

Stoke Newington School 2015

Introduction to Student Option Pathways for Year 9

SUPPORTING INFORMED CHOICES 2015

OPTIONS SUBJECT INFORMATION

PATHWAYS

We recognise that every young person is different and as a mixed ability community school our student population reflects all abilities and interests. We have tried to put in place a system of Pathways that will allow students to follow their interests and talents but still have appropriate choices available for Post 16 study.

TWO PATHWAYS: Core 1 and Core 2 are designed to support students' progress into A Level or BTEC Level 3 Post 16 and then onto University. The Core 1 Pathway is designed for supporting progress into more aspirational Universities such as Oxford, Cambridge and the Russell Group and generally more academic study. Students on this Pathway must also choose 2 EBacc subjects in **Green** from the list in the blue box below

1. **History**
2. **Geography**
3. **French**
4. **Latin**
5. **Spanish**
6. **Turkish**
7. **Computer Science**
8. **Triple Science**

The English Baccalaureate is a group of subjects that the current government regard as important for students to follow at GCSE. This is in part seen as preparation for further study post 16 where there is a degree of overlap with the A Level facilitating subjects for university entrance. The percentage of students studying these subjects will be a part of the measuring judgement on the school.

The Core Two Pathway is also designed to support entry to University but because students have a slightly greater choice of subjects may be better for those that want to pursue a more practical or Creative base degree.

The General Pathway is designed for students that may not yet be focused on a future that involves Higher Education so need a broader choice of subjects to support their future success. This Pathway will only be appropriate for a small number of students and students who the school feels are not appropriate will in discussion with their Head of Year be asked to change their choice.

The Supported Pathway is a provision for a very small number of students that have had support in lessons throughout their school lives. The choices are a mixture of GCSE and non-GCSE courses and are designed to help students make progress into a course Post 16 either at Stoke Newington School or a college.

The following pages have expanded advice which should be read in consultation with the other document Supporting Student Progression

THE CORE 1 PATHWAY

1. The Core 1 Pathway for all students who know that they want to go to an aspirational University to study a generally academic degree. This is a broad academic pathway where students will study Science Core and Additional, a minimum of 2 EBacc subjects and 2 subjects from other blocks. It is still possible to go onto an A Level Science course from this Pathway as long as students achieve a grade 6-9 in the GCSE Core and Additional Science.
 - a. Some students are already doing Triple Science in year 9 so this will continue, other students may wish to move to a Triple Science Pathway so they can use one of their Options to pick up Triple Science but they must also choose at least one more EBacc subject. Students on this Pathway should generally have assessments at Level 6 or above

English Lang	English Lit	Maths	Core Science	Additional Science	EBacc 1	EBacc 2	Subject 3	Subject 4
1	2	3	4	5			Any	Any

Or

English Lang	English Lit	Maths	Core Science	Additional Science	EBacc 1	EBacc 2	Subject 3	Subject 4
1	2	3	4	5	Triple Science		Any	Any

Or

English Lang	English Lit	Maths	Core Science	Additional Science	EBacc 1	EBacc 2	EBacc 3	Subject 4
1	2	3	4	5	Triple Science			Any

THE CORE TWO PATHWAY

2. Supports entrance to university but has a wider choice of subjects so it may be more appropriate for students that want to study for applied and practical subjects such as Art and Design, Theatre Studies, Drama, Sport and Sports Science and the different aspects of Music but equally will support students getting into any appropriate degree choice, subject to their GCSE results. Students on this Pathway will possibly have arrived in year 7 with Level 4 at the end of Year 6 and should generally be achieving assessments of Level 5 and above particularly in English and Maths.

English Lang	English Lit	Maths	Core Science	Additional Science	EBacc 1	Subject 2	Subject 3	Subject 4
1	2	3	4	5	Block 1	Any	Any	Any

THE GENERAL PATHWAY

- The general pathway is for students that currently feel in discussion with their parents/carers and Head of Year that they might not be ready to study a more challenging academic course. The evidence for this will be through subject progress data and an overall assessment of where the student currently is. Students who follow the General Pathway may have arrived with high Level 2 or L3 from Year 6 and will generally be getting assessed at high Level 3 or Level 4.

English Lang	English Lit	Maths	Core Science	Additional Science	Subject 1	Subject 2	Subject 3	Subject 4
1	2	3	4	5	Any	Any	Any	Any

THE SUPPORTED STUDY PATHWAY

- The supported Pathway is for young people that have had support in classes throughout their time in school and where we feel that they cannot successfully complete a GCSE or BTEC Course at L2 and where we feel that there progression post 16 will be supported by a more appropriate course, hopefully into the Sixth Form at SNS.
- Generally students will have come to Stoke Newington in year 7 with very low Level 2 or a B from Year 6 and currently getting assessments of Level 2 or Level 3 although in some subjects this may be higher.

English Lang	English Lit	Maths	A programme of supported study in science	Supported Study in Art		L1 Music Tech	Jamie's Cooking
1	2	3		Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4

This is a relatively simple way of looking at progression pathways into university and work, there are many other factors that need to be taken into account along the way but the single most important one of this is the end of GCSE grades which will ultimately determine what subjects students are allowed to study in the Sixth Form, The more grades A* A and B or new grades 9 to 6 a student has the greater chances the young person has of being successful in applying to university and particularly in applying to a top 30 University.

To see the Stoke Newington Sixth Form course offer information

<http://www.sns.hackney.sch.uk/Sixth-Form/Admissions/>

Below are a few simple guides to education and career paths



