

The following subjects offer a 'common' curriculum pathway in Year 9, with students and teachers determining the appropriate course for Years 10 and 11 towards the end of Year 9. Students wishing to study any of these courses in Year 10 will follow a curriculum in the overall subject area as below:

- ▶ **Art:** Art & Design, Fine Art
- ▶ **Business:** Business Studies, Enterprise & Marketing
- ▶ **Child Development:** Child Development, Health & Social Care
- ▶ **Engineering:** Design & Technology, Engineering Design
- ▶ **Physical Education:** Physical Education, Health & Fitness

Pathways

As students move into Year 10, they will follow one of four pathways: blue, red, green or yellow. Within each pathway, students must choose from certain subject combinations, as below:

Blue	Red	Green	Yellow (Year 10 only)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ All compulsory subjects, plus: ▶ French <u>or</u> German ▶ Geography <u>or</u> history ▶ 1 choice from list of option subjects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ All compulsory subjects, plus: ▶ French, German <u>or</u> computing ▶ Geography <u>or</u> history ▶ 1 choice from list of option subjects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ All compulsory subjects, plus: ▶ Geography <u>or</u> history ▶ 2 choices from list of option subjects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ All compulsory subjects, plus: ▶ 3 choices from list of option subjects

Please note that the above represent a minimum requirement for each pathway, and students may choose to study both French and German or geography and history:

- ▶ Students in the Blue route could study French and German, by selecting the second language as their option subject choice.
- ▶ Students in the Blue, Red and Green routes could study geography and history, by selecting the second language as their option subject choice.

Students will be allocated to routes based on their academic performance across a range of subjects in Years 7 and 8. Where a student wishes to change route, this application must be made in writing to the Principal.



How should students choose their options?

When selecting their option subjects, students should consider:

- ▶ Which subjects am I interested in?
- ▶ Which subjects have I done well in during Years 7 and 8?
- ▶ Would I do better in a course that has more coursework than exams?
- ▶ Which subjects do I need for my future career plans?

The process for making options choices

Students will make their options choices during the summer term:

- ▶ Parents will receive a hyperlink to an online form appropriate to their child's route.
- ▶ Students and parents should complete this form together by the published deadline.
- ▶ All course selections will be reviewed by Heads of Department and the Academy's SLT.
- ▶ Once all options choices have been confirmed and the timetable checked to ensure that students' choices can be accommodated, the Principal will confirm each student's options subjects in writing (early July).

Please note that all courses will run subject to demand and the Academy reserves the right to withdraw a course in any year if there is insufficient interest. Equally, some subjects have limited numbers and if over-subscribed, the Academy will use a range of measures to allocate places to students (attendance; responsibility for learning; career aspirations where known; behaviour; etc.)