

This booklet is your option form.
It contains advice and guidance
around the study pathways
available to students in Year 8.

Please fill in your options under the
pathway you have chosen and
return to your tutor by **March 16th**

Year 8 Study Pathways

Student Name:

Tutor Group:

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.

Three pathways: Triple Science, core 1 and core 2 will all support students' progress into A level or BTEC level 3 post 16 and then onto university. The Triple Science and core 1 pathways are designed for supporting progress into more aspirational universities such as Oxford, Cambridge and the Russell Group and generally more academic study programmes. Students on these pathways must also choose a minimum of 1 or 2 EBacc subjects from the list:

The Triple Science Pathway

1. The Triple Science pathway is where students will study Biology, Chemistry and Physics. This is the recommended pathway for young people that think, even at this stage, that they might want to go on to study Medicine, Veterinary Science, any aspect of Engineering or might want to be involved in higher study in Maths or Science. Students also need to choose **at least one of the EBacc subjects** to ensure that they have access to other supporting subjects at A level.
 - a. They then have a free choice of the two subjects from different blocks.
 - b. Students will generally have left Year 6 with level 4a or level 5 and should be working at assessments of level 5a or above as a minimum.

English Lang	English Lit	Maths	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	EBacc 1	Subject 3	Subject 4
1	2	3	4	5	Block 1	Any block	Any block	Any block

THE CORE 1 PATHWAY

2. The core 1 pathway is for students who know that they want to go to university but are unsure what they might want to study. This is a broad academic pathway where students will study Science core and additional, **a minimum of 2 of the EBacc subjects** then any 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 7-9 (A or A* current in the GCSE core and additional Science).
 - a. Students will generally have left Year 6 with level 4a or level 5 and should have working assessments of level 5a or above as a minimum.

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

THE CORE 2 PATHWAY

3. The core 2 pathway has a wider choice of subjects will support entrance to universities but also supports applications for applied and practical subjects such as Art and Design, Theatre Studies, Drama, Sport and Sports Science and the different aspects of Music. This pathway will equally support students getting into any appropriate degree choice, subject to their GCSE results. Students will generally have left Year 6 with level 4a or level 5 and should have working assessments of level 5a or above as a minimum.

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

THE GENERAL PATHWAY

4. 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 choosing the general pathway may have arrived with assessments at level 3 from Year 6 and assessments currently may still be in level 3 or low level 4.

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

*This Pathway is for a small number of students and we will monitor the students choosing this pathway carefully to make sure that they are appropriate as we want all students to be following appropriately challenging courses.

THE SUPPORTED STUDY PATHWAY

5. The supported pathway is for students 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 level 2 (C grade to A* at GCSE) and also where we feel that their progression post 16 will be supported by a more appropriate course; hopefully into the Sixth Form at SNS. Students will generally have arrived with assessments from Year 6 recorded as level 2 or B and will still have assessments in level 2 or low level 3.

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

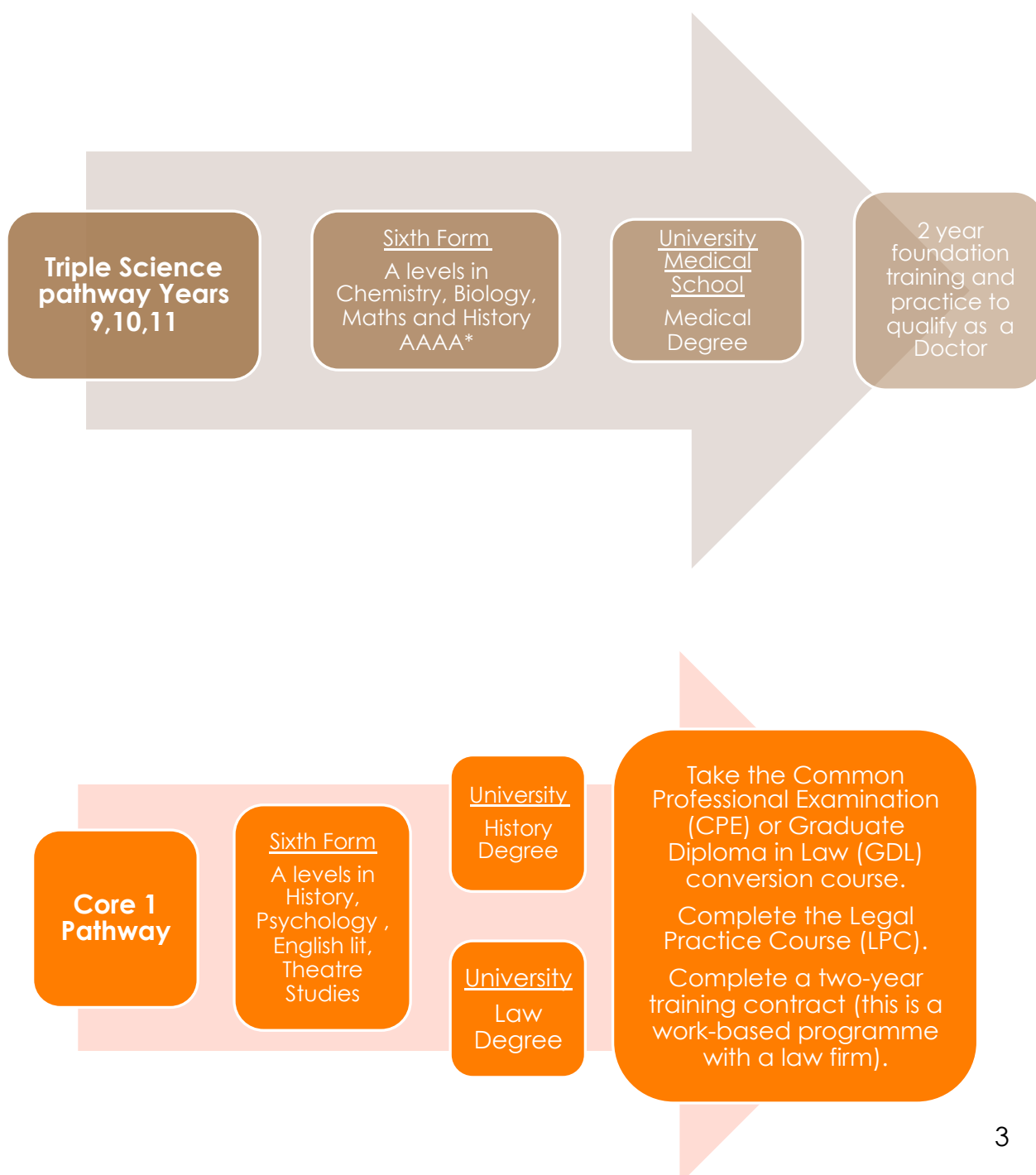
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This is a relatively simple way of looking at progression pathways into university, there are many other factors that need to be taken into account, but the single most important one of these is the final GCSE results. It is these grades that will ultimately determine the subjects students are allowed to study in the Sixth Form, the more grades A*, A or new grades 9 to 7, the greater the chance 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 please visit our website at:

www.sns.hackney.sch.uk/Sixth-Form/Admissions/

Below are some examples of academic and career pathways:



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Core 2 Pathway

Sixth Form
A levels in Art,
Maths, Physics,
3D Design

University
Architecture
Degree
7 years

The 7 year degree is broken down into 3 years for part 1, then one year work experience in an architects practice, further 2 years study then another year professional practice before taking final exams that qualify you as an architect

General Pathway

Sixth Form
IT, Extended
Project,
Citizenship,
Maths

University
Network
Engineering

Apprentice
Network
Engineer
Salary £18000

Employment with an IT or related company further training to complete Microsoft and Compla Certification

Apprenticeship will include professional training and qualifications from Microsoft and Compla

To gain entry to higher apprenticeship this company wanted a C grade minimum in AS

Supported Study Pathway

Sixth Form
Supported progression course and work experience

College or supported work placement

Students can continue in a mixture of work and education until the age of 25

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2. You must be at level 6 or above in your assessments in Science and at least level 5 in English and Maths. **You must choose at least one EBacc** (in green) subject from the other option blocks

English Lang	English Lit	Maths	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	EBacc 1	Subject 3	Subject 4
1	2	3	4	5	Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
Physics	History GCSE	Art GCSE	Art GCSE
	Geography GCSE	Drama GCSE	Drama GCSE
	French GCSE	PE GCSE	Music GCSE
	Latin GCSE	Media GCSE	Media GCSE
	Spanish GCSE	Graphics GCSE	Textiles GCSE
	Computer Science GCSE	Catering GCSE	Resistant Materials GCSE
	Drama GCSE	IT GCSE	Geography GCSE
	IT GCSE	Turkish GCSE	Spanish GCSE
	Citizenship GCSE	French GCSE	Computer Science GCSE
	PE GCSE	History GCSE	French GCSE
	Photography GCSE	Geography GCSE	History GCSE
	Music GCSE	Spanish GCSE	
Art and Design supported Study	Art and Design supported Study	NCFE L1 Certificate in Music Tech	Jamie's Cooking L1 Certificate

Fill in your options for the Triple Science Pathway here:

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
First Choice	Physics GCSE			
Second Choice				
Third Choice				

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2. You should ideally be at a level 5 or above in your assessments in English and Maths and level 6 in the EBacc subjects you want to choose.

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

You must choose at least two EBacc subjects but they can be from any block

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
History GCSE	History GCSE	Art GCSE	Art GCSE
Spanish GCSE	Geography GCSE	Drama GCSE	Drama GCSE
French GCSE	French GCSE	PE GCSE	Music GCSE
Geography GCSE	Latin GCSE	Media GCSE	Media GCSE
RE GCSE	Spanish GCSE	Graphics GCSE	Textiles GCSE
BTEC Construction	Computer Science GCSE	Catering GCS	Resistant Materials GCSE
Art & Photography GCSE	Drama GCSE	IT GCSE	Geography GCSE
BTEC Sport	IT GCSE	Turkish GCSE	Spanish GCSE
	Citizenship GCSE	French GCSE	Computer Science GCSE
	PE GCSE	History GCSE	French GCSE
	Photography GCSE	Geography GCSE	History GCSE
	Music GCSE	Spanish GCSE	
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First Choice				
Second Choice				
Third Choice				

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Spanish GCSE	Geography GCSE	Drama GCSE	Drama GCSE
French GCSE	French GCSE	PE GCSE	Music GCSE
Geography GCSE	Latin GCSE	Media GCSE	Media GCSE
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BTEC Sport	IT GCSE	Turkish GCSE	Spanish GCSE
	Citizenship GCSE	French GCSE	Computer Science GCSE
	PE GCSE	History GCSE	French GCSE
	Photography GCSE	Geography GCSE	History GCSE
	Music GCSE	Spanish GCSE	
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First Choice				
Second Choice				
Third Choice				

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2. Current assessments may be level 3 to level 4.
3. It is really important that you choose subjects that you can be successful in and maximise your chances of progression into the Sixth Form.

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	Photography GCSE	Geography GCSE	History GCSE
	Music GCSE	Spanish GCSE	
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Second Choice				
Third Choice				

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2. Generally students will have come to Stoke Newington in Year 7 with very low level 2 or a B and will still be getting assessments at level 2 or low level 3.

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1	2	3		Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4

The subjects at the bottom of the grid are for the Supported Study Pathway but students can choose other subjects if they feel that they are more appropriate for them in discussion with their teachers although we reserve the right to change these if we feel that they are not appropriate.

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
History GCSE	History GCSE	Art GCSE	Art GCSE
Spanish GCSE	Geography GCSE	Drama GCSE	Drama GCSE
French GCSE	French GCSE	PE GCSE	Music GCSE
Geography GCSE	Latin GCSE	Media GCSE	Media GCSE
RE GCSE	Spanish GCSE	Graphics GCSE	Textiles GCSE
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	PE GCSE	History GCSE	French GCSE
	Photography GCSE	Geography GCSE	History GCSE
	Music GCSE	Spanish GCSE	
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Third Choice				

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