

Stockport Academy Year 9 Pathways Evening

15th January 2026

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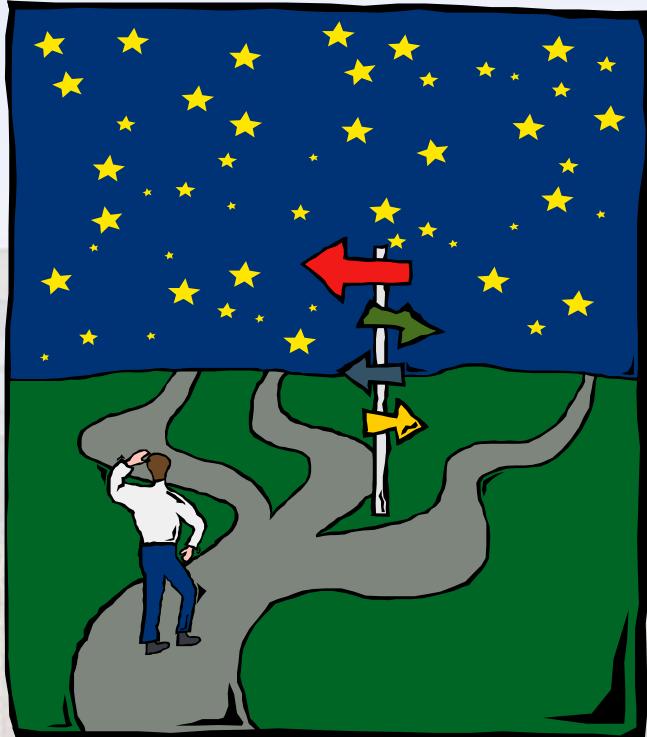


“The best way to predict your future is to create it” - Abraham Lincoln

What dreams does your child have?



Pathways Information Evening



- This presentation is an opportunity for you to find out more about the subjects your child may be interested in studying in preparation for GCSE success.
- Our purpose with this presentation is to ensure you are given all of the information you need to help your child make the choices that are right for them.

The Pathways Timeline

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We believe that our curriculum is one of the future, responds to government changes and is in keeping with local employment demands – enabling our students to have the best opportunities and pathways in to Key Stage 5 study and beyond.

Key Terms

- **GCSE** – General Certificate of Secondary Education – the main qualification in secondary schools in the UK.
- **Vocational qualifications** – for working life – these qualifications are predominantly coursework but do contain an examined element.
- **EBACC** – English Baccalaureate – A student who secures GCSE passes at grades 9 – 5 in English, Mathematics, two sciences, a modern foreign language and a humanity (History or Geography), will be recognised as having achieved the EBACC (a balanced curriculum). They do not receive a certificate.

Grade 9-1

New grading structure	Former grading structure
9	A*
8	A
7	
6	B
5	C
4	D
3	E
2	F
1	G
U	U

- Grade 9 is awarded to the top 5% nationally.
- There are fewer grade 9s awarded than A*s.

Pathway Booklet

- Will be available on the website.
- Overview of core subjects.
- Course descriptions for pathway subjects.
- Timeline with important dates.
- Choices must be input by **Friday 27th February 2026**
- You run the risk of not getting your first choice subjects.



Year 9 Pathway Choices 2025/2026



Core Subjects

All Key Stage 4 Students will study core subjects of English, Mathematics and Science.

- All students will be entered for the Mathematics GCSE.
- All students have already started a programme of study which will enable them to be entered for English Language GCSE and English Literature GCSE.
- All students will study Core and Additional Science GCSE.
- Triple Science is an option choice that is restricted to the top performing students in Year 9 Science as selected by Miss Markham.
- Your choices of subjects after the suite of core subjects is dependent on your pathway.

Subjects Offered

GCSEs

- Business Studies
- Computer Science
- 3D Design
- Drama
- French
- Fine Art
- Geography
- History
- Music
- Religious Studies
- Spanish
- Textiles
- Triple Science

Vocational Qualifications

- Business, Enterprise & Marketing (Cambridge National)
- Childcare (L1/L2 Technical award NCFE)
- Health and Social (BTEC Tech Award)
- Hospitality and Catering (L1/L2 Certificate)
- ICT Interactive Media (iMedia) (Cambridge National)
- Performing Arts – Dance (BTEC Tech Award)
- Sports Studies (Cambridge National)



English Baccalaureate

- The English Baccalaureate is not a qualification in itself. Students do not receive a certificate but it is recognised as them having followed an academic balanced curriculum.
- It is recognition for students who achieve GCSE passes at grade 9 – 5 in English, Mathematics, two sciences, a modern foreign language and a humanity (History or Geography).



Different Pathways

- 198 students in year 9.
- There are different pathways to allow for the best outcomes for every student.
- Some students will have different pathways to others, using selection criteria.

Different Pathways

Pathway 1 Red

Can choose Triple Science

Can choose Computer Science

Must take 1 from:

- History
- Geography
- Language

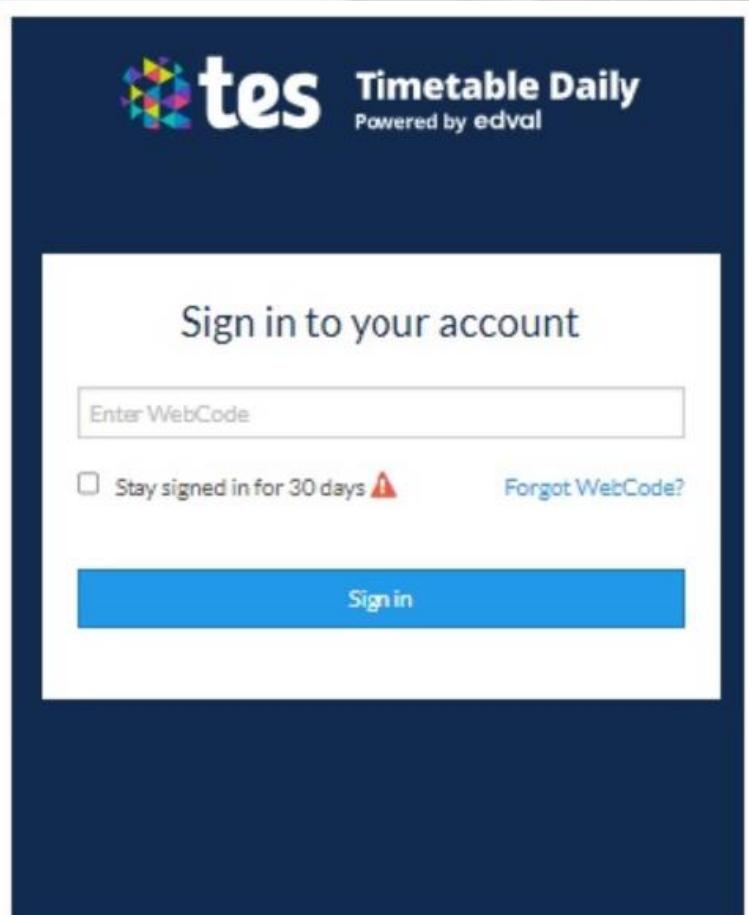
Pathway 2 Blue

Must take 1 from:

- History
- Geography
- Language

Pathway Process

- Students log in to my.edval.education, where they enter their unique WebCodes, as communicated from schools, to submit their subject preferences.



Student Profile

Students can access their profile at the top right of the Choice screen.

Choice

Yr 11 Electives

Main Units	Subject	Units
English	No selection	0
Mathematics	No selection	0
Preference 3	No selection	0
Preference 4	No selection	0
Preference 5	No selection	0
Preference 6	No selection	0

Reserve Units	Subject	Units
Reserve 1	No selection	0
Reserve 2	No selection	0
Reserve 3	No selection	0

Total 0

CLINTON, Bennett

Profile...

Regenerate WebCode

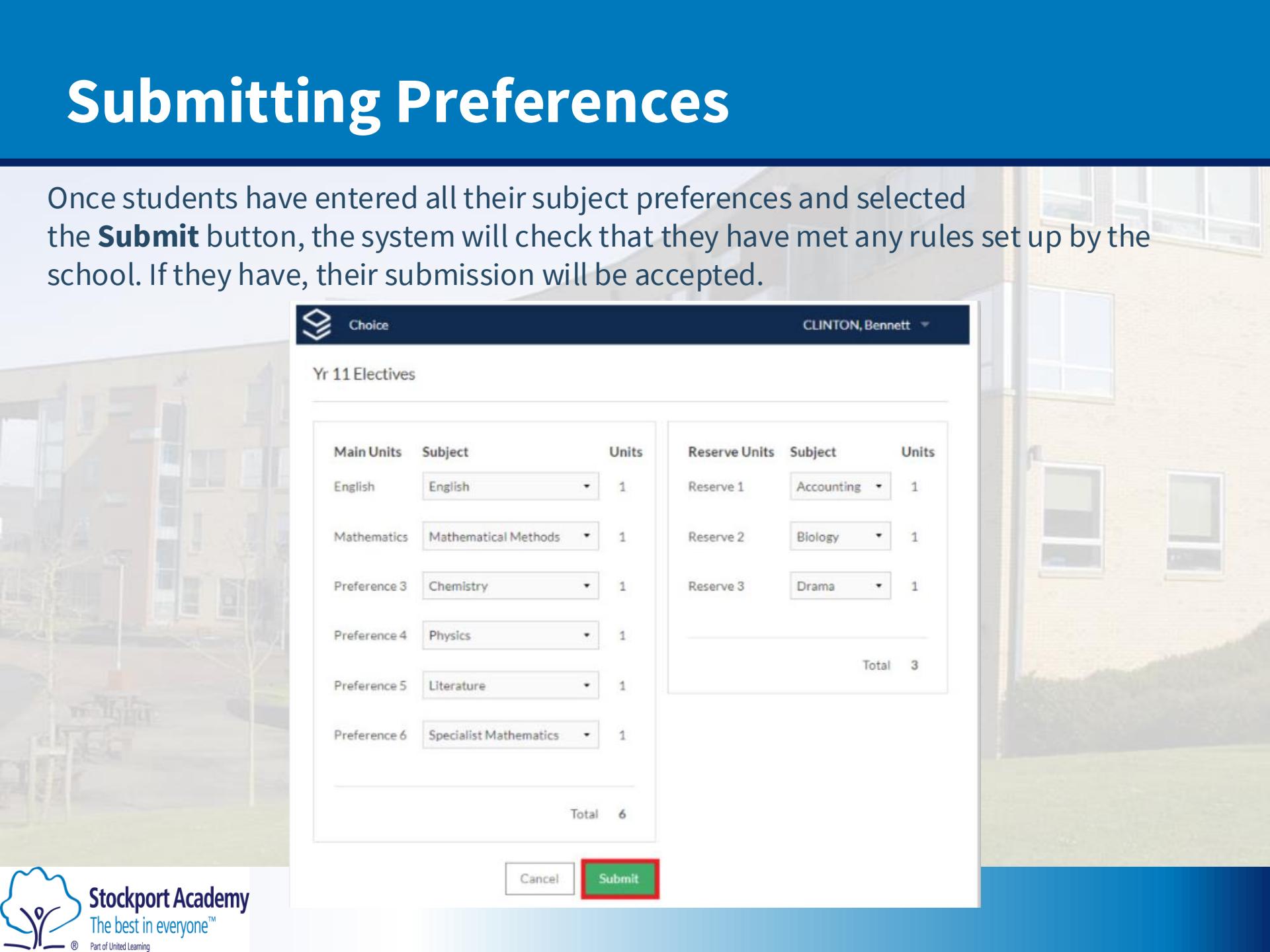
Logout

Cancel

Submit

Submitting Preferences

Once students have entered all their subject preferences and selected the **Submit** button, the system will check that they have met any rules set up by the school. If they have, their submission will be accepted.



Choice CLINTON, Bennett

Yr 11 Electives

Main Units	Subject	Units
English	English	1
Mathematics	Mathematical Methods	1
Preference 3	Chemistry	1
Preference 4	Physics	1
Preference 5	Literature	1
Preference 6	Specialist Mathematics	1

Reserve Units	Subject	Units
Reserve 1	Accounting	1
Reserve 2	Biology	1
Reserve 3	Drama	1

Total 3

Total 6

Cancel **Submit**

Submission Form

Students can print a hard copy of their submitted subject preference form.

Student name: CLINTON, Bennett (CLI1168)

Notes: Your choices are registered.

Submitted date: Fri. 24 Apr. 2020 12:49:09

Main units

Main Units	Subject	Units
ENG	English	2
MAM	Mathematical Methods	2
CHE	Chemistry	2
PHY	Physics	2
LIT	Literature	2
SMA	Specialist Mathematics	2

Total units: 12

Reserve units

Reserve Units	Subject	Units
ACC	Accounting	2
BIO	Biology	2
DRA	Drama	2

Total units: 6

Update email

• Your selection will be sent to the email you choose.
• You can choose to send email to current email address in our system, or send email to optional email you fill in.
• If you do not have any email registered in our system, you have to fill in the optional email.

Current user's email
You do not have any registered email in our system

Optional email

You can pick 1x creative subject and Food tech depending on your option block.

Food Technology: Hospitality & Catering

Options: You can only pick 1 from this list!

Art: Fine Art

Product Design: 3D Design

Textiles: Fashion

Other Discounting Subjects

- Business Studies GCSE and Enterprise and Marketing Cambridge National – Vocational

Others:

- Art: Fine Art
- Product Design: 3D Design
- Textiles: Fashion

Oversubscribed Courses

- What happens if a course is oversubscribed:
- Attendance (the higher better).
- The number of negative behaviour points accrued (the lower the better).
- Attendance at relevant enrichment clubs (for example participating in shows if interested in dance or drama).
- Current effort in chosen subjects.
- Academic performance in current subjects.
- Contribution to wider school life (charity work etc.).

Advice for Students

DO:

1. Take the decision seriously and give yourself enough time to make an informed choice.
2. Read your past assessment reports and feedback. This may help you with your option choices.
3. Ask subject teachers their thoughts: do they think the course is right for you?
4. Do your research – which courses will you need to help you achieve in the future?
5. Choose subjects that you enjoy, engage in and can do your best in.

DON'T:

1. Choose subjects just because your friends have chosen them – you are not your friends and their decision may not be right for you.
2. Reject subjects because you don't like the teacher, or choose subjects because you do like the teacher – they may not teach it next year.
3. Rush and make uninformed decisions.
4. Think carefully before choosing subjects which are similar to one another – will this be a benefit or not? Will it help you to gain a variation of skills and understanding?

Reminder – Key dates

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Next Steps

- Students will receive full instructions for this process.
- The options forms will be completed online. Students who miss the deadline on **Friday 27th February 2026** are less likely to get all of their first options choices.
- Confirmation of subjects allocated will be released by the end of May and parents notified.
- Students who do not receive all of their first choices, for whatever reason, will be invited to an interview and new subjects will be discussed.
- There will be no appeals process.
- Any student who has had difficulty completing the options form, or is in need of extra support and guidance will be offered it up to 3rd March. If help is not requested and no form is submitted, students may be given the subjects felt by staff to be the most appropriate for them.

Parents' Evening

- Year 9 Parents' Evening begins at:
4 pm on Thursday 22nd January 2026.
- Please ensure you take this opportunity to talk to the subject specialist staff from those subjects of most interest before making final decisions.
- Any questions should be through: pathways@stockport-academy.org
- We will now answer any immediate questions, have a safe journey home.