

KS4 Pathways Assembly



It's all about you...

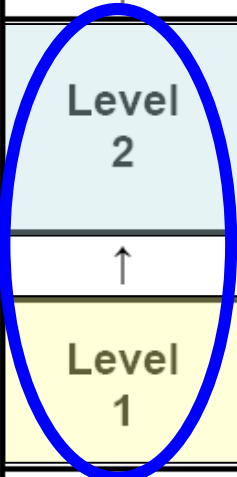


...as an individual. Your pathway and subject choices will be unique because you are.

What's best for you is not necessarily what's right for someone else.

Different routes

Level 4	Level 4 Qualifications – University			
↑	Academic	Vocational		
Level 3	AS/A2 Levels	BTEC National Diplomas	Apprenticeships NVQs	16-19 years old
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Level 2	GCSE Grades 9-5	Technical Awards Pass/M/D	14-16 years old	
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Level 1	GCSE Grades 4-1	Technical Awards Level 1 Pass		
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Entry Level	Entry qualifications including Certificates of Achievement and Vocational Awards			



Academic

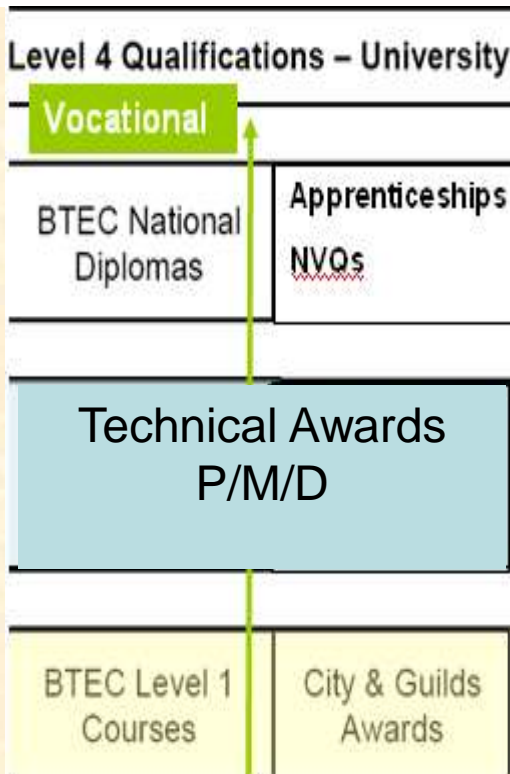
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↑	Academic
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GCSE courses are 'academic' qualifications.

They are seen as being a preparation for further studies (perhaps 'A' levels leading to university).

Vocational courses 'Technical Awards'

All vocational courses have been reformed.



Ecclesfield School offers several types of vocational courses (*now called Technical Awards*).

Vocational qualifications are seen as preparing students for the work place.

They are mainly coursework based, but **40% of the final grade will be an exam.** *Graded with a Pass, Merit or Distinction.*

Students MUST have good attendance to take a vocational course.

GCSEs

GCSE: GCSEs generally involve studying the theory of a subject as well as doing practical work. Examined at end of Year 11. **They are graded 9-1.**

Grade 5 = strong pass



*Sixth Form
College*

Level 3

A levels

*BTEC
Nationals*

University

Employment

Apprenticeship

Mixed
*(GCSEs +
1-3 BTECs)*

Technical Awards are qualifications related to the world of work. They contain 40% coursework and 60% exam.

They are **graded with Pass, Merit, Distinction and Distinction***.



University

College

Level 3

A levels

BTEC

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Apprenticeship

EBacc



The English Baccalaureate is the name given to this collection of GCSEs at a grade 5 or above.

- **English Language.**
- **Maths.**
- **2 Sciences.**
- **a Modern Foreign Language.**
- *either Geography or History.*



New GCSEs in English & Maths for you!

- The new GCSEs will be very different to those that any older brothers or sisters may have taken.
- The new exams will expect you to **write very accurately** and will **give more marks for correct spelling, punctuation and grammar** in all exams (anything up to 20% of the final marks).
- **Emphasis on literacy and numeracy in all exams**
- ***Extended writing (long answers)***
- **SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)**
- **MEMORY** (all exams at end of Yr 11, no re-sits)
- ***Graded in numbers (1-9, not A*-G)***

Changes to GCSE grades

current GCSE Grades	New GCSE Grades
	9
A*	8
A	7
B	6
C/B	5
C	4
D	3
E	2
F/G	1

You will be awarded numbered GCSE grades

Overwhelmed?



Next PSHCE lesson



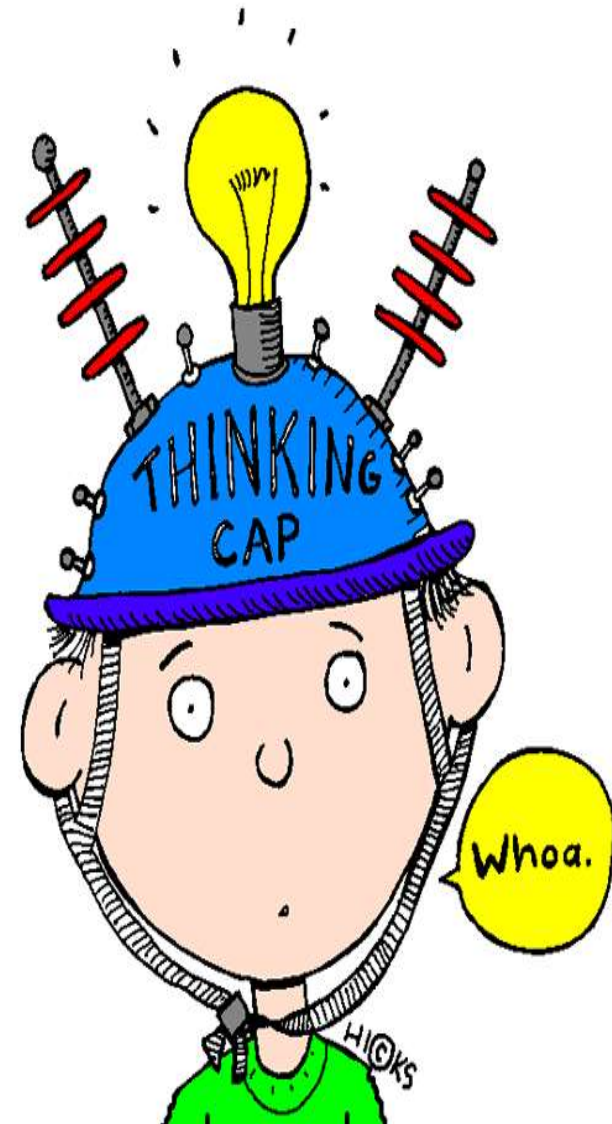
1. Which subjects are you really interested in and enjoy most?
2. Which subjects are you strongest in?
3. Which subjects would you like to study further?
4. Which subjects would you like to try?
5. Which subjects would you need to study to allow you to follow the careers you are currently considering?

What you are NOT doing!

You're NOT making
your final option
choices.

You can change your
mind completely
between now and
1st March 2018 (*when
you make your final choices.*)

Next
PSHCE lesson



Name:

CORE SUBJECTS (everyone studies these subjects)

GCSE English Language & English Literature (2 GCSEs)

GCSE Maths (1 GCSE)

GCSE Science (2 GCSEs)

Core P.E. (non exam)

PSHCE

Everyone will study EITHER History OR Geography

Most students will take a Modern Foreign I

Please tick one language

CORE

GCSE French

GCSE Spanish

GCSE German

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You MUST tick EITHER

Tick

GCSE History

GCSE Geography

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December PSHCE lesson

'mock' = *not the real one!*



*In January
2018, the real
KS4 Pathway
Process will
begin...*

January 2018

- **Assembly**
- **2 PSHCE lessons**
- **Interviews with SLT**
- **KS4 Pathways booklet**
- **Progress report sent home**

February 2018

- **KS4 Pathways & Parents' Evening**
- **Hand in Options form – 1st March 2018**