



Success in Learning Success in Life

Through A Values Led Education

Where all can be Team Brixham Smart





Year 9 Guided Subjects 2026

Welcome

Mrs Lisa Redfern
Vice Principal

'Success in learning, Success in life'



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Presentation in the hall

Timeline

6.00 – 6.30pm

Mrs Redfern – Vice Principal and the Core Subjects

Presentation in the hall

Working in Partnership

6.30 – 7.30pm

Subject Leaders

Visiting subjects and gathering information

Key Stage 4 Curriculum

Guided Subjects

Pathways to Success

Guided Subjects & Guided Subject Blocks

Frequently asked questions

Mr Haines – Head of 6th form

Thinking about the future, Post 16 and Post 18

Mrs Lander - SENco

Questions related to SEND

Future events and Application information including deadline



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Overview of steps we need to take



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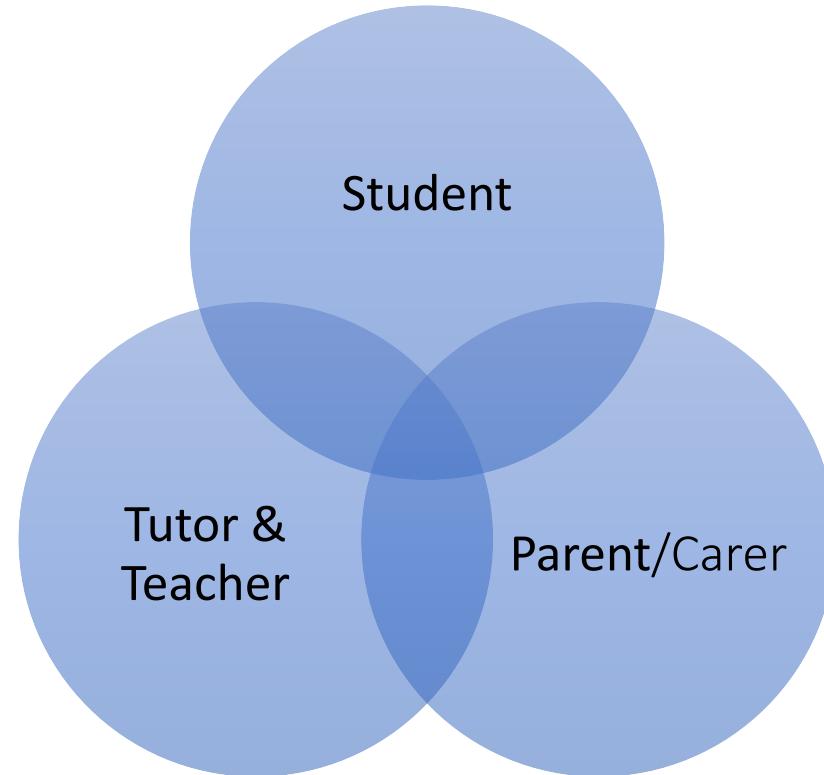
Monday 9th March – **applications open**

Step 6

Friday 20th March – **applications closed**

Step 5

1 to 1 interviews to review



Student Profile

- Strengths
- Interests
- Achievements
- Progress
- Skills
- Ambition
- Likes
- Dislikes

Key Stage 4 Curriculum

Key Stage 4 – The Compulsory Curriculum

English
Language
English
Literature

Mathematics

Science
(Double
Award)

Values
P&E
PSHEE
PE

24 Periods

Guided Subjects

Guided
Subject 1

Guided
Subject 2

Guided
Subject 3

Guided
Subject 4

16 Periods

Aims

- **Broad** and balanced
- **Enriches** the lives of our students
- Give students the **skills**, **competencies** and **knowledge** required for the future
- Appropriate in meeting requirements for **Employment**, **Apprenticeships** and **Universities**
- A range of **exam** based and **coursework** based subjects
- A curriculum which '**best fit**' for the individual leading on to appropriate pathways
- Increased expectation – independent learning



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Key Stage 4 – The Compulsory Curriculum

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English Literature

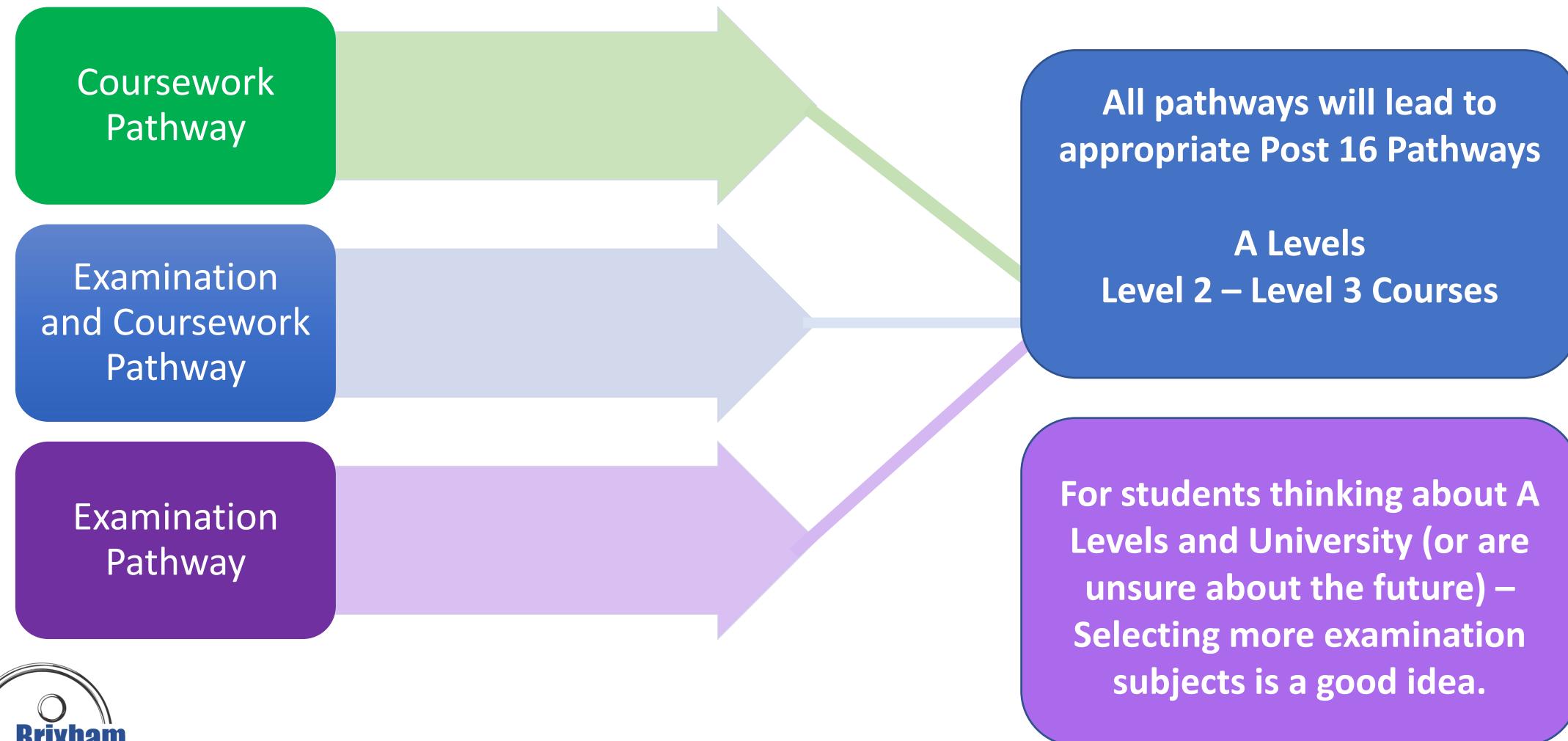
Mathematics

Science
(Double Award)



Guided Subjects 2026

Examination subjects*	Coursework and Examination 60 / 40 split	Coursework and Examinations 80 / 20 split
Computer Science	* Photography	Child Development
French	* Art	Sport
Geography	Catering	Travel and Tourism
History	3D Design	Health and Social Care
Spanish	* Textiles	Music
Business Studies	Design Technology	
Philosophy & Ethics		
Sociology		
Triple Science		



Pathways – What is the English Baccalaureate ? The Ebacc

The EBacc (English Baccalaureate) is an award which supports students to study a broad and balanced curriculum involving specific GCSEs that are recognised by Universities as qualifications which hold high academic status. In order to achieve the award, students will need to gain a grade 5 -9 in 5 subjects listed below.

1

English

2

Mathematics

3

Science

4

Geography

5

French

Guided Subject choice

OR

History

OR

Spanish

For students with aspiration to follow A Level and University pathways the English Baccalaureate may be something to consider. It is also worth considering for all students who have demonstrated the aptitude to achieve grade 5 in all of these subject areas.

A study by the UCL Institute of Education shows that studying subjects included in the EBacc provides students with greater opportunities in further education and increases the likelihood that a pupil will stay on in full-time education. Sutton Trust research reveals that studying the EBacc can help improve a young person's performance in English and maths.





Example Pathway 3

- **Goal:** To become a **Mechanical Engineer**
- **GCSEs:** Eng x 2, Maths, Sci, **French, Geography, Art**
- **A Levels at Brixham:** Maths, Physics, Business Studies
- **Work and Wider experience:** placement with MB Aerospace, Sutton Trust Apprenticeship Summer School
- **Degree Level Apprenticeship:** Mechanical Engineering with Manufacturing (6 years) at Babcock International – ABB, plus 5 GCSEs Grade 4+



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Guided Subjects & Guided subject Blocks – Decision Making

Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D
Catering	Textiles	Art	Catering
3D Design	Design Technology	Business studies	Business Studies
<i>History OR Geography</i>	Child Development	<i>Geography</i>	3D Design
Photography	<i>Computer Science</i>	Health and Social Care	**Triple Science**
<i>French</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>Geography</i>
Sociology	<i>Spanish</i>	<i>Spanish</i>	Music
Sport	Catering	Sport	Photography
Travel & Tourism	Geography	Philosophy & Ethics	Sport

Provisional

Subjects have been organised into 4 Blocks

Student voice and trends over time

Students will need to select one subject from each block

Some changes may be made depending on levels of student interest ie) an additional group could be included, or a subject could be removed. This will depend on student selection and availability.

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Rules with selection

Students will need to select one subject from each block, one of these subjects should be a **purple** subject.

You can select Art **or** Textiles **or** 3D Design. Please indicate on your application form if you would want to take more than one. No guarantee, but this will be taken into consideration.

Triple Science: Recommended Grade 5 or above (Current progress and Attitude to learning will be taken into account)

Example

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Example

The red box indicates the students 1st choice. Students will be asked to select a subject from each block. They have followed the rules with the Arts For example, a student may not be able to take Art and Textiles, or Art and 3D Design. and included one purple subject.

The yellow box indicates the students 2nd choice subjects – no conditions apply



Please make sure you....

- *research all subjects so that you have plenty of options, particularly if you need to fall back on second choice subjects*
- *put a different subject in each box*
- *make sure your second choice subject is a different subject in each box.*



Give as much information as possible

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Reminder : College website

<https://brixhamcollege.co.uk/learn-with-us/year-9-guided-subjects/>

Information Booklet

Information Booklet	
Bethune College A values Led Education	Combined Science
AQA	GCSE Combined Science: Trilogy http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/combined-science-trilogy
Syllabus number and specification link	Course Overview All students will be taught by subject specialists in Biology, Chemistry and Physics and will be examined in all three subject areas to achieve a double award in Combined Science. Practical knowledge and skills are a very important part of Science and the INVESTIGATION of study will have a significant practical opportunity integrated into the course and students' investigative skills will be assessed within the exam papers. Questions assessing students' use of mathematical skills will make up 20% of all the assessments.
Subject Lead	Biology topics: cells; organ systems; infection and response; photosynthesis and respiration; homeostasis; inheritance and variation; evolution and ecology Chemistry topics: atoms; bonding and structure; quantities; reactions and energy; rates; organic chemistry; analysis; chemistry of the atmosphere and resources Physics topics: energy; electricity; particle model of matter and atomic structure; forces; waves; magnetism and electromagnetism
	The course is assessed by external written exams. There are six exam papers in total, two papers for each of the subjects, Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Each exam represents 16.7% of the whole GCSE. The papers are all 1h 15 min.
	How am I assessed? The course will allow you to investigate, observe and predict scientific concepts. You will discuss, read and write skills as well as learning how to represent science in a mathematical and visually through models.
	Possible Career Paths The course provides a basis to progress to A Level and BTEC Level 3 qualifications, apprenticeships and ultimately careers in professions such as university; aerospace; veterinary; and animal care; agri-coaching; beauty therapy; environmental conservation and the armed forces.

 Bolton College <i>A Values Led Education</i>		Subject Photography	
		Exam Board OCR	2173 - http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse/photography-4540/
Syllabus number and specification link 2173 - http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse/photography-4540/	Subject Lead Mrs Charles	Course Overview Photography is defined here as the practice of creating durable static or moving images by recording light with light-sensitive materials such as film, knowledge and understanding through the application of traditional and/or digital techniques and processes specific to your chosen area of study in historical and contemporary photographic and the different purposes, intentions and appropriate to their own work.	What will I study? Photography is defined here as the practice of creating durable static or moving images by recording light with light-sensitive materials such as film, knowledge and understanding through the application of traditional and/or digital techniques and processes specific to your chosen area of study in historical and contemporary photographic and the different purposes, intentions and appropriate to their own work.
This is a focused course exploring practical, critical & contextual work through a specific range of Lens based media. You will work in one or more area of Photography, such as those listed below. Combinations of these areas are also possible: Documental imagery, Installation, Photo-journalism, Studio photography, Location photography, Installation, Moving image Techniques, Learners must demonstrate the ability to work creatively with techniques appropriate to the chosen area of study such as: photography, stop frame animation, film (chemical) processes, digital processes, time-lapse photography, photomontage, digital manipulation of images.	How am I assessed? Examination - project set by OCR - 30% of total mark. Unit 1: Portfolio of work - Personal themed project set by student - 60% of total mark.	Coursework Unit 1: Portfolio of work - Personal themed project set by student - 60% of total mark.	Coursework Unit 1: Portfolio of work - Personal themed project set by student - 60% of total mark.
Further study and career opportunities: Photography GCSE provides the perfect spring board for students to progress to A-Level and University. The creative industries in the U.K. are rapidly growing. They contribute £92 billion to the economy and employ over 3 million people. People with creative skills are highly valued in a rapidly changing world of work. There are hundreds of specialists but it is competitive, teacher, Camera operator for film or television, Photojournalism, Wedding & Event Photography.	Possible Career Paths Future Progress/Career Options:	Photography is defined here as the practice of creating durable static or moving images by recording light with light-sensitive materials such as film, knowledge and understanding through the application of traditional and/or digital techniques and processes specific to your chosen area of study in historical and contemporary photographic and the different purposes, intentions and appropriate to their own work.	

Subject Overviews

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Year 9 Guided Subjects 2026

Guided Subject Information Booklet



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Evening Overview

Guided Subject Offer

Contacts

Map

Frequently asked Questions

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Frequently asked questions (Please access Guided Information Booklet through the College website – Year 9 Guided Subjects)



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What are the grading systems at GCSE and BTEC??

Why do students only study 9 GCSEs?

How do GCSE choices effect students going to 6th Form college and University?

How can students ensure they are matching their GCSEs to aspirations?

What to avoid

Can a student change their mind?

Why is there reserve choices on the Guidance Form?

Final suggestions for students to consider when making their choices

Some things for parents/ careers to consider with students:

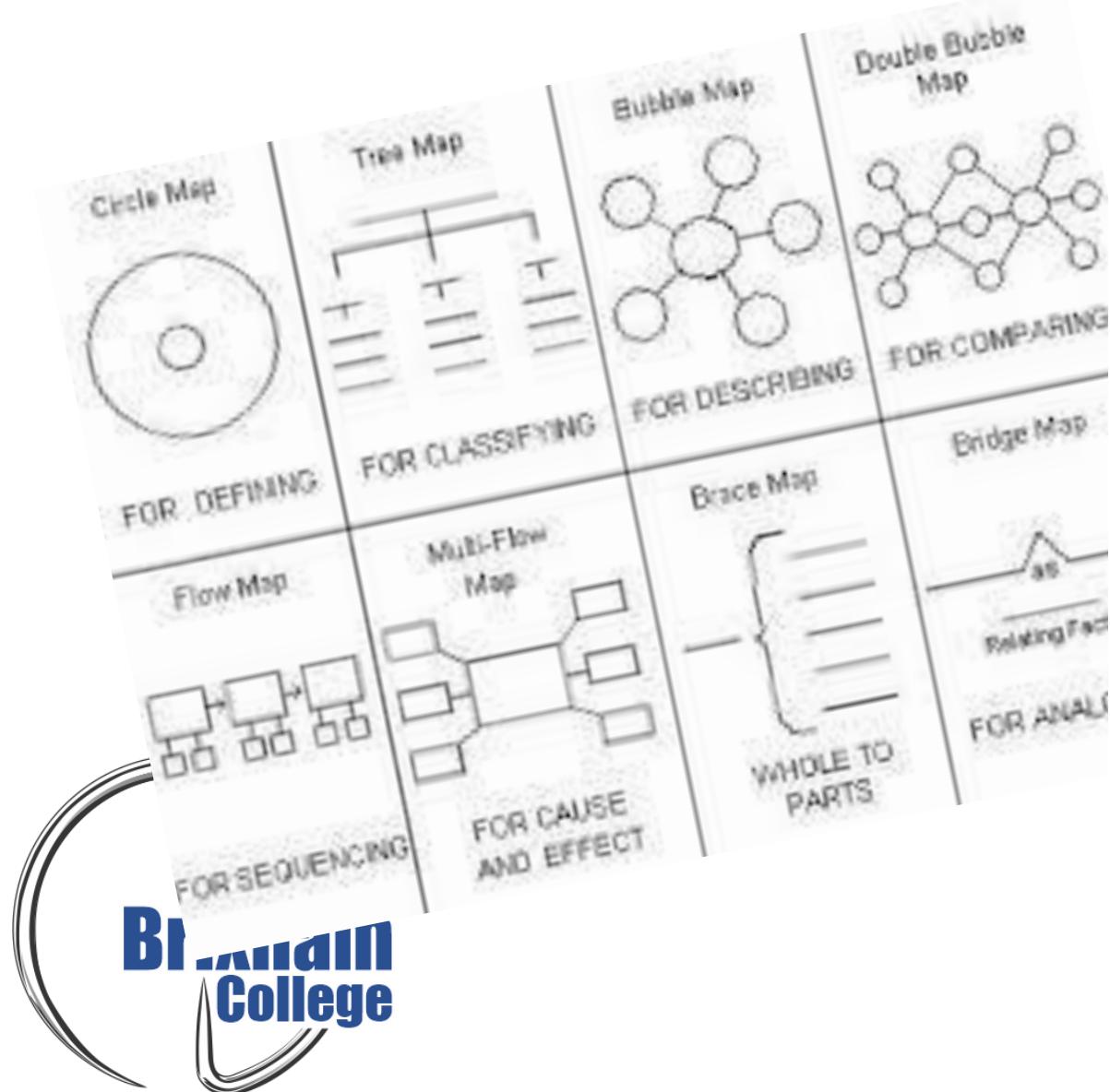
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Frequently asked Questions (What students asked following the recent Questionnaire)

Student questions following Questionnaire	Response
Can you do both Geography and History	Yes
Do you have to pick a language?	We would encourage a language, but it is not compulsory.
How much coursework is there in Sport, Child Development, Health and Social Care?	All Coursework qualifications are similar. Sport is no more or less than the others. You complete work to Pass, Merit & distinction. To get a distinction you have to complete more. Students will be expected to produce at target grade and beyond.
Will we be guaranteed the subjects we pick?	No. Unfortunately, there are many factors that influence this, but we will try our best to get the 'best fit' for all students. Students need to choose reserve subjects carefully in case they need to fall back on a second choice.
How many subjects should we choose?	You have to choose one in each block (Four)
What room and what teacher will I have?	This will not be known until you return in September. Choose subjects based on those that interest you, not the teacher.

Frequently asked Questions

Student questions following Questionnaire	Response
Will I be with friends?	Not necessarily. Make sure you don't choose a subject because your friend is in it.
Can I take more than two practical subjects?	There are some rules with the number of 'Art' based subjects. These will be picked up and discussed with individuals.
I can't do a subject because it clashes with another	There are difficult decisions to make. Let me know when you complete your application form. I do take everything into consideration and look for solutions. There is no guarantee, but I do look at it.
Can I study a subject at Post 16 if I don't follow it at GCSE?	Getting 5 GCSE's at a Grade 4-9 is the most important thing. This is the gateway to most higher level qualifications.
Can I change a subject once I have completed the application form	Try to get it right first time. Yes you can change, but when they are later than the deadline, you may have to go on a waiting list. You may be lucky.
Can I change a subject once I have started in Year 10?	We allow subject changes in the first 6 weeks. Students are not allowed to change subjects past this point.



	Information : Facts, Information, Questions. What you have. What you need. Where to get it.
	Feelings: Emotions, Hunches, Intuition, Instincts, Feelings.
	Caution: Caution, Risks, Assessment, Difficulties, Dangers and Potential problems and the reasons why.
	Benefits: Benefits, Values, Good Points, Likelihood and the reasons why.
	Creativity: Alternatives, Possibilities, New Ideas, Options, New concepts.
	Organising the thinking: Thinking about Thinking, Next Steps, Summarising, Clarifying.

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Where to find subjects and further advice, guidance and information

Quad

Post 16 / Post 18
Meet Head of 6th Form
Mr Haines
The journey ahead

SEND
Mrs Lander

Sign in desk

S C I E N C E

Maths

Main Hall

E N G L I S H

Tiered Seating

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Geography
Travel and
Tourism

French
Spanish /
Catering

Computer
Science and
Business
Studies

Art /
Photography
Textiles

Sport
Child Development
Health and Social Care

History
Sociology
Philosophy and Ethics

3D / Design
Tech / Music



Thank you

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