



Key Stage 4 Pathways

March 2025



Prayer

God of silence and God of all sound,
help me to listen.
Help me to do the deep listening to the sounds of my soul,
waiting to hear your soft voice calling me deeper into you.
Give me attentive ears
that begin to separate the noise from the sounds that are you;
you who have been speaking to me
and through me my whole life,
for so long that you can seem like background noise.
Today help me hear you anew.

- *Author Unknown*

Outline of the option process:

- Assembly in November to outline process for pupils and to start them thinking
- Careers Wales day and initial option trawl December 2024
- Subject presentations in lessons January 2025
- Parental survey January 2025
- Parents' Evening 6th March
- Upfront presentation to explain process and changes to some GCSEs
- Outline of procedures to follow

Outline of the option process:

- Core curriculum and option subjects
- Reasons to choose option subjects
- Overview of resources available to help support you in your decisions
- Attend 3 x 15 minute option subject sessions
- Interviews with members of SLT
- Research subjects using school website—looms—speak to teachers/parents
- Submit form by 4th April

Wave 1 GCSEs September 2025

- Art
- Business
- Computer Science
- Core Cymraeg
- Drama
- English Language and Literature (Single and Double)
- Spanish
- Geography
- Mathematics and Numeracy (Single and Double)
- Music
- Religious Studies
- All other subjects will be legacy GCSEs. Pupils will be able to study Triple Science, if appropriate, for the last time in September.

Core curriculum

GCSE Mathematics and Numeracy

GCSE English Language and
Literature

GCSE Core Cymraeg

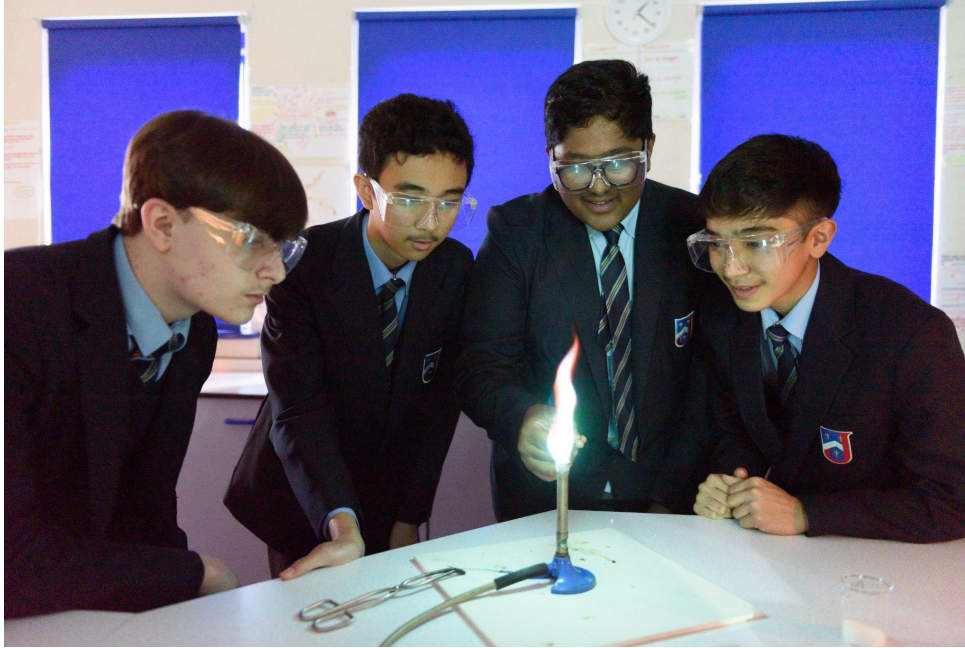
GCSE RE

GCSE Double Award Science

Skills Challenge Certificate



Core Curriculum: Science



GCSE Science

Triple Science

(Biology, Chemistry, Physics)

OR

Double Science

OR

Double Applied Science

Make the right choice for the right reason

At KS4, **grades** are usually more important than subjects. For certain higher education pathways and A Levels, you may need specific GCSE grades.

- Have I enjoyed this subject so far?
- Do I need this subject for a possible job?
- Am I likely to do well in this subject?

Consider how the qualification is assessed eg

- Is it all assessed by examination?
- How much of the qualification is practical?
- If it is essay-based, is that playing to my strengths?



Choose subjects you enjoy



At KS4, there is nothing wrong with choosing similar subjects, eg

GCSE History and GCSE Geography or

You cannot choose two qualifications in the same subject, eg

GCSE Business and Retail Business

Reasons not to choose a subject:

My friends are taking it / I like my teacher

It sounds like fun / I don't know what else to take



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**THE COMMON CORE IS
STUDIED BY ALL PUPILS**

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The subjects in the
Common Core box
are compulsory and
will be taken by all
students.



COMMON CORE		OP
English		GC
Games		GC
Mathematics		GC
Religious Education		GC
Double Science		GC
Welsh		GC
WBQ		GC
		GC



Below is a summary of your pathway choices. You will be able to select **one** subject in each option column. Please read the information about each qualification in our Pathways Brochure.

Choose
one
subject
from
each
column

OPTION A		OPTION B		OPTION C	
GCSE History		GCSE Geography		GCSE Triple Science	
GCSE Geography		GCSE Sociology		GCSE History	
GCSE Welsh		GCSE Welsh		GCSE French	
GCSE Product Design		GCSE Health & Social Care and Childcare		GCSE Health & Social Care and Childcare	
GCSE Music		GCSE PE		GCSE Product Design	
GCSE Art		GCSE Computer Science		GCSE Drama	
GCSE French		GCSE Drama		GCSE Art	
GCSE Sociology		GCSE History		GCSE Business	
GCSE Business		Level 2 Award in Retail Business		GCSE Media Studies	
BTEC SWEET				GCSE Digital Technology	
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INSTRUCTIONS:

Key dates: Pathways 2025



Year 9 parents' evening	6th March
Year 9 interviews with senior staff	10th March - 21st March
Website updated with looms and course content	10th March
Pathways Google Form available	14th March
Final deadline for submission of Pathways Google Form	4th April





Presentations from three subject areas

Room Number	Subject		Room Number	Subject
G0	Sociology		G8	Health and Social Care
G1	History		G11	Engineering
G2	Geography		G12	Product Design
G3	PE		G13	Media Studies
G5	Spanish		G14	Computer Science
G6	Art		G15	Business AND Retail Business
G7	Science		G16	Music
			G17	Drama