

# PATHWAYS |

GCSE CHOICES FOR 2024—2026

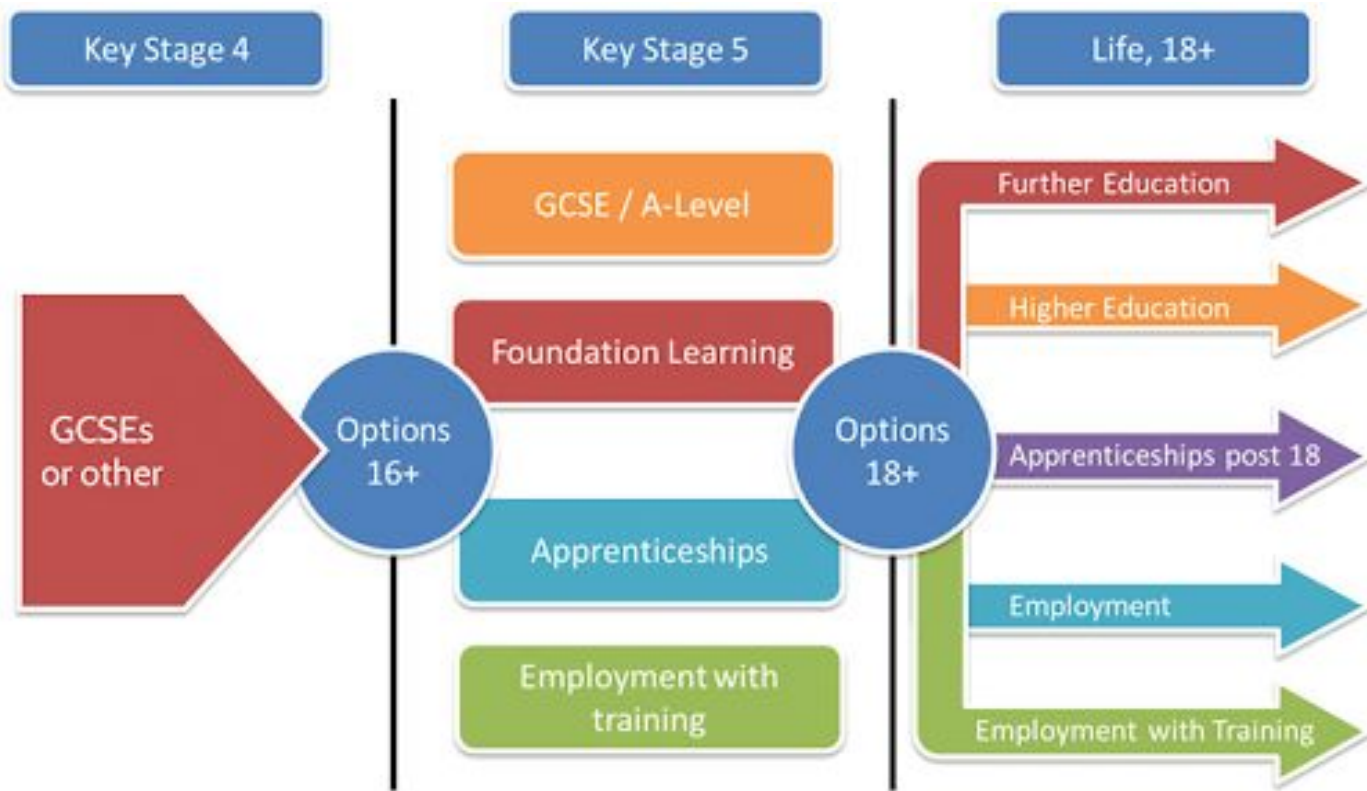


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## Year 9 Pathways Spring 2024 Presentation for Parents and Students



# Norwood School Pathways 2024

Our Key Stage 4 curriculum is broad and balanced. It is designed to provide all pupils with opportunities to achieve.

We believe in helping all of our learners achieve their potential. This will keep doors open in the future.

Our curriculum meets the requirements set by the government.

There is a limit to how many subjects you can study at GCSE, as it takes time to develop a good breadth of knowledge and understanding.

This will enable you to achieve the highest grades you are capable of in each of your subjects.

# Key points to note:

- Pupils are expected to achieve their very best in at least 8 subjects.  
(Progress 8)
- Results and pupils are measured by Progress 8, and Attainment 8
- Terminal Exams with no Resits
- All students are expected to take one creative subject  
(Max x 1 VA)
- There is a focus on the Ebacc Qualification, particularly for those pupils wanting to move to A levels and University

# Continued:

- Pupils are required to reach the expected level (good pass) in English and Mathematics, if they do not then they will be required to continue these studies at sixth form or College
- All Year 9 pupils will be expected to stay in some form of education or training until they are 18
- BTEC/Technical courses have changed; they now include an examination and are equivalent to one GCSE

# What do all students have to study?

English Language and Literature

Double Science

Maths

PE\*

RS/PHSE( Learning for Life) /Citizenship/ Sex Education\*

Not all students will be examined in these subjects \*

## The grading system for your Key Stage 4 qualifications will be as follows:

- GCSEs are graded on a numeric scale of 9 down to 1
- BTEC's and Vocational Qualifications are from Distinction\* to Level 1 Pass
- All your grades will be 9-1 or Distinction\* - Level 1 Pass

# Progress 8 Measure



**English**

Double-weighted\*

**Maths**

Double-weighted

\* Higher score of English Language  
English Literature double-weighted if  
a pupil has taken both qualifications



**Facilitating Subjects/  
qualifications**

(Sciences, Computer Science,  
Geography, History and Languages)



**'Open Group'**

**Remaining Facilitating Subjects/  
qualifications and other  
approved qualifications**

(GCSEs and other approved academic,  
arts or vocational qualifications)

All students will study  
English Language,  
Literature and  
Maths

*All students will study  
double science and so  
will need **ONE** more  
subject that will fill the  
third green bucket (5)*

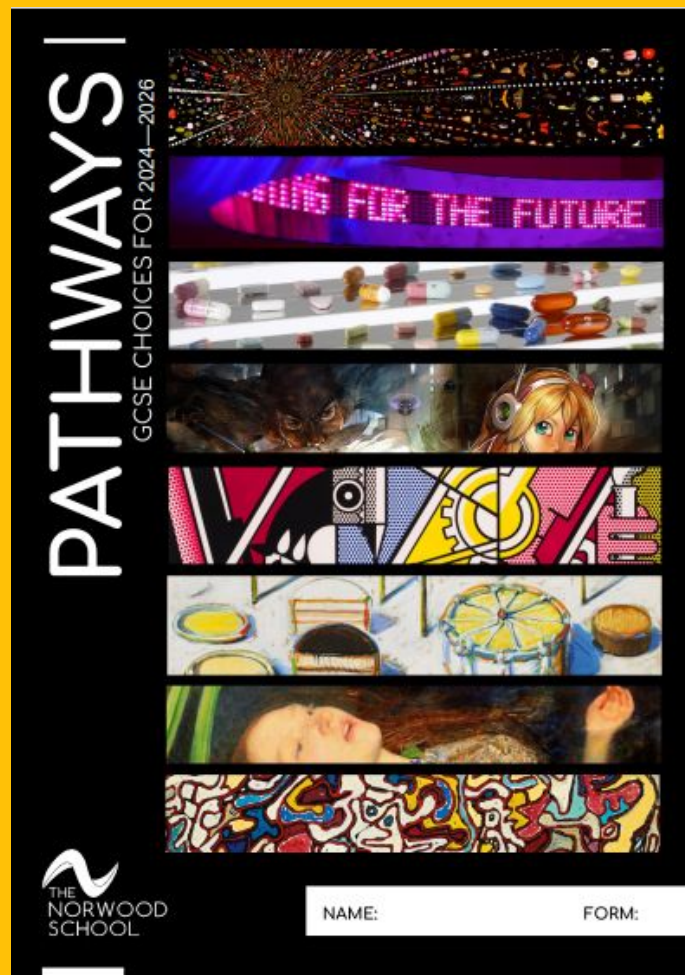
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expected to take at  
least **ONE** creative  
subject



# Using the booklet to help you...

What information does it contain?

- How to make choices
- Careers education and Guidance
- Looking forward to the Sixth Form
- Core Subjects
- Details of all the courses offered
- Contact details of useful staff
- Important deadlines



# Questions to ask yourself

- Do I enjoy the subject?
- Will it keep doors open for me in the future?
- What are my future aspirations?
- What are my strengths and weaknesses?
- How well I am getting on in these subjects now?

# Can you choose whatever you want?

There are some GCSE's that you will only be recommended to study if you have reached a particular level. This is because we know that you need to have shown a certain amount of ability in some subjects, for example English and Maths, to be able to access the content of these GCSE courses.

- We recommend that you could consider taking separate sciences if you are a more able scientist.
- We would recommend that you might consider taking computer science if you are a more able mathematician.
- Talk to Mr Francis about the music qualifications and which one you would be best suited to.

# What is the English Baccalaureate?

Quite simply, it is a 'name' given to a *group* of subjects.

It is NOT an additional qualification as such.

It is a measure introduced by the Government that recognises those children who have strong passes in English, Maths, Science, History or Geography AND French or Spanish.

Schools are now being set targets for the numbers of children who the government think should acquire these subjects.

# What about Humanities and Languages?

- We recommend that to take the Humanities subject that you have shown an aptitude for and feel confident when being asked to complete extended pieces of writing.
- We would highly recommend that you continue with the language that you have been studying since Year 7.
- You can take a community language as an additional GCSE in Yr 11.

# What about our Specialism?

We will recommend that you take **one** specialist subject from either Performing or Visual Arts

If you are a Bursary student we would expect you to take your subject of expertise in Key Stage 4 as one of your Choices.

- You can take two PA if you want, but we will want to make sure that this is the best choice for you
- You can only take ONE VA subjects

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## Interests profile

✓ Quiz last taken 4 May 21: S and C and E

Start >

## Personality profile

✗ Quiz not taken

Start >

## Work environments profile

✗ Quiz not taken

Start >

## Skills profile

✗ Quiz not taken

ships (0 shortlists)

1  
CAREER SPECIALISMS: COMPUTING >

2  
HOW TO ACE YOUR CV >

3  
GET ON THE LADDER: ART AND DESIGN >

4  
SKILLS: PHYSICAL ABILITIES >

5  
SKILLS: ARTISTIC SKILLS >

6  
A DEGREE AT CAMBRIDGE: WHAT IT'S REALLY LIKE >  
ANDRA  
ON WALDEN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

## Locker

✗ Add your first item

Go to tool >

## Interactions

✗ Missing 4 Interaction types

Go to tool >

CV / Resume  
✗ Write CVs tailored for each roles

Start >

## Writing tool

✗ 0 writing items added

Start >

# Next

- Continue looking through the booklet and talking to teachers and your family ([find it here](#))
- Log into your Unifrog Account
- Thursday 22nd February – Pathways Evening 4:30 - 7pm
- Wednesday February 28th 5 - 6pm Application Support in Study Hub
- Friday 8th March - [deadline for choices](#)
- *We will then process Pathways information*
- Summer half term, confirmation of intended pathways for September 2024







## Frequently asked questions

### Year 9 Pathways

2024



If you have any further questions, why not take a look on [the website](#) and read the booklet of Frequently asked Questions

Or parents, please do email your son/daughter's form tutor

# Making your preferences via the google link under Teaching and Learning - Pathways on the website

## Yr 10 Pathways Blocks 2024

Block A			Block B			Block C			Block D	
History	GCSE		History	GCSE		Geography	GCSE		History	GCSE
French	GCSE		Geography	GCSE		French	GCSE		Geography	GCSE
Spanish	GCSE		Spanish	GCSE		Spanish	GCSE		Seperate Scie	GCSE
			Computer Sci	GCSE						
Film Studies	GCSE		Drama	BTEC		Art	GCSE		Dance	BTEC
Textiles	GCSE		Dance	BTEC		Music Techno	GCSE		3D Design	GCSE
Music Instrum	GCSE		Photography	GCSE		Drama	BTEC		Photography	GCSE
Graphics	GCSE									
RS Philosphy	GCSE		Hospitality & Vocational			Citizenship	GCSE		Citizenship	GCSE
Sport	BTEC		ESOL	FS		Sport	BTEC		Sport	BTEC
						Functional Sk	FS			

You will need to make **4** subject choices in total - one from each Block.

At least **ONE** of your choices **MUST** be from the **BLUE** section.

At least **ONE** of your choices **MUST** be a Creative Subject from the **ORANGE** section.

Please enter your choices below:

Block A		Block B		Block C		Block D

Please also select THREE reserve subejcts in order of preference. We will obvioulsy do what we can to make sure you have as many of your first choices as we can, but this is not always possible. It is therefore necessary to know what other options you would choose if you cannot get all of your first choices.

# Important Dates

An introduction to Pathways Process Tutor time Thursday 11th January and in tutor time for the next 7 weeks.

Heads of Subject Presentations in tutor time starting week beginning Monday 29th January

Pathways Parents Evening  
Thursday 22nd February 2024 between 4:30 and 7pm.

You will be able to book from midday Wednesday 7th February 2024. Bookings close on Wednesday 21st February at 7.00pm.

Wednesday Feb 28th 5 - 6pm Application Support in Study Hub

Online application will be available before Thursday 22nd February 2024

Deadline for preferences Friday 8th March 2024.  
All info/links to preferences etc are on the website here.