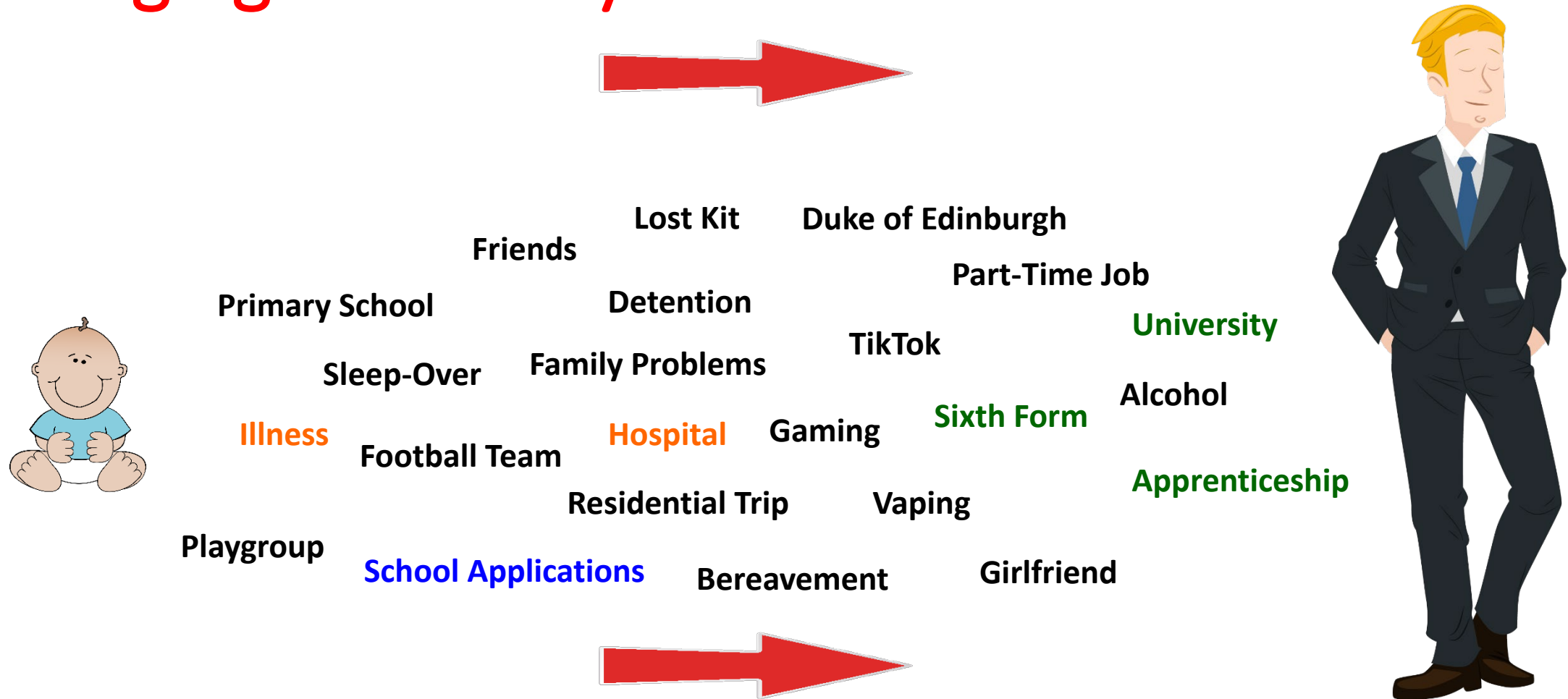




KS4 Pathways

March 2023

Forging a Pathway



Year 9 Pathways

This Pathways process is **one of those many pathways** we as parents help negotiate.

This Pathways process is **one where the school have the real knowledge and understanding.**

We have told you this information - but it suddenly gets framed in this specific moment.



This Pathways process also affects **our vision as parents** - we have ideas and dreams - but this process is just as much about realities.

Our School Curriculum



Any lesson...

Any subject...

Any teacher...

Any time...

I'd like to go into a restaurant...

**I'd like to get my flight this summer
before the schools break up...**

Building a Curriculum for 2023-2025

School influences...

- Our students...
- Our staff...
- Our rooms...
- Our resources...
- Our strengths...
- Our beliefs...

External influences...

- Government direction...
- Dept for Education direction...
- OFSTED direction...
- OFQUAL direction...
- Teacher shortages...
- Reduced budgets...

Approved Qualifications

There are **1,000s of courses** - but only some are formally approved.

This means the courses we offer now might change.

We 'only' do formally approved courses.

We cannot control this - but we both have to respond to it.

They get approved each year - and change each year.

Sometimes the DfE changes courses mid-year.

Compulsory Subjects

- GCSE English Language
- GCSE English Literature
- GCSE Maths
- GCSE Science (x2)
- ICT
- RE
- PE
- Humanities (History or Geography)
- MFL (French)

English & Maths speak for themselves...

GCSE Science can be extended to Triple Science...

ICT gives your child a skills qualification...

GCSE RE is a decision for your pathway - and is delivered elsewhere in different ways...

PE is Games - but you can pick it as an academic qualification as well...

All students do (at least) one Humanities...

Around two-thirds of students do MFL (French)...

Academic & Vocational

GCSEs & Vocationals (such as BTECs)
match up.

These Vocationals **DO NOT** stop
university routes.

Vocationals can offer a better way
of **learning, workload and success.**

If anyone tells you otherwise - **they
are wrong.**

Old GCSEs	New GCSEs	Vocational
A*	9	Distinction *
	8	
A	7	Distinction
	6	
B	5 (Strong Pass)	Merit
	4 (Standard Pass)	
C		Pass
D	3	Level 1 Pass
E	2	
F		
G	1	
U	U	U

Deciding a Pathway

YEAR 9 PATHWAY PROFILE			
Name: Jane Smith			Tutor Group: 9Z1
Attendance: 99.01%	Behaviour Points: 0		House Points: 291
ACADEMIC PROFILE			
	KS2 Reading	KS2 Maths	KS2 Average
KS2 DATA	104	110	108.5
Subject	KS4 Target		Attainment DC1
English	5.72		5+
Maths	6.41		7=
Science	6.32		6+
History	5.74		6+
Geography	5.91		5=
MFL	5.35		6=
PURPLE PATHWAY			
Post 16 Aspirations:	Sixth Form		
Career Path:	Design, Architect, Fashion		



Your Child's Pathway

Your child's pathway is based on our **professional judgement**; Eg - lessons, data, progress, ability, aspirations, attendance, etc.

Choice is important - but **guided choice** with parameters is our approach.



Pathways are not ability bands - it is about getting students onto the subjects they are best equipped to succeed in.

The Pathways come with **specific support and provision** targeted at your child; ie - boosters, guest speakers, study skills programmes, mentoring, tracking, etc.

Since this approach our results have gone from lower middle to top 10% nationally - and topping Staffordshire performance tables - and **curriculum changes were key**.

Thinking About... Vocationals

**The following subjects are vocational...
Creative Media, Engineering,
Enterprise, Health & Social Care,
Hospitality & Catering, Performing
Arts, Sport...**

**These have a project management
angle to them which is great for the
world of work...**

**All have progression routes into Sixth
Form...**



Thinking About... Exams

GCSE Maths = 3 Exams

GCSE Eng Lang = 2 Exams

GCSE Eng Lit = 2 Exams

GCSE Science = 6 Exams

GCSE Geography = 3 Exams

GCSE French = 4 Exams

Total = 20 Exams (4 weeks)

+ 3-4 more subjects

Vocational Subjects have coursework and practical elements. This reduces the exam load.

If someone chose extras as History, RE and Film = +8 Exams.

Vocational course are usually 1 Exam each.

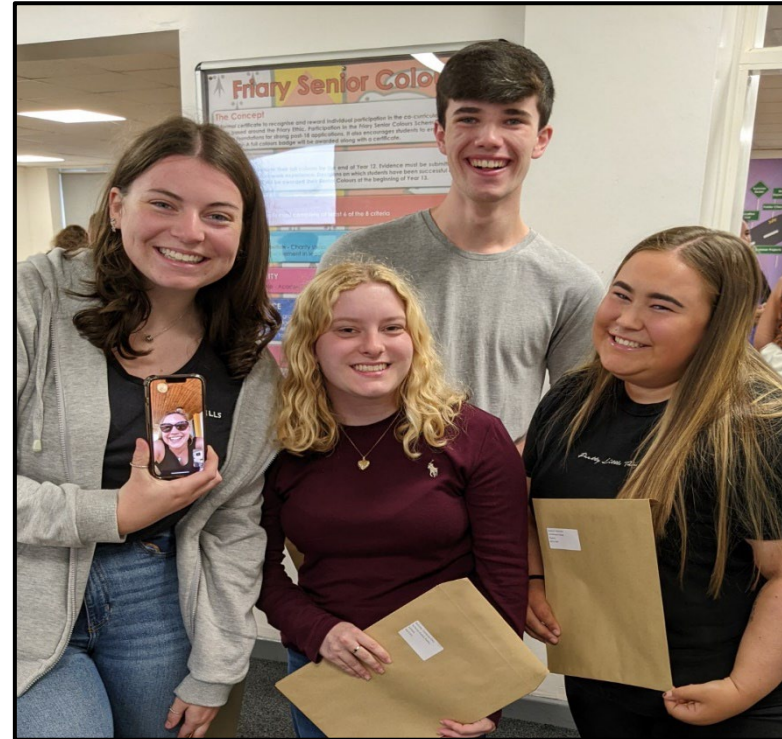
Thinking About... Sixth Form

Look at your child's report on EduLink and reflect on where they are heading...

Grade 6s and 7s are needed for A-Levels.

Grades 5s can lead to Sixth Form vocationals.

You child's targets are a good guide - but not an absolute guide...



There is time to improve - but we really have 2 years and patterns are well-established.

Thinking About... Apprenticeships

Lower tier apprenticeship will be looking for 4s (old Grade C) in English and Maths - typically plus 3 others (at Grade 4 / Pass +).

Last year we had around 3% of students go to apprenticeships at Post-16. The range you may expect is not there locally.



Thinking About... College

College for Friary students comes at 3 levels:

Level 1 = 2 GCSEs Grade 2+ (Re-Takes) (1 year)

Level 2 = 4 GCSEs Grade 3 + (Re-Takes) (1 year)

Level 3 / T-Level = 4s in E&M + 3 (2 years)

A-Levels / Level 3 Vocationals at College are similar to what is asked for at school.

Most common for Friary students is South Staffs (Lichfield, Cannock, Robaston) or Stafford.



Thinking About.... Grade Realities

**Summer 2022 - Best Results in Staffordshire /
10% Nationally**

GCSE Maths 4+ = 84.2% (171/200)

GCSE English 4+ = 94.1% (191/200)

GCSE Maths 7+ = 29.6%

GCSE English 7+ = 42.4%

1 x Grade 4+ = 100%

5 x Grade 4+ = 82.6%



**There is no child who cannot succeed at
this school...**

**The biggest factor in this level of success is
our Pathways...**

Thinking About... General

Enjoy...

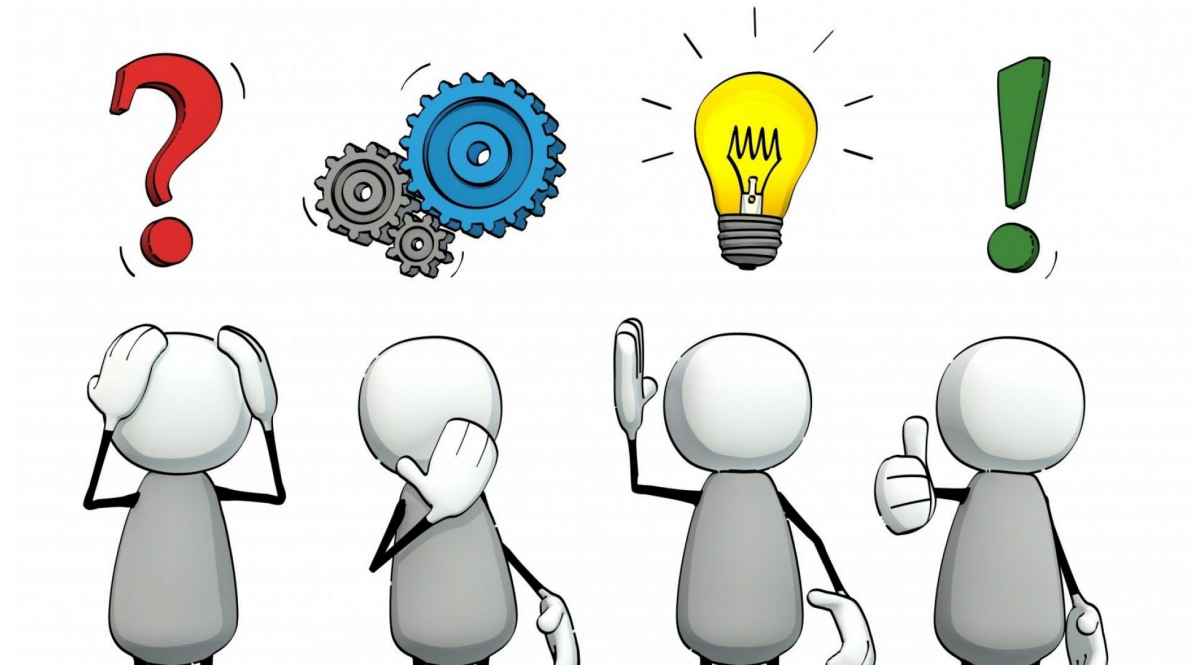
Current Grades...

Variety...

Future Plans...

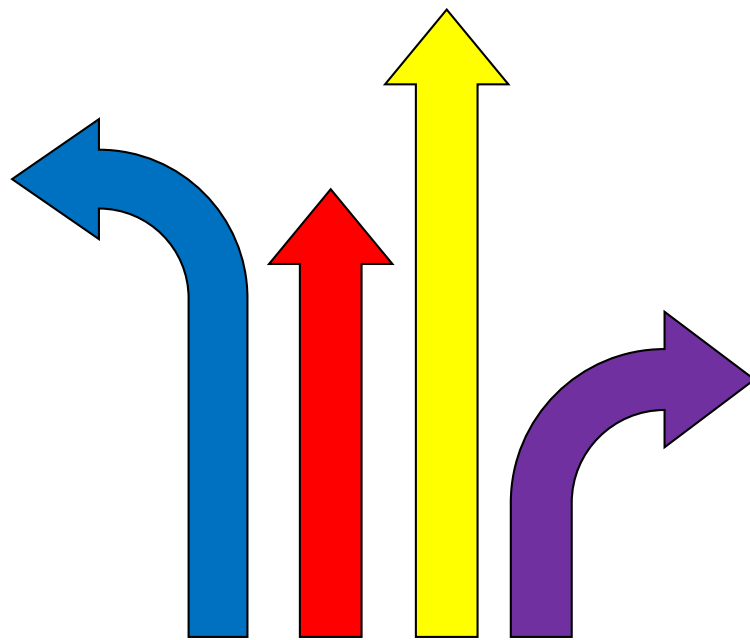
Best Friend...

Best Teacher...



CAN'T CHANGE YOUR MIND !!!

The Pathways Forms



Pathway to Success

The Friary School - Key Stage 4 Pathways 2023-2024 - Blue Pathway

Name: Tutor Group:

All students take examinable courses in English, English Literature, Mathematics and Science.

Baccalaureate Humanities Block	Baccalaureate Language Block	First Open Block	Second Open Block	Third Open Block
GCSE Geography <input type="checkbox"/> GCSE History <input type="checkbox"/>	GCSE Art & Design <input type="checkbox"/> GCSE French <input type="checkbox"/> Cambridge National Sports Studies <input type="checkbox"/>	BTEC Creative Media Production <input type="checkbox"/> BTEC Enterprise <input type="checkbox"/> GCSE Film Studies <input type="checkbox"/> BTEC Health & Social Care <input type="checkbox"/> GCSE History <input type="checkbox"/> BTEC Hospitality & Catering <input type="checkbox"/>	GCSE Art & Design <input type="checkbox"/> BTEC Creative Media Production <input type="checkbox"/> BTEC Enterprise <input type="checkbox"/> BTEC Performing Arts <input type="checkbox"/> GCSE Religious Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Cambridge National Sports Studies <input type="checkbox"/>	BTEC Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> GCSE Geography <input type="checkbox"/> BTEC Health & Social Care <input type="checkbox"/> BTEC Hospitality & Catering <input type="checkbox"/> GCSE Music <input type="checkbox"/> Cambridge National Sports Studies <input type="checkbox"/>

Write top choice, middle choice or bottom choice in the spaces beneath the open blocks.

Important Guidance

Please tick one subject in each block using box provided. You can only study each subject once so pick a different subject in each block.

You need to decide which of your three open block choices is your top choice. This is the subject you want to study the most. Write top choice in the space beneath the open block the subject you want to study the most is in. Then write middle choice and bottom choice in the other spaces when you have decided which subjects are your middle and bottom choices. This will help us if too many students pick a subject.

Finally, remember that changes cannot be made once Year 10 begins!

Date form received: ____/____/2023

Received by: _____

The Friary School - Key Stage 4 Pathways 2023-2024 - Gold Pathway

Name: Tutor Group:

All students take examinable courses in English, English Literature, Mathematics and Science.

Baccalaureate Humanities Block	Baccalaureate Language Block	First Open Block	Second Open Block	Third Open Block
GCSE Geography <input type="checkbox"/> GCSE History <input type="checkbox"/>	BTEC Creative Media Production <input type="checkbox"/> GCSE French <input type="checkbox"/> BTEC Hospitality & Catering <input type="checkbox"/>	BTEC Creative Media Production <input type="checkbox"/> BTEC Enterprise <input type="checkbox"/> GCSE Film Studies <input type="checkbox"/> BTEC Health & Social Care <input type="checkbox"/> GCSE History <input type="checkbox"/> BTEC Hospitality & Catering <input type="checkbox"/>	GCSE Art & Design <input type="checkbox"/> BTEC Creative Media Production <input type="checkbox"/> BTEC Enterprise <input type="checkbox"/> BTEC Performing Arts <input type="checkbox"/> GCSE Religious Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Cambridge National Sports Studies <input type="checkbox"/>	BTEC Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> GCSE Geography <input type="checkbox"/> BTEC Health & Social Care <input type="checkbox"/> BTEC Hospitality & Catering <input type="checkbox"/> GCSE Music <input type="checkbox"/> Cambridge National Sports Studies <input type="checkbox"/>
Write <u>top choice</u> , <u>middle choice</u> or <u>bottom choice</u> in the spaces beneath the open blocks.				

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The Friary School - Key Stage 4 Pathways 2023-2024 - Purple Pathway

Name: Tutor Group:

All students take examinable courses in English, English Literature, French, Mathematics and Science.

Baccalaureate Humanities Block	First Open Block	Second Open Block	Third Open Block
GCSE Geography <input type="checkbox"/> GCSE History <input type="checkbox"/>	BTEC <u>Creative Media</u> Production <input type="checkbox"/> BTEC Enterprise <input type="checkbox"/> GCSE Film Studies <input type="checkbox"/> BTEC Health & Social Care <input type="checkbox"/> GCSE History <input type="checkbox"/> BTEC Hospitality & Catering <input type="checkbox"/> GCSE Triple Science <input type="checkbox"/>	GCSE Art & Design <input type="checkbox"/> BTEC <u>Creative Media</u> Production <input type="checkbox"/> BTEC Enterprise <input type="checkbox"/> BTEC Performing Arts <input type="checkbox"/> GCSE Religious Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Cambridge National Sports Studies <input type="checkbox"/>	BTEC Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> GCSE Geography <input type="checkbox"/> BTEC Health & Social Care <input type="checkbox"/> BTEC Hospitality & Catering <input type="checkbox"/> GCSE Music <input type="checkbox"/> GCSE PE <input type="checkbox"/> Cambridge National Sports Studies <input type="checkbox"/>
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Important Guidance

Please tick one subject in each block using box provided. You can only study each subject once so pick a different subject in each block. Note that GCSE PE and Cambridge National Sports Studies very similar courses so do not pick both!

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The Friary School - Key Stage 4 Pathways 2023-2024 - Red Pathway

Name: Tutor Group:

All students take examinable courses in English, English Literature, French, Mathematics and Science.

Baccalaureate Humanities Block	First Open Block	Second Open Block	Third Open Block
GCSE Geography <input type="checkbox"/> GCSE History <input type="checkbox"/>	BTEC <u>Creative Media</u> Production <input type="checkbox"/> BTEC Enterprise <input type="checkbox"/> GCSE Film Studies <input type="checkbox"/> BTEC Health & Social Care <input type="checkbox"/> GCSE History <input type="checkbox"/> BTEC Hospitality & Catering <input type="checkbox"/>	GCSE Art & Design <input type="checkbox"/> BTEC <u>Creative Media</u> Production <input type="checkbox"/> BTEC Enterprise <input type="checkbox"/> BTEC Performing Arts <input type="checkbox"/> GCSE Religious Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Cambridge National Sports Studies <input type="checkbox"/>	BTEC Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> GCSE Geography <input type="checkbox"/> BTEC Health & Social Care <input type="checkbox"/> BTEC Hospitality & Catering <input type="checkbox"/> GCSE Music <input type="checkbox"/> GCSE PE <input type="checkbox"/> Cambridge National Sports Studies <input type="checkbox"/>
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Reminders

- We have discussed every student individually before deciding their pathway.
- All students must select at least one subject from French, Geography or History depending upon their pathway.
- If a subject is oversubscribed the 'order of preference' is a fair way to decide what happens.
- Access to the Learning Hub will be discussed with individual students after forms are returned.
- No subject can be studied twice !

Reflection & Advice

Subject teachers will be available after this presentation to talk to you about the courses on offer.

Senior staff will be in the dining area to talk about specific points.

After decisions are made - senior staff will **again** review every child.

We have to **get this right** for child.

KEY POINTS:

1. The columns are fixed.
2. Course changes in Year 10 are a big problem for everyone.
3. Subject Clinics run in the school.
4. Your child's pathway is their best pathway.
5. Our expertise prioritises your child's success.

Deadline

The deadline for the return of the pathways form is **Friday 24 March**.

Where appropriate, students will have a one-to-one discussion with a senior member of staff about their future before the end of the pathways process.



The Friary School

Pathways Evening

