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**Where next?**

**Pathways 2025-  
2027**

# Year 9 Pathways Timeline

- Subject Information Assemblies from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025
- Year 9 Parents' Evening – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025
- Parents' Information evening – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025
- Pathways Booklet - published on the school website and shared with families via email and social media.
- Deadline for the return of completed Pathway Forms: WB: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2024
- Week commencing Monday 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024- Individual Pathway Interviews with Form Tutors , Careers Advisor and Senior Leaders in School (If required)

# What must I study?

- You must study a 'core' curriculum of
  - English Language
  - English Literature
  - Maths
  - Science (Combined or Triple)
  - RS
- All leading to GCSE or equivalent qualifications – why RS?

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# Non-Examined Courses

- You also have to study:
  - Personal Development (formerly known as PSHE)
  - Core PE
- These do not lead to a formal qualification but are statutory requirements.

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# Nature of 'core' courses

- Assessment is linear (all exams taken at the end of the course)
- 100 % exam
- Much more of an emphasis on extended writing
- Assessment of Mathematical skills across the curriculum
- Graded as 1 – 9

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# The EBacc

A broad and balanced academic curriculum for all. All pupils will select a minimum of one Humanities subject (From Geography or History)

The EBacc is achieved when pupils achieve a good GCSE pass in all of the following subject areas:

- Mathematics
- English Language
- A Modern Foreign Language
- Two Sciences (From: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Combined Science)
- A Humanities subject: History or Geography

**Pupils that follow the EBACC route you will choose either History or Geography and then have one ‘free choice’ of any subject offered at school.**

Do all pupils have to take the English baccalaureate?



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# Science

What is the difference between the Triple and Combined Science?

- Combined Science
- Triple Science

Who decides which science qualification you do?

How does Science contribute to the EBacc?

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# You must make a choice from:

- **GCSE History**
- **GCSE Geography**
- **GCSE Spanish**
- **GCSE D&T Design Technology**
- **GCSE Art and Design**
- **Hospitality and Catering – Level 1 and 2**
- **GCSE Business Studies**
- **BTEC Sport**
- **BTEC Health & Social Care**
- **BTEC Tech Award in Performing Arts**
- **GCSE Music**
- **GCSE Computer Science**
- **Creative iMedia**

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# Coursework based assessment

- BTEC qualifications typically have 75% coursework and 25% exam
- BTEC courses are good if you are not confident at final exams

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# Advice on choosing

## Do

Choose a subject that will help in your future career

Choose a subject you like

Choose a subject you are good at

Focus on the subject rather than the teacher personalities

## Don't

Choose a subject because you like the teacher

Choose a subject because your friends are choosing it

Choose a subject because you think they it be easy

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# Progression

After your GCSEs in Year 11 you can progress to:

- A Levels
- T levels
- Level 3 BTEC
- Vocational qualifications
- An apprenticeship

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# Y9 pathways – careers support

Do you need any careers support to help you choose your subjects? For example, if you are unsure what the requirements are for potential future careers or post-16 options. First you should do some of your own research – here are some useful websites:

**National Careers Service** – for information on the routes into different careers and qualifications required

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/explore-careers>

**Sheffield Progress** – shows the courses available in this area and what subjects / grades are needed

<https://www.sheffieldprogress.co.uk/>

**UCAS** – for university requirements by subject area

<https://www.ucas.com/explore/search/subject-guides>

If you still need some support, you can also ask the careers team – pop in to LG06, or email [sbrown@forgevalley.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:sbrown@forgevalley.sheffield.sch.uk)

# Who can you talk to ?

- Mr Watson – Head of School - [jwatson@forgevalley.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:jwatson@forgevalley.sheffield.sch.uk)
- Sarah Brown– Careers Advisor – [sbrown@forgevalley.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:sbrown@forgevalley.sheffield.sch.uk)
- Mrs Petters – Head of Sixth Form – [dcook@forgevalley.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:dcook@forgevalley.sheffield.sch.uk)
- Mr Warne –Head of Year – [lwarne@forgevalley.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:lwarne@forgevalley.sheffield.sch.uk)
- Health and Social Care – Helen Bowler – [hbowler@forgevalley.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:hbowler@forgevalley.sheffield.sch.uk)
- Business Studies – Anne Archer – [earcher@forgevalley.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:earcher@forgevalley.sheffield.sch.uk)
- Useful Website



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# Sixth Form - Entry Requirements

**General requirements for entry: 5 grades at 9-4, including English Language and Maths**

Some subjects have specific entry requirements in addition to the general requirements

A Level Subjects	Subject Specific Entry Requirement
Art	If studied Art at GCSE grade 4 +
Business	If studied Business at GCSE grade 4 +
Economics	Minimum of GCSE Grade 6 in Maths
English Language	Minimum of GCSE grade 5 in English Language
English Literature	Minimum of GCSE grade 5 in English Literature
Geography	If studied Geography at GCSE grade 4 +
History	If studied History at GCSE grade 5 +
Maths	Minimum of GCSE grade 6 in Maths
Further Maths	Minimum of GCSE grade 7 in Maths
Core Maths	Minimum of GCSE grade 4 in Maths
Media Studies	Minimum of GCSE grade 5 in English Lang/Lit
Politics	Must have achieved a GCSE grade 5+ in English
Product Design	Minimum of GCSE grade 5 in DT or a Level 2 equivalent

A Level Subjects	Subject Specific Entry Requirement
Psychology	Must have achieved a GCSE 5+ in English and 4+ in Maths
Religious Studies / Philosophy & Ethics	Must have achieved a GCSE grade 5+ in English
Sociology	If studied Sociology at GCSE grade 4+
Spanish	Minimum of GCSE grade 6 in Spanish
Science: Biology	6+ in Biology, 6-6 in Combined and 5+ Maths
Science: Chemistry	6+ in Chemistry, 6-6 in Combined and 5+ Maths
Science: Physics	6+ in Physics, 6-6 in Combined and 5+ Maths
Applied Subjects	Subject Specific Entry Requirement
L3 Applied Diploma Criminology	<i>General requirements</i>
BTEC Health and Social Care	<i>General requirements</i>
BTEC ICT	<i>General requirements</i>
BTEC Performing Arts	<i>General requirements and relevant performance skills</i>
BTEC Sport	<i>General requirements</i>

[Sixth Form Subjects](#)



# How do pupils submit choices?

- All pupils shall be sent their online form via an electronic link, to their school email address, the same email shall also be sent to individual families.
- This shall be sent no later than Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025
- Deadline for returns is WB Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025.
- It is not first come, first served although the deadline is important.