



8<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: KS4 Study Pathways Evening, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 6.00pm – 7.30pm**

We hope that you will be able to join us for our Study Pathways Evening. At the event, you and your child will have the opportunity to find out more about individual subjects and understand the process of selecting courses for Years 10 and 11. We will also discuss future aspirations and careers.

The aim of our options process is to try to make sure that all students take on a challenging and rewarding range of subjects which offer a realistic chance of success. It is also essential that these qualifications lead towards successful progression into Wellsway Sixth Form or other suitable place in Post 16 education. We therefore suggest students consider one of two Pathways that will provide this opportunity.

Our English Baccalaureate Pathway is suitable for the vast majority of our students who want to progress onto A Level study at Sixth Form. It also offers excellent opportunities for college or work based training, including apprenticeships. In addition to the core examined offer of English, mathematics and science, students will opt to study one language and one humanities subject (from geography or history). Students then have a free choice of two subjects, plus a reserve. The pathway contains the recommended mix of subjects suggested by Russell Group Universities and will also see students reach the English Baccalaureate standard.

Our Academic Pathway is also suited to students who also want to progress onto further study post-16, but may not wish to pursue the study of a modern foreign language. Like the English Baccalaureate Pathway, it is suitable preparation for the sixth form, other post-16 colleges or work-based training. In addition to core subject study, students will choose either history or geography. Students then have a free choice of three subjects, plus a reserve. This pathway will open up study possibilities at Sixth Form which will then lead to high quality university applications or onto employment following successful Sixth Form study.

Further explanation of these pathways will be given at the Study Pathways Evening. We also suggest that you look through the study pathways booklet published on our website: [Year 10 Pathways Booklet 2024 -2026](#)

**If your surname begins with A-K - on arrival, please proceed to Lansdown Hall**

**6.00pm – 6.45pm** Pathways presentation including processes and points to consider

**6.45pm – 7.30pm** Please make your way to Mendip Hall where subject teachers will be available to discuss all option choices listed at the bottom of this letter.

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**6.45pm – 7.30pm** Please make your way to Lansdown Hall for the pathways presentation including processes and points to consider.

Subject staff will be available to give more information about courses and to answer questions about content, assessment and any other queries you may have. Our courses for selection from September 2024 are listed here:

**GCSEs**

Art and Design, Business Studies, Computer Science, Creative Technology, Dance, Drama, English, Food Preparation and Nutrition, French, Geography, History, Mathematics, Music, Psychology, Physical Education, Product Design, Religious Studies, Spanish, Sciences, Textiles.

**Vocational Courses**

Child Development, Health and Fitness.

We will be in contact after the half-term holiday to provide details of how subject choices should be submitted.

Yours faithfully

**S Hill**

Deputy Headteacher