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Where next?

**Pathways 2019-
2021**



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GCSE Pathways process

Programme of Courses

at 2019 – 2021

Ambition

Endeavour

Success

Year 9 Pathways

- Parents' Information evening – Tuesday 22nd January 2019
- Pathways Booklet - published on the school website and available on paper this evening.
- Pathways Assemblies throughout the week of the 14th January 2019
- Year 9 Parents' Evening – Thursday 31st January 2019
- Deadline for the return of completed Pathway Forms: Friday 8th February 2019 (Pathway forms will be given to pupils on Monday 4th February)
- Week commencing 4th February 2019 - Individual Pathway Interviews with Senior Leaders in School (If required)

What I must study?

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

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Changing demands

- Assessment will be linear (all exams taken at the end of the course)
- 100 % exam
- Exams will be harder
- 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

Broad academic curriculum for all. All pupils will select a minimum of one EBacc subject (From Geography, History, Spanish)

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, Computer Science)
- A Humanities subject: History or Geography

Do all pupils have to take the English baccalaureate?

Forge Valley School Options Form 2018

Name:		Form:	
Signed:		Date:	
CORE CURRICULUM (NOT OPTIONAL)			
GCSE's Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathematics • English • English Literature • Science (Combined or Triple Science). • Spanish 		Statutory requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSHCE • PE • RS • ICT – this will result in GCSE/Level 2 Qualification 	
CHOOSE OPTIONS FROM EACH OF THE SECTIONS BELOW - Please note that all option choices are subject to there being sufficient pupil numbers selecting each option.			Tick one
BLOCK A CHOOSE ONE	GCSE Geography (Humanities)		
	GCSE History (Humanities)		
		Choice 1	Alternative choice
CHOOSE ONE (You must also choose an alternative option)	GCSE Art & Design		
	GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition		
	GCSE D&T Design Technology		
	GCSE Business Studies		
	BTEC Sport		
	GCSE Music/Performing Arts		
	GCSE Sociology		
	BTEC Health and Social Care		
	GCSE Geography		
	GCSE Computing		
	GCSE Religious Studies		
	BTEC Tech Award in Dance		
	BTEC Tech Award in Drama		
BTEC Tech Award in Music			

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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?

Non-Examined Courses

- You also have to study:
 - PHSE and Citizenship
 - PE
- These do not lead to a formal qualification but are statutory requirements.

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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 Dance/Drama/Music**
- **GCSE Music**
- **GCSE Sociology**
- **GCSE Computing**

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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 will be easy

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Progression

After your GCSEs in Year 11 you can progress to:

- A Levels
- Level 3 BTEC Vocational Qualifications
- An Apprenticeship

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Who can you talk to ?

- Mr Barker – Assistant Head - mbarker@forgevalley.sheffield.sch.uk
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- Useful Website



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