

INTRODUCTION

Our Key Stage 4 curriculum offers opportunity for our students to start determining their life path while adhering to the principle of breadth and balance.

Core Curriculum

All students will follow a common core curriculum in English, Maths, Sciences and non-exam courses in Philosophy and Ethics, Law, Personal Finance and Physical Education.

Options

In the context of this broadly-based curriculum students only need to exercise choice in specific areas. **That choice should reflect a blend of interest, aptitude, experience, enjoyment and future career interest.**

The next few pages give an outline of the **Green Pathway**, detailing the subjects that are available and explaining how students go about making their choices.

Following this section there are detailed descriptions of all the courses on offer including those subjects that comprise the core curriculum. Please take time to read through these sections carefully.

At the end of the booklet you will find the options form which should be completed by those students for whom the **Green Pathway** has been identified as being the most suitable.

WHO WILL HELP?

It is vital that students talk to subject staff about decisions they must make. They should ask Year 10 and 11 students too – they are closest to this process and can give “the real picture”.

Below is a list of the Subject Leaders responsible for each subject area. They will be happy to answer your questions.

English – Miss Harley

Maths – Mr White

Sciences – Dr Mileham

Philosophy and Ethics – Miss Williams

COPE– Mrs Cosgrove

Art – Mr Williamson

Craft – Mr James

Digital Media – Mr Smith or Mr Scouse

Humanities – Mrs Cosgrove

Life Skills – Mrs Cosgrove

DECISIONS TO MAKE

Students will need to make important decisions about their courses in Years 10 and 11. To help decide, they should talk with parents and with staff in school.

They should read carefully the descriptions of the courses in this booklet and ask their tutor or teachers if there is something they do not understand.

Decisions should be made for the right reasons. They should not choose subjects just because their friends are choosing them or because they think that there might be less work involved.

We will do our best to accommodate all students with their chosen courses. **However, we will only run a course if there are sufficient students who have chosen it. Similarly, there may be timetabling restrictions which make some students' course combinations impossible to run. Because of this, all students are asked to make a reserve choice when completing the options forms.**

Each subject choice must be countersigned by a member of the teaching staff for that subject area to ensure that students are making an informed choice.

When students and parents have made their decisions, they should turn to the green form at the end of the booklet. **This form should be completed, signed by parents and handed in to the student's tutor by Thursday 8th February. Failure to do this could lead to courses being full and students being unable to follow their chosen options.**

GREEN PATHWAY

All students will study the CORE curriculum and will choose **3** further courses from the Additional Courses list.

The CORE Curriculum

- English Language (GCSE or Entry Level)
- Mathematics (GCSE or Entry Level)
- Sciences (2 GCSEs or Entry Level)
- Philosophy and Ethics/Law/Personal Finance (non-exam)
- PE/Games (non GCSE)
- COPE

Additional Courses

Students should choose **3** subjects from this list.

- Art
- Craft*
- Digital Media*
- Humanities Unit Award
- Life Skills Unit Award

*these subjects take up 2 option choices. Only one of these may be chosen

GREEN PATHWAY - Please indicate your course choices on this form.

Name: _____ Tutor Group: _____

If you choose this pathway you will study the following Core subjects:

- English
- Maths
- Philosophy and Ethics/Law/Personal Finance (non-exam)
- PE (non-exam)
- Science
- COPE

Now please indicate **three** further choices by ticking the relevant boxes below and by obtaining the signature of a teacher from that subject area next to each of these choices.

	Main Choices	Reserve Choice	
	✓	✓	Signature
• Art			
• Craft (counts as 2 options)			
• Digital Media (counts as 2 options)			
• Humanities Entry Level			
• Life Skills Entry Level			

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer/Guardian) Date: _____

Signed: _____ (Tutor)

Please return this completed form to your tutor by **THURSDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2018**