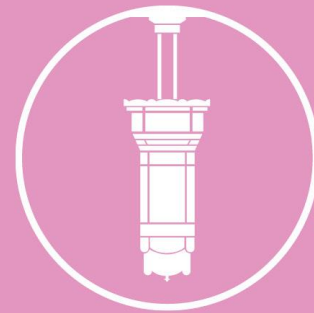


Year 9 Pathways Evening

This presentation will last around 15-20 minutes.

At the end of the presentation, there is a subject fair in the atrium and dining hall where you can speak with teaching staff to discuss your options.



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Aspiration • Integrity • Community

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St Paul's Way School Values



ASPIRATION



INTEGRITY



COMMUNITY



What do we mean by Pathways?

Your education is a journey.

You are now at a crossroad.

There are different paths that you can take.



Why do I need to choose a Pathway?



- To prepare yourself for KS4.
- Your GCSE subjects lead you to Further Education
 - Sixth Form
 - College
 - Apprenticeship
- To choose subjects you enjoy.
- To select subjects that are appropriate for you and your goals.
- To start to have autonomy over your education.



What is Key Stage 4?

- KS4 is a two year period (Y10 and Y11)

Changes at Key Stage 4

- **More challenging** and different from previous years
- **Linear** examinations – Exams in May/June at the end of year 11
- Greater focus on **literacy**



Changes to GCSEs

- It has been well documented that there have been many changes to GCSEs and how they are assessed.
- The biggest change is that grades are assessed as numbers 9 - 1 rather than letters A* - G.

New grading structure									
9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
A*	A		B	C		D	E	F	G

Current grading structure

A and above = same
proportion of students
as 7 and above

B-C = same
proportion of students
as 4-6

The bottom of grade 1
will be aligned with
the bottom of grade G

The KS4 Curriculum



A balanced set of skills and qualifications

Core Subjects Everyone studies these				Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Non-Exam
English Language And English Literature	Maths	Combined Science or Triple Science	RE				PE

Mental and Physical
Wellbeing

Options Subjects



Geography (GCSE)

History (GCSE)

French (GCSE)

Spanish (GCSE)

Latin (GCSE)

Art (GCSE)

Business (GCSE)

Triple Science (GCSE)

**Computer Science
(GCSE)**

**ICT iMedia
(Cambridge National)**

**Design
Technology (GCSE)**

Drama (GCSE)

**Food and
Nutrition (GCSE)**

Music (GCSE)

Photography (GCSE)

Textiles (GCSE)

Sport (BTEC)

PE (GCSE)

Citizenship (GCSE)

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Qualification**

What is the difference between PE and Sport?

These are both Level 2 qualifications (aged 16).

PE is a GCSE qualification

Sport is a BTEC qualification

You will be able to select which one you would like to apply for, but the PE department will have the final say on which class pupils are added to. Speak to your PE teacher to see which qualification they recommend for you.

What is the difference between Computer Science and ICT iMedia?



These are both Level 2 qualifications (aged 16).

Computer Science is a GCSE qualification

Content Examples: Networks, Hardware, Data representation, Problem solving with programming

ICT iMedia is a Cambridge National qualification

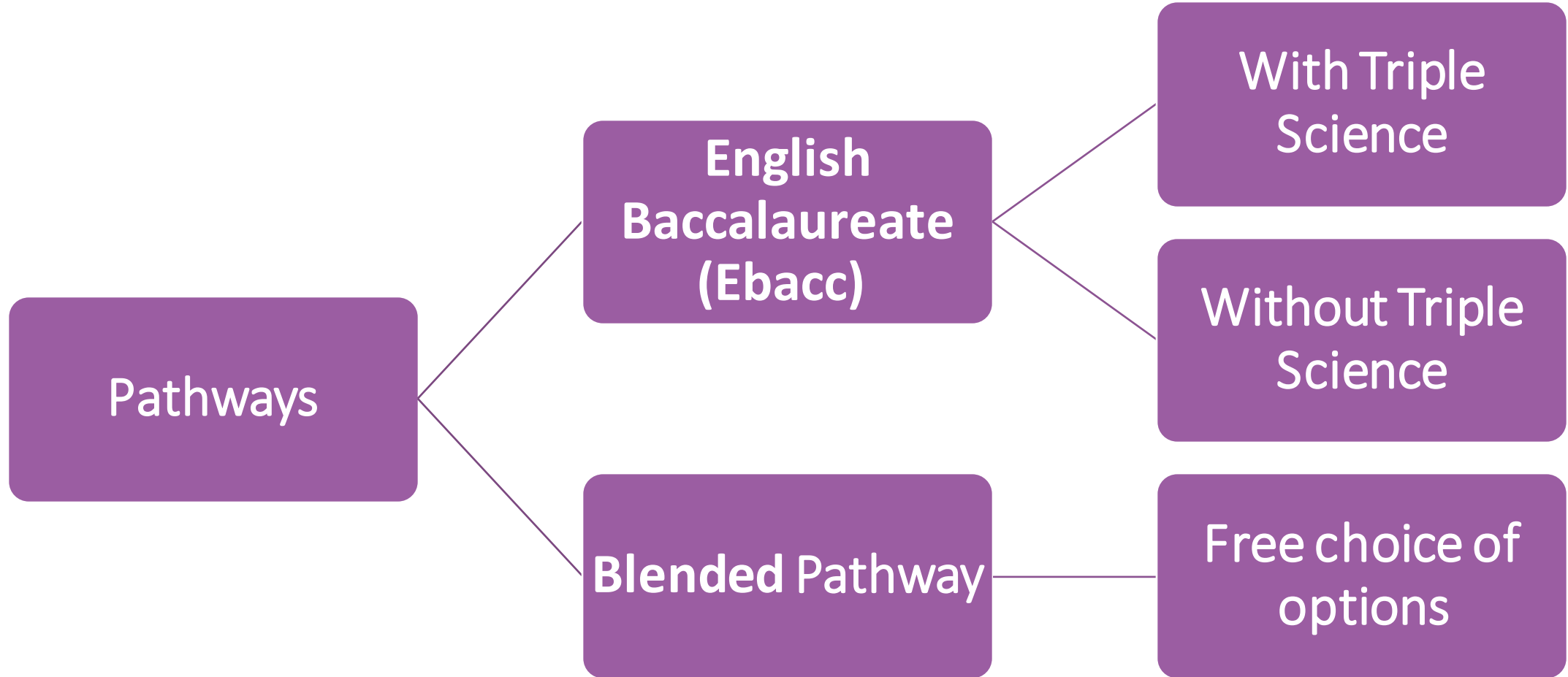
Content Examples: Creative iMedia in the media industry, visual identity and digital graphics, interactive digital media

You will be able to select which one you would like to apply for, but the Computing department will have the final say on which class pupils are added to. Speak to your Computer Science teacher to see which qualification they recommend for you.



What is Triple Science?

- At GCSE, most pupils study **Combined Science GCSE**.
- This is worth **two GCSEs** and you get two grades. For example, Grade 5-4 or Grade 8-9.
- If you are in set one or set two for Science in Y9, you are strongly encouraged to apply for Triple Science.
- This is worth **three GCSEs** called Biology GCSE, Chemistry GCSE, Physics GCSE.
- This takes additional study time, so counts as one of your options.
- At this school we offer two Triple Science classes, one in X band and one in Y band (60 spaces altogether).



What is the English Baccalaureate (Ebacc)?



The government recommends taking a combination of subjects called the "EBacc." This is a set of subjects at GCSE that keeps young people's options open for further study and future careers.

The EBacc is:

- English language and literature
- Maths
- Sciences
- Geography or History
- A Language

This is not a requirement but a recommendation from the government.



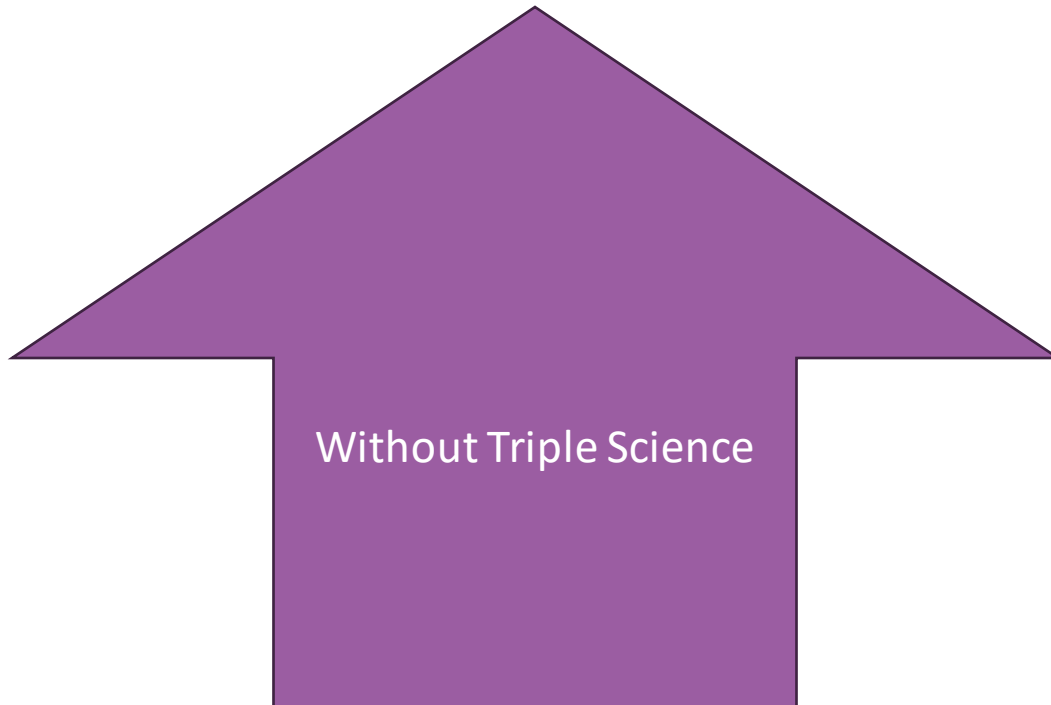
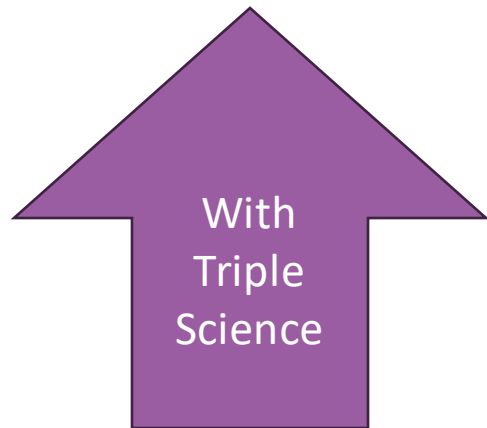
Blended Pathway

- Some students may require a personalised curriculum which more effectively suits their learning style, needs and aspirations.
- This is a bespoke pathway created by choosing different subjects from the wider options.

Examples of EBacc Options



Pupil 1	Pupil 2	Pupil 3	Pupil 4
Triple Science History Spanish	History French Music	Geography Spanish Drama	Geography Latin Art





Examples of Blended Pathway Options

Pupil 1	Pupil 2	Pupil 3	Pupil 4
Geography Art Music	Triple Science PE Computer Science	Drama Sport Design Tech	Spanish Business ICT iMedia



Guidance on how to choose

- You should pick subjects that are strengths for you but also that you enjoy.
- Don't worry about your friends' choices, this is about **you and your future**.
- You will need to provide **five choices in order** so we can try to give you your top choices.
- Whilst we hope to offer everyone their first three options this is not always possible.

Interests

Strengths

Enjoyment

Grades

Aspirations

Ambitions



How to Submit your Options

The screenshot shows a mobile interface for an online form. It contains three sections:

- 1. Student Full Name *** with a text input field labeled "Enter your answer".
- 2. Tutor Group *** with a dropdown menu labeled "Select your answer".
- 3. First Choice *** with a list of radio button options: Art, Business Studies, Citizenship, Computer Science (GCSE), and Design Technology.

- Record your options choices on the online form.
- You will need to be logged into your Microsoft account (email or teams)
- You will need to give your first, second, third, fourth and fifth choice.
- You should give your choices in order of preference.
- **Consider your choices carefully. You cannot change these once submitted.**
- The online form opens today.
- **Deadline Friday 2nd February**

Key Dates

Wednesday 24th January 2024

Year 9 Pathways Event

Pathways Online Form opens.

The online form is available via email or the Year 9 Teams Classroom, or via the QR code below. You will need to be signed in to your Microsoft account to complete this form.



Friday 2nd February 2024

Deadline for students to complete Pathways Online Form.

Monday 26th February 2024

School will share the final allocated subjects with students and parents.

Pathways Appeals Process

Please note that there will be an opportunity for parents to appeal following the allocation process using an online form.

This form will be available on the website from Tuesday 27th February 2024 to Friday 1st March 2024. <https://www.spwt.net/secondary/year9-pathways>





More Information

Our Website

- **spwt.net** → Secondary → Parents and carers → Year 9 Pathways
- <https://www.spwt.net/secondary/year9-pathways>

Year 9 Team this half term

- Mr Ali, Mr Hussain – Student Achievement Coordinators
- Ms Cooke – Director of Learning KS3
- Your Tutor
- Your subject teachers