



## **Year 8 Pathways Evening**

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018  
4:30pm – 8:30pm

**Mr Slack**

Assistant Vice Principal

**Mr Arnull**

Head of School



# **Welcome** to Pathways Evening.

The start of a **new,**  
**exciting journey**  
and the next steps in your  
Academy life at Q3.

# Four Pathways to meet the needs of your child.

Pathway 1	Pathway 2	Pathway 3	Pathway 4
The English Baccalaureate (Ebacc.)	The Academic Route	The Applied Route	The Supportive Route
The 'Ebacc.' route, which is encouraged for the majority of students, requires studying at least one humanities subject (Geography or History) along with at least one Modern Foreign Language (French, Spanish or German).	This route ensures students have the correct combination of subjects to compete for Sixth Form places but does not qualify for recognition of studying the full Ebacc. Students study one of the following: Geography, History or French (or Spanish for those who have studied it throughout Year 8), along with three academic subject choices.	The Applied route is for those who would prefer the option to study subjects that are more practical; often in the form of vocational courses such as BTEC, OCR Technical or NCFE, which require more focus on controlled assessment and less on examinations. In addition to this, students must study one of the following: Geography, History or French.	The supportive route is intended for those who require additional support in English and Mathematics. It aims to prepare students for their progression into post-16 study or apprenticeship by offering applied subjects such as 'Work Skills' and 'Functional Skills', along with an optional choice in a GCSE subject.

# Pathway 1: The English Baccalaureate

**Eight Qualifying Subjects** with  
at least **one humanities** subject and  
**one modern foreign language.**

Pathway 1 (Ebacc.)			
Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4
History Geography	French Spanish German	Separate Sciences Art Design Technology BTEC Enterprise Computing Photography Psychology Sociology Media Studies GCSE Music RSL Music Religious Studies	French Separate Sciences GCSE PE Textiles GCSE Business Further Mathematics Photography Psychology Sociology Performing Arts GCSE RS (Food & Nutrition as long as doing French) (Health & Social Care as long as doing French)

The way we run Separate Sciences has changed.

## Pathway 2: The Academic Route

**Eight Qualifying Subjects** with  
at least **one humanities** subject or  
**one modern foreign language.**

Pathway 2 (Academic)			
Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4
Geography History French German	Geography History French Spanish Art Design Technology Health & Social Care GCSE PE NCFE Food Performing Arts	Art Design Technology BTEC Enterprise Computing Photography Sociology Media Studies GCSE Music RSL Music Religious Studies	French GCSE PE Textiles GCSE Business Photography Psychology Sociology Performing Arts GCSE RS

## Pathway 3: The Applied Route

**Eight Qualifying Subjects** made up of two Level 2 Applied Subjects with at least **one humanities** subject or **one modern foreign language**.



**Pathway 3 (Vocational)**

<b>Block 1</b>	<b>Block 2</b>	<b>Block 3</b>	<b>Block 4</b>
Geography History French German	Art Design Technology Health & Social Care GCSE PE NCFE Food Performing Arts		Child Care Hair & Beauty Construction

## **Pathway 4:** The Supportive Route

**Eight Qualifying Subjects** with  
compulsory **Work Skills** and  
**Functional Skills** to support  
development in GCSE English and  
mathematics.

Pathway 4 (Supportive)			
Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4
Work Skills	NCFE Health & Fitness	Art Design Technology BTEC Enterprise Photography RSL Music	Functional Skills



## **Science:** Double or Triple?

This is a decision which remains with the science department and your option choice is an expression of interest.

However, we generally expect all students who achieved “Above Expectation” (average SAT score of 107) to be eligible for Separate Sciences.

# Making your Option Choices: Year 8

Option Choice Form 2018-19:

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate which Pathway you are following by circling the appropriate box below:

1	2	3	4
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Please identify your four option choices, relevant to your pathway, along with a reserve choice for each:

	Subject 1	Subject 2	Subject 3	Subject 4
First Choice				
Reserve Choice				

This will be alongside the core subjects, which all students follow, of:

- English Literature and Language
- Mathematics
- Science (either double or triple award)
- Wellbeing: Inspire
- Wellbeing: Physical Education (Health and Fitness Qualification)

What are your future aspirations?

Parent/Carer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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Please identify your four option choices, relevant to your pathway, along with a reserve choice for each:

	Subject 1	Subject 2	Subject 3	Subject 4
First Choice	History	German	Photography	Separate Sci.
Reserve Choice	Geography	French	Art	Psychology



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Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4
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Please identify your four option choices, relevant to your pathway, along with a reserve choice for each:

	Subject 1	Subject 2	Subject 3	Subject 4
First Choice	History	Art	Haír	Haír
Reserve Choice	French	Perf. Arts		

**Please do not put a second option for subjects 3 and 4 in Pathway 3.**

**Pathway 3 (Vocational)**

<b>Block 1</b>	<b>Block 2</b>	<b>Block 3</b>	<b>Block 4</b>
Geography History French German	Art Design Technology Health & Social Care GCSE PE NCFE Food Performing Arts		Child Care Hair & Beauty Construction



Your **Second Choice** must be something you actually want to do.

Courses do have a **maximum** number.

**Recommendations** are taken into account.

**Minimum of 15** for a course to run.

We will do the best we can to make sure students get their first choices.

Please do not make your first and second choices a combination of the same subjects.

For example:

Please identify your four option choices, relevant to your pathway, along with a reserve choice for each:

	Subject 1	Subject 2	Subject 3	Subject 4
First Choice	History	Geography	Photography	RS
Reserve Choice	Geography	History	RS	Photography

**Suitability** will be assessed within the first three-four weeks of year 9.

At this point, students may be required to change option subject based on their effort or attainment to date.

**The Academy retains the right to make changes to option subjects and has the final decision about options a student studies.**



The completed option form is due to your company office by **28<sup>th</sup> March 2018** at the **latest.**

Please speak to members of staff in Quisine and reception and use their advice to help you make choices.

**Not recommended for a subject you want?**  
Speak to the department leader and see what they advise too.