



## **Year 8 Pathways Evening**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017**  
**6:30pm – 8:30pm**

**Dr Badyal**

**Mr Arnull**

**Mr Slack**



# **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.

<b>Pathway 1</b> The English Baccalaureate (Ebacc.)	<b>Pathway 2</b> The Academic Route	<b>Pathway 3</b> The Applied Route	<b>Pathway 4</b> The Supportive Route
<b>Current 8A and O</b>	<b>Current 8O</b>	<b>Current 8O</b>	<b>Current 8B</b>
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, 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 BCS, 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.**

Humanities	Languages	Open Choice 1	Open Choice 2
History Geography	French Spanish German	Art and Design Business Studies Design Technology Drama Food and Nutrition Further Mathematics History French Photography Psychology Religious Studies Sociology	Business Studies Design Technology Geography Media Studies Music Photography Physical Education Psychology Sociology Spanish Textiles
		Level 2 ICT and Computer Science	

## Pathway 2: The Academic Route

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

<b>Ebacc. Subject Choice</b>	<b>Option Choice 1</b>	<b>Open Choice 2</b>	<b>Open Choice 3</b>
<p>History Geography French</p>	<p>Art and Design Design Technology Geography Health and Social Care History French Religious Studies</p>	<p>Art and Design Business Studies Design Technology Drama Food and Nutrition History French Photography Psychology Religious Studies Sociology</p>	<p>Business Studies Design Technology Media Studies Geography Music Photography Physical Education Psychology Sociology Spanish Textiles</p>

## 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**.



Ebacc. Subject Choice	Option Choice 1	Open Choice 2	Open Choice 3
History Geography French	ICT Sports Studies Health and Social Care	Business Performing Arts	Design Technology Media Studies Music Photography Textiles
	City and Guilds Certificate in Hairdressing and Beauty		

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

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

First Subject	Second Subject	Third Subject	Open Choice
Work Skills	Functional Skills English and Mathematics	Food and Nutrition	Design Technology Photography Textiles

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

This is a decision which remains with the science department, based on how your child achieves during their GCSE studies.

However, we generally expect all high prior attaining students (L5+ in Year 6) to Study triple science.

Option Choice Form 2017-18:

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)
- Core Religious Studies/Aspire
- Physical Education

Signed (Parent/Carer) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## **Making your Option Choices**

### **Year 8**

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First Choice	History	German	Photography	Design Tech.
Reserve Choice	Geography	French	Art	Media Studies



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Reserve Choice	French	ICT	Business	Media Studies

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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.

**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 **31<sup>st</sup> March 2017** at the **latest.**

Please speak to members of staff in Quisine and the Performance Theatre 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.