have to live with their subject choices for nearly two years, underlines the need to get this process right. If a student is motivated and enjoys what they are doing, they are far more likely to do well.

As you go through the process, your child should discuss their ideas with as many people as possible, for example brothers, sisters, teachers, careers adviser and older students. All these can give much needed guidance and support. We feel we have a wide range of interesting and exciting courses to offer, whilst still ensuring students follow a broad and balanced course in line with National Curriculum requirements. It is our intention to run all the courses outlined in this booklet, however, if group numbers are too small we may be unable to run a course. We would contact you if your child has requested an option which we are unable to run. Currently students are free to request to study any of the available subjects (some subjects do require certain target grades), and if it is not possible for them to be placed on a subject they have requested we will always communicate this to the students and ensure that an alternative is provided.

At the back of this booklet you will find the subject request forms, these will need to be completed and returned by Friday 22nd March. Time will be dedicated to supporting students with the completion of these forms during their Form Time.

Please contact myself or Miss Mullholland (Head of Key Stage 4) should you have any questions.

Kind regards

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How will I be examined?

- GCSE subjects all exams at the end of year 11
- Exams will be graded from 9 1 What was a C grade (good pass) you will now need a 5
- OCR Nationals, BTEC Courses, VCERTS are mainly coursework but have an exam which accounts for 25 – 40% of the exam
- PE GCSE 60% theory, 30% practical, 10% coursework
- Technology 50% coursework, 50% exam
- You will need to work your hardest from the start of Year 10 as you will be revising from your notes in Year 11
- Your reading skills need to be good!

A few answers...

- Will every subject run?
 - Only if numbers are high enough
- Will I get my top 3 choices?
 - We try to do this but there are some students that this will not be possible for. I will see you if this is you. Always put a reserve
- What if I change my mind after my choice is confirmed?
 - See Mrs Nearney
- What if I cant make up my mind?
 - Book an appointment with Mrs Nearney

Who can help?

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- Mrs Nearney
- Mrs Bonniface
- Mrs Emler
- Mr Freeland
- Mrs White
- Form Tutors
- Subject teachers