

Stockport Academy Year 9 Pathways Evening

26th January 2023



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

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

Date	Event
26 th January 2023	Pathways Information Evening.
3 rd February 2023	Pathways assembly with Mr Walker.
6 th February onwards	Presentations of subjects to students by departments.
16 th February 2023	All students to have received their Pathways Online login and instructions.
16 th February 2023	Year 9 Parents' evening – this is an opportunity to discuss any concerns or ask any questions of subject teachers or careers teams who will be present.
1st March 2023	Pathways drop day – ALL Pathway choices must have been completed online and the confirmation form handed into form teachers on this day. Subjects will be confirmed by 26th May.

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.
- **Cambridge National** – 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.
- **Facilitating Subjects** – These subjects are recommended if students are thinking of going to University and especially a Russell Group University – the subjects are those named in the Baccalaureate.
- **Non-Exam Assessment** - These are similar to coursework. Most will count as a percentage towards the final qualification grade – they must be done under exam conditions in a school setting.

Grade 9-1

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

- Grade 9 is awarded to the top 20% nationally of those results in the band 7 or above.
- There are fewer grade 9s awarded than A*s.

Points to Note

- External examination for all subjects.
- First entry: this will remove opportunities for students to resit public examinations.
- New examination specifications: have been introduced across the curriculum.
- All students remain in education or training until the age of 18. They will study English and Maths up to the age of 18 unless they achieve a pass in English and Maths earlier.

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 **Wednesday 1st March 2023** or you run the risk of not getting your first choice subjects.



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Year 9 Pathway
Choices 2023/24



Subjects Offered

GCSEs

- Art and Design
- Business Studies
- Computer Science
- Design Technology
- Drama
- French
- Geography
- History
- Music
- Religious Studies
- Spanish
- Triple Science

Subjects Offered

Vocational Exams

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

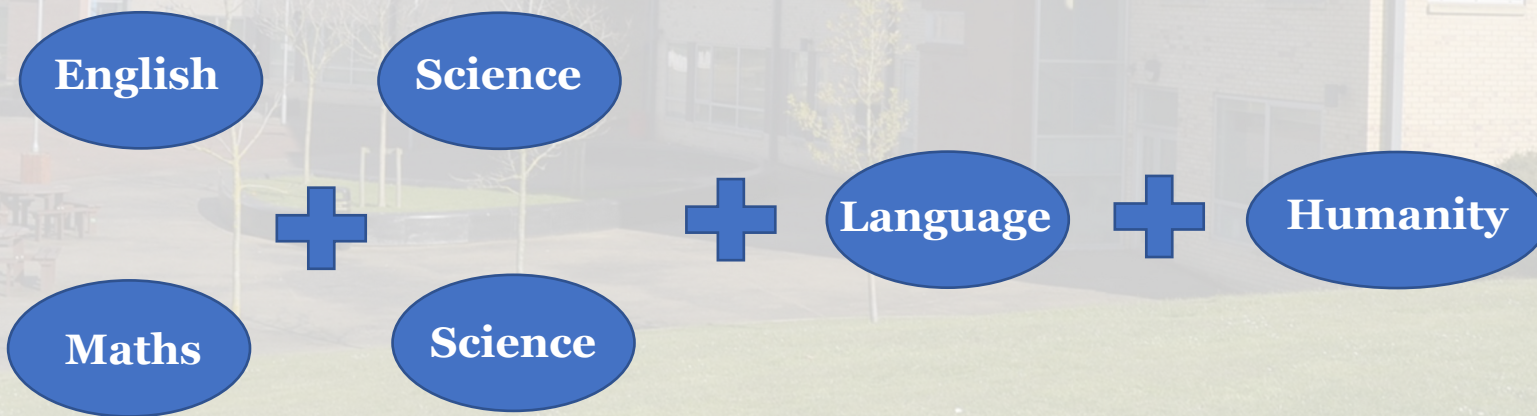
Core Subjects

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 two sets in Year 9 Science.
- All students must study at least one of Geography or History.

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 a 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).



Rationale

- 199 students in year 9.
- Emphasis on academic profile.
- All students must sit a whole progress 8 suite.
- This is the first year where students will confirm their choices using new options software that should enable us to offer more first choices.
- Some students will have different pathways to others, using selection criteria.

Red Pathway

- Mandatory Language, Triple Science Available for Selection.

Mandatory		Mandatory		Choices	
GCSE	French	GCSE	Geography	GCSE	Triple Science
GCSE	Spanish	GCSE	History	GCSE	Religious Studies
				GCSE	Design Technology
				GCSE	Drama
				GCSE	Geography
				GCSE	Spanish
				GCSE	Art
				GCSE	Business
				GCSE	Computer Science
				GCSE	French
				GCSE	History
				GCSE	Music
				CamNat	Business, Enterprise and Marketing
				CamNat	Sports Studies
				CamNat	Creative iMedia
				BTEC	Dance
				L1/L2	Hospitality and Catering

Yellow Pathway

- Full Ebacc Suite available with exception of Triple Science.

Mandatory		Mandatory		Choices	
GCSE	French	GCSE	Geography	GCSE	Religious Studies
GCSE	Spanish	GCSE	History	GCSE	Design Technology
				GCSE	Drama
				GCSE	Geography
				GCSE	Spanish
				GCSE	Art
				GCSE	Business
				GCSE	Computer Science
				GCSE	French
				GCSE	History
				GCSE	Music
				CamNat	Business, Enterprise and Marketing
				CamNat	Sports Studies
				CamNat	Creative iMedia
				BTEC	Dance
				L1/L2	Hospitality and Catering

Green Pathway

- Languages are available but not mandatory.

Mandatory	Choices
GCSE Geography	GCSE Religious Studies
GCSE History	GCSE Design Technology
	GCSE Drama
	GCSE Geography
	GCSE Spanish
	GCSE Art
	GCSE Business
	GCSE Computer Science
	GCSE French
	GCSE History
	GCSE Music
	CamNat Business, Enterprise and Marketing
	CamNat Sports Studies
	CamNat Creative iMedia
	BTEC Dance
	L1/L2 Hospitality and Catering


Pathway Process

- **Students will receive two emails from no-reply@mail.arbor-education.com to their school email address by 16th Feb 2023**
- The first will include instructions and a link
- The second will include login details
- Parents will receive a copy of this communication

Pathway Process



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To Louise Helsby

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Dear Louise

Please find attached the instruction sheet for the Pathways Process.

You will need to follow this link [//www.studentoptions.co/StockportAcademy_Pathway1](http://www.studentoptions.co/StockportAcademy_Pathway1)

The window for input is 16th February until 1st March 2023

Please do not miss this deadline as it may affect the subjects you are offered.

Pathway Process

Students will need to make their choices


- You will choose 4 subjects in total plus 2 reserves.
- Follow the instructions – in some instances you must choose 1 subject from 2, in others you can choose freely from a list.
- The system will guide you through your choices
- Click the relevant radio button
- Select reserves where prompted – you should not choose a subject as a reserve if you have already picked it as a first choice.
- Make sure you check all your details are correct.
- Save and Submit the form.
- The system will only allow you to submit one set of choices. Please plan your choices carefully before pressing Submit.
- If you have any queries please email pathways@stockport-academy.org.
- Submit your choices by **1st March 2023**.
- We will confirm student's original choices to parents by email by 20th March 2023. Any queries should be sent to school as per the instructions.


Pathway Process


Choices will be Spanish, History, Drama, Geography – no reserves

1: Follow the link.

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2: Login using details provided.



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Collecting Student Choices On-line

Please enter your details:

Username: 
Password: 



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Pathway Process

Choices will be Spanish, History, Drama, Geography – no reserves

3: Choose subjects from list - Click next

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To leave without making any choices: [Log out](#)

Choices for: Nathan Barnes 9J

Extra information: Click [here](#) for an **example**/instructions. Click [here](#) for **course information**.

Step 1 of 4

[Start](#) > Choice 1 > Choice 2 > Free choice > Confirmation

Choose **ONE** of the following Subjects:

French (Fr)

Spanish (Sp)

Next

Pathway Process

Choices will be Spanish, History, Drama, Geography – no reserves

4: Choose next subjects from list - Click next

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Step 2 of 4

[Start](#) > [Choice: Spanish](#) > Choice 2 > Free choice > Confirmation

Choose ONE of the following Subjects:

Geography (Gg)

History (Hi)

Next

Pathway Process

Choices will be Spanish, History, Drama, Geography – no reserves

5: Choose next subjects from list - Click next

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Step 3 of 4

[Start](#) > [Choice: Spanish](#) > [Choice: History](#) > Free choice > Confirmation

Please enter your 2 choices by entering 3, 4 in the box by your chosen subjects.

Subject	Choice
Art (Art)	<input type="text"/>
Drama (Dr)	<input type="text"/>
Food Technology (Fo)	<input type="text"/>
French (Fr)	<input type="text"/>
Geography (Gg)	<input type="text"/>
History (Hi)	Already selected
Info Technology (IT)	<input type="text"/>
Music (Mu)	<input type="text"/>
P.E. (PE)	<input type="text"/>
Spanish (Sp)	Already selected

Submit

Reset this form

Clear this form

Pathway Process

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6: Review your choices – confirm or change

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Please check your Subjects and if they are correct, click 'Confirm Choices'

Name: Nathan Barnes
Class: 9J
Username: NBARN

Choice No.	Subject chosen
1	Spanish
2	History
3	Drama
4	Geography

Please could you also answer this question:
What is your expected career ?

Answer:

Pathway Process

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7: Receive on-screen confirmation

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Thank you

Your Subject Choices have been saved - thank you.

[Click here if you would like an Email confirmation](#)

[Click here to finish and log-out](#)

Pathway Process

Choices will be Spanish, History, Drama, Geography – no reserves

8: Request email confirmation of choices

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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

Date	Event	Details
3 rd February 2023	Pathways assembly with Mr Walker.	Confirmation of what has been communicated to parents with guidelines on the process and information on advice and support available.
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Next Steps

- Students will receive full instructions for this process.
- The options forms will be completed online with a paper copy returned to school signed by parents. Students who miss the deadline on **Wednesday 1st March** are less likely to get all of their first options choices.
- Confirmation of subjects allocated will be released by 26th 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 1st 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:
3.45 pm on Thursday 16th February.
- 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 raised with Mrs Porter, Mrs McNulty or Mr Farnworth.
- We will now answer any immediate questions, have a safe journey home.