

Welcome to our Year 8 Pathways Showcase Evening



Year 8 Pathways

This evening I will talk through the following:

- Which subjects and qualifications students can study
- What information, guidance and support we are providing
- How students choose subject preferences

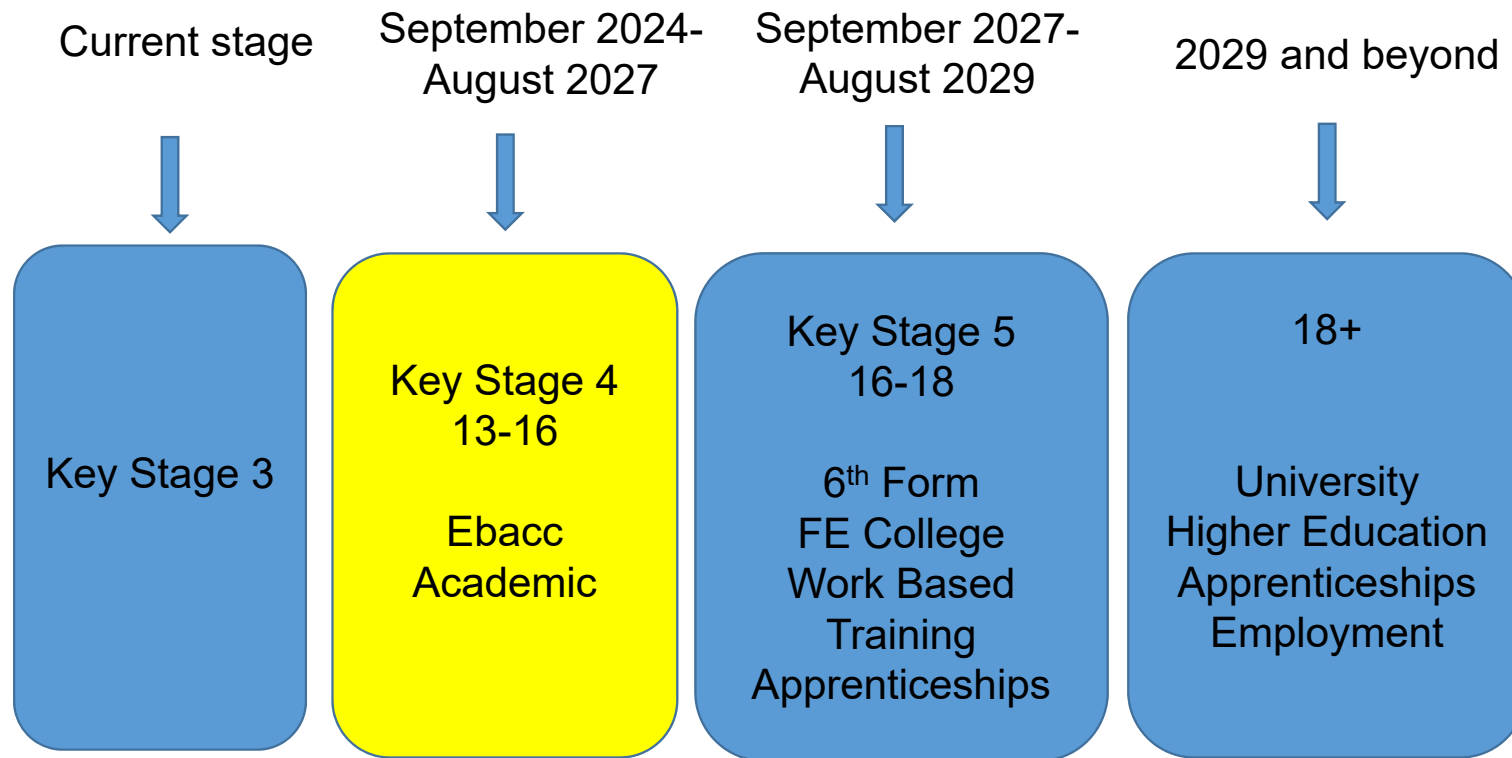
You are then invited to visit our subject carousels, located in the library and the Main block first and top floors



**Year 8 Key Stage 4
Pathways 2024**

**Key Information & Subject
Pages**

Pathways to Success

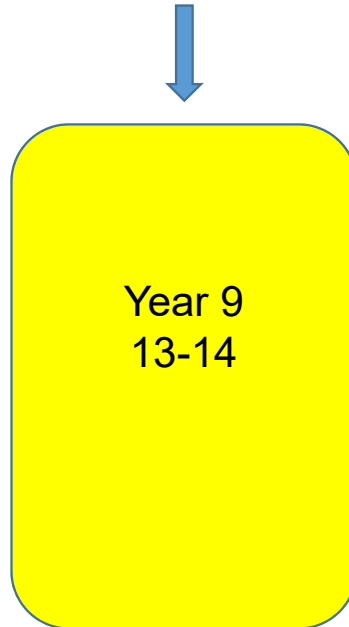


Year 9

Current stage

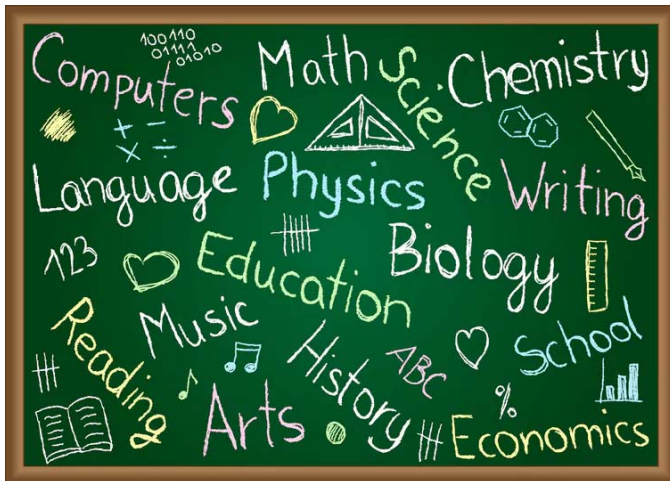
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What is Year 9?

- Subject expertise and disciplinary learning
- Breadth of learning
- Exploratory learning



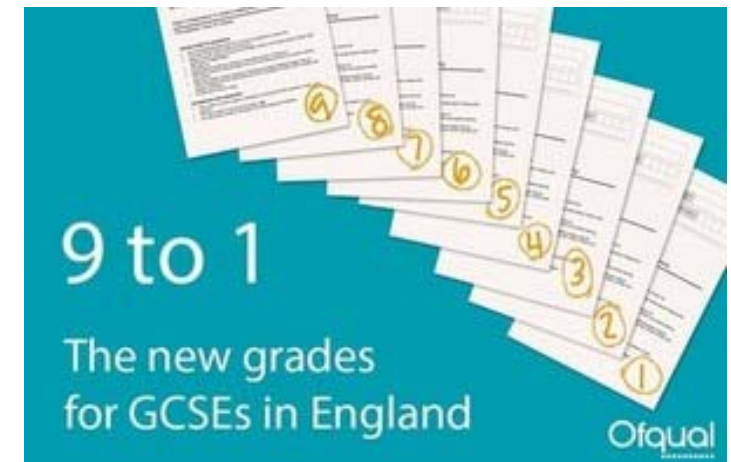
Important decisions lay ahead



What qualifications will students study at Key Stage 4?

GCSE:

- All GCSE qualifications have now been reformed
- Strong academic content, highly challenging
- Examinations at the end of the 3 year course



What qualifications will students study at Key Stage 4?

BTEC:

- More vocational qualifications
- Assessed by a mixture of controlled assessment, ongoing exam assessment and final exams
- Grading: Pass, Merit, Distinction and Distinction*



BTEC
Next Generation



BTEC qualifications



BTEC offers a range of qualifications for anyone taking their first steps into the world of work, progressing through their careers, planning to enter college or sixth form, or starting an apprenticeship.

- Business
- Digital Information
- Health and Social Care
- Media
- Sport

BTEC candidates gain practical knowledge and employability skills.

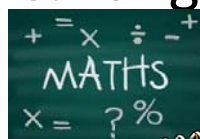
- Self management
- Team working
- Business and customer awareness
- Problem solving
- Communication and literacy
- Application of numeracy
- Application of information technology

Year 9 curriculum

Core Subjects



- English (Literature & Language)
- Mathematics
- Science (x2 GCSEs)
- Core PE
- Religious Studies
- PSHE
- Creative Entitlement



Preference Subjects

- Preference subject 1 - History or Geography
- Preference subject 2
- Preference subject 3
- Preference subject 4
- Students must also choose 2 reserve subjects

Preferences



Preference 1	Preferences 2-4, Reserves 1-2		
Geography	Art, Craft & Design	French	BTEC Sport
History	Design Technology	Geography	GCSE Physical Education
	Food and Nutrition	Dance	Triple Science
	BTEC Business	Drama	BTEC Health and Social Care
	BTEC Digital Information	Music	Philosophy and Ethics
	BTEC Media		Psychology

Art and Design

Art, Craft and Design is an option. As are Design & Technology and Food and Nutrition. **You cannot choose Design & Technology and Food & Nutrition as preference choices.** There are limited spaces.



Business, Computing and Media

This faculty offers three BTEC courses: Business, Digital Information and Media



Business



Modern Foreign Languages



- French is a well regarded qualification
- The **EBacc** is made up of 5 GCSE qualifications including English, Mathematics, Science, a Modern Foreign Language (French) and a Humanities subject (Geography or History).
- Students wishing to study the Ebacc group of subjects **must** choose French as a preference.



Humanities

All students will study at least one Humanities subject, either Geography or History. You can study both!

Geography



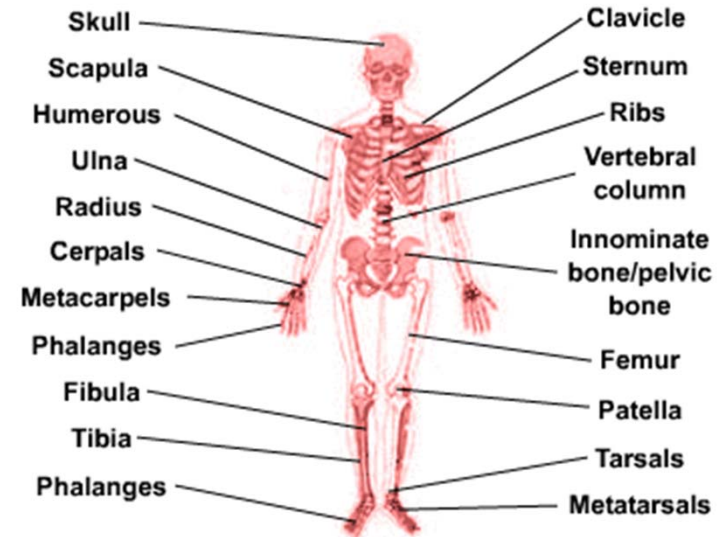
Performing Arts

We are proud to offer 3 Performing Arts GCSEs: Dance, Drama and Music



Physical Education

Students can only chose one of BTEC Sport or GCSE PE in their subject preferences. Anyone wishing to study GCSE PE needs to speak to their PE teacher or Mr Hallett to confirm their suitability for the course.



Social Sciences

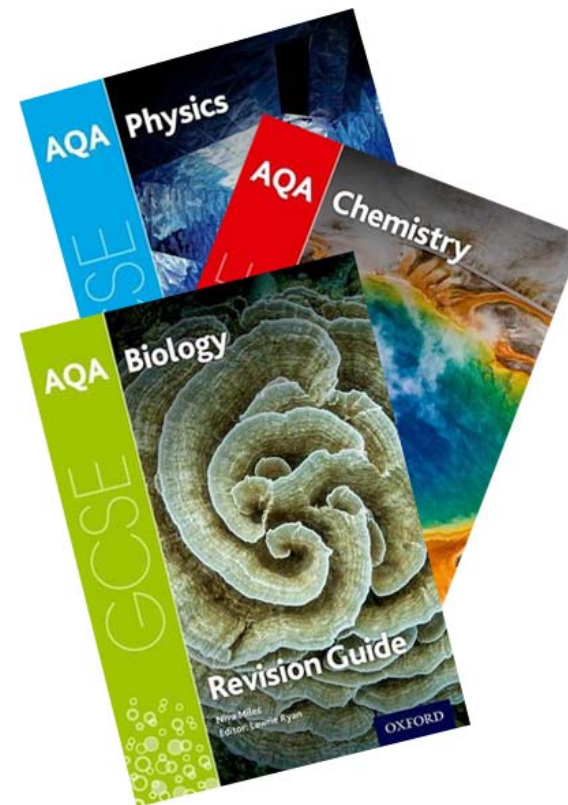
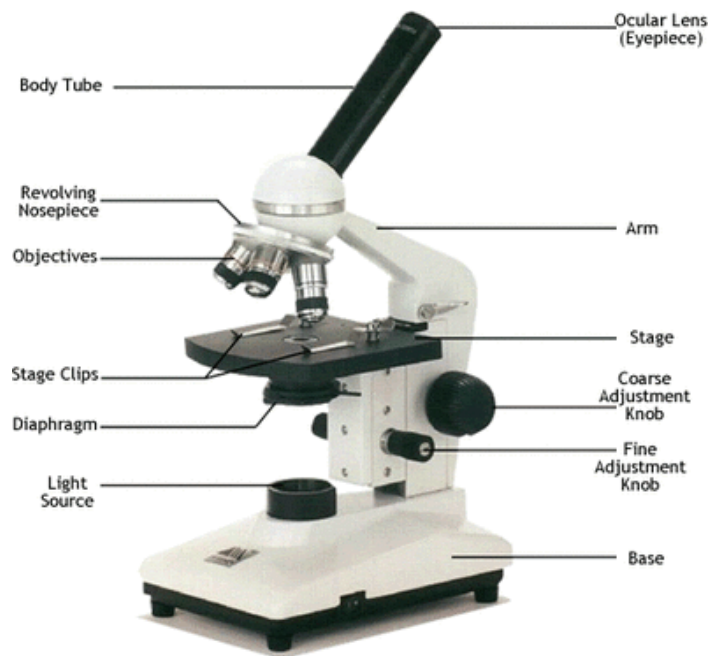


This includes the subject of Psychology. We are also offering a new subject for the first time to you: BTEC Health and Social Care.



Science

Triple Science has demanding academic content. Students wishing to apply to this needs to speak to their Science teacher or Mrs Cook in order to confirm their suitability for the course.



Preferences



Preference 1	Preferences 2-4, Reserves 1-2		
Geography	Art, Craft & Design	French	BTEC Sport
History	Design Technology	Geography	GCSE Physical Education
	Food and Nutrition	Dance	Triple Science
	BTEC Business	Drama	BTEC Health and Social Care
	BTEC Digital Information	Music	Philosophy and Ethics
	BTEC Media		Psychology

Preferences – example 1



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Geography	Art, Craft & Design	French	BTEC Sport
History	Design Technology	History	GCSE Physical Education
	Food and Nutrition	Dance	Triple Science
	BTEC Business	Drama	BTEC Health and Social Care
	BTEC Digital Information	Music	Philosophy and Ethics
	BTEC Media		Psychology

Preferences – example 2

Preference 1	Preferences 2-4, Reserves 1-2		
Geography	Art, Craft & Design	French	BTEC Sport
History	Design Technology	History	GCSE Physical Education
	Food and Nutrition	Dance	Triple Science
	BTEC Business	Drama	BTEC Health and Social Care
	BTEC Digital Information	Music	Philosophy and Ethics
	BTEC Media		Psychology

Preferences – example 3

Preference 1	Preferences 2-4, Reserves 1-2		
Geography	Art, Craft & Design	French	BTEC Sport
History	Design Technology	History	GCSE Physical Education
	Food and Nutrition	Dance	Triple Science
	BTEC Business	Drama	BTEC Health and Social Care
	BTEC Digital Information	Music	Philosophy and Ethics
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Key questions to ask as you make your pathway choices

- What do I want to be doing in 10 years time?
- What do I need to study now to achieve my goals?
- What subjects do I enjoy and want to learn more about?
- What are my strengths and skills now?
- What do they need to be?
- What subjects will help keep my future options open?
- What are the demands of the courses of the preference subjects?
- What information do I need and where can I find it out?

DOs and DON'Ts in making pathway choices



- Do choose subjects that you are good at - this is more likely to lead to good grades.
- Do choose subjects that you really enjoy - if you enjoy the subject you will find it easier to do.
- Do make a balanced choice - it will keep the widest possible career choice open to you.
- Do keep in mind Sixth Form opportunities - it pays to plan ahead.
- Do read the information on the courses you are interested in - know exactly what is expected of you.
- Do talk to your parents, teachers, tutor group and Careers Adviser - their advice could be useful.



- Don't choose a subject just because your friend has chosen it - you may not be in the same teaching group.
- Don't choose a subject just because you like the teacher - you may not be taught by that person next year.
- Don't choose a subject because you are looking for an easy life - all subjects involve considerable work and effort.

Year 8 Pathways Process

- Year 8 Pathways Showcase Evening:
Tuesday 19th March, 5.30pm or 6.30pm invite
- Year 8 Key Stage 4 Pathways fortnight
 - KS4 subject information sessions: w/c 18th March
 - KS4 subject taster sessions: w/c 25th March
 - Tutor time session
- Year 8 Subject Progress Review Evening (SPRE):
Wednesday 24th April
- Deadline to complete your online preference forms:
Thursday 25th April



How do you choose your preferences?

- Students will complete an **online form** which will be emailed to their school account in the week before Easter break
- Students must choose 4 preferences and 2 reserves
- Students can only choose one of BTEC Sport or GCSE PE
- Students can only choose one of Design Technology or Food Preparation and Nutrition.
- Students are **indicating preferences**: nothing can be guaranteed.
- Students may not receive their first 4 preferences. Reserves must be chosen carefully!
- **Online form due by Thursday 25th April**

Year 8 Key Stage 4 Subject Preferences 2024

Please choose your subject preferences below. You will choose 4 preferences and 2 reserves.

You must follow these rules:

- Your 2 reserves must be different to your 4 preferences
- You can only choose one of BTEC Sport or GCSE PE in the preferences or reserves
- You can choose only one of Design Technology or Food Preparation and Nutrition in the preferences or reserves
- If you wish to study both Humanities subjects, then choose Geography in preference 1

Please be aware that these are preferences only. If some subjects are oversubscribed or do not have viable numbers to run then students may be allocated a reserve choice. This means that students may not receive all 4 of their first choices.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND SUBMIT BY THURSDAY 25TH APRIL.

Preference 1

4. Preference 1. Select 1 subject. *

Geography

History

Preferences 2-4



5. Preferences 2-4. Select 3 more subjects *

Please select 3 options.

- Art Craft and Design
- Design Technology
- Food Preparation and Nutrition
- BTEC Business Studies
- BTEC Digital Information
- BTEC Creative Digital Media Production
- French
- History

- Dance
- Drama
- Music
- BTEC Sport
- GCSE Physical Education (PE)
- Science Triple Award
- BTEC Health & Social Care
- Philosophy and Ethics
- Psychology

Reserves 1-2



6. Reserves 1-2. Select 2 subjects *

Please select 2 options.

- Art Craft and Design
- Design Technology
- Food Preparation and Nutrition
- BTEC Business Studies
- BTEC Digital Information
- BTEC Creative Digital Media Production
- French
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- Music
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- Psychology

7. Do you have any comments about your preference choices?

Enter your answer

Thank you for attending



- Deadline to complete the online preference forms, **Thursday 25th April**
- If you have any questions, please do email: kmatthews@latimer.org.uk

Any questions?

