

Welcome to Year 9 Study Pathways Evening 2024-26

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We want to help you....

- To enjoy your studies in Years 10 and 11.
- To get onto the best possible post 16 courses in 2026.
- To have the maximum amount of choice in terms of education, employment and training.
- To have a set of highly valued qualifications to present to employers, universities and colleges.

A pathway is....

- A package of courses that will allow each student to enter the next phase of school after Year 11 with the best collection of possible qualifications.
- All pathways contain English, maths and science qualifications, plus a choice of history or geography. PE and PSHE are also included for all students.
- Many students will also study French or Spanish.

What will my timetable be like in Year 10?

Core	PSHE 1	English 8	Maths 8	Science 10	PE 3	30
Options	His/Geo 5	Option 5	Option 5	Option 5		20
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				Total		50

Have you read the pathways guide?

**Wellsway
Study Pathways
Key Stage 4
September 2024 – June 2026**



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It contains essential information:

Core Subjects

English Language
English Literature
Mathematics
Science
Physical Education
Personal, Social, Health & Education (PSHE)

12 - 14
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15 - 17
18 - 21
22
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Subjects that can be chosen

Art and Design (Fine Art) - GCSE 25 - 26
Business - GCSE 27 - 28
Child Development – BTEC Level 2 29
Computer Science - GCSE 30 - 31
Creative Technology – 3D Design - GCSE 32 - 34
Dance - GCSE 35 - 36
Drama – GCSE 37 - 38
Food Preparation and Nutrition – GCSE 39 - 40
French - GCSE 41 - 42
Geography - GCSE 43 - 44
History - GCSE 45 - 46
Music – GCSE 47 - 48
Psychology – GCSE 49 - 50
Physical Education - GCSE 51 - 52
Physical Education - NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Health and Fitness 53 - 54
Product Design - GCSE 55 - 56
Religious Studies - GCSE 57 - 58
Spanish – GCSE 59 - 60
Textiles GCSE 61 - 62

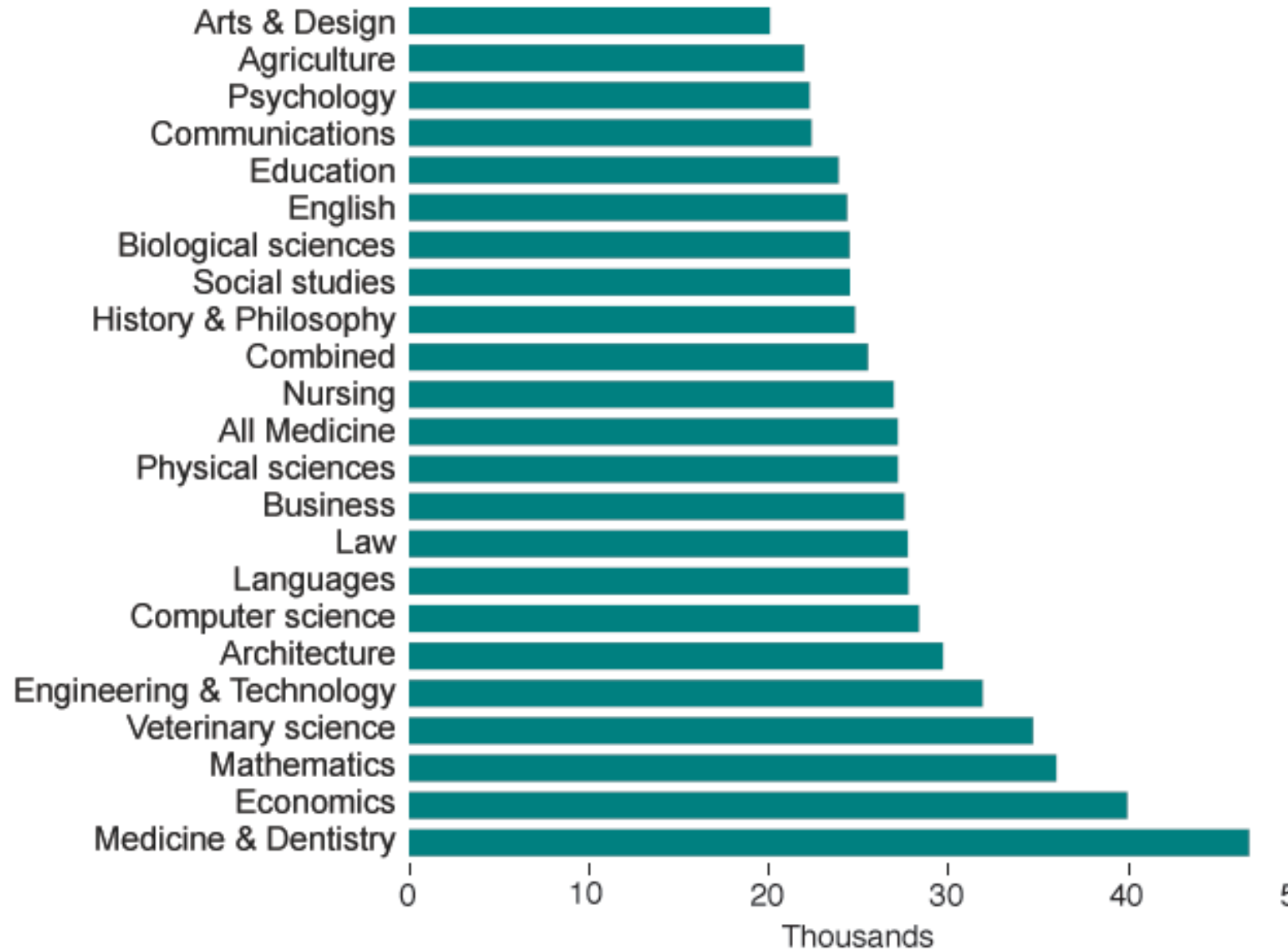
English Baccalaureate Academic Pathway

- English language and literature; maths; combined or separate sciences; core PE and PSHE
- French or Spanish
- History or geography
- Plus a choice of 2 other qualifications and a reserve
- **This route will provide an excellent route through to A Levels and Higher Education. It maximises the range of career choices available.**

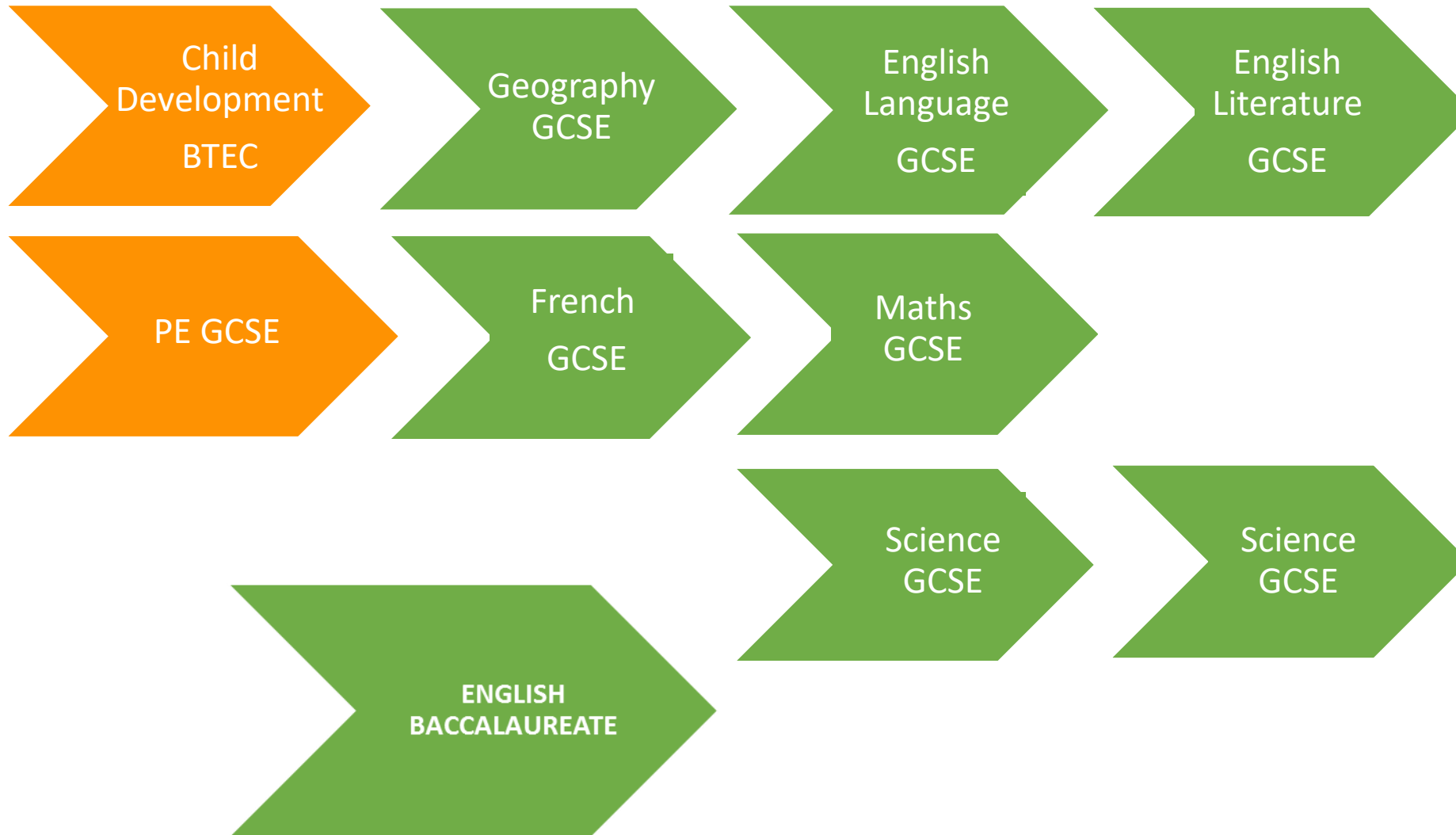
Why should students consider the Ebacc?

Which graduates earn the most?

Median annual earnings (£) by subject, five years after graduating



Typically a student might leave with....



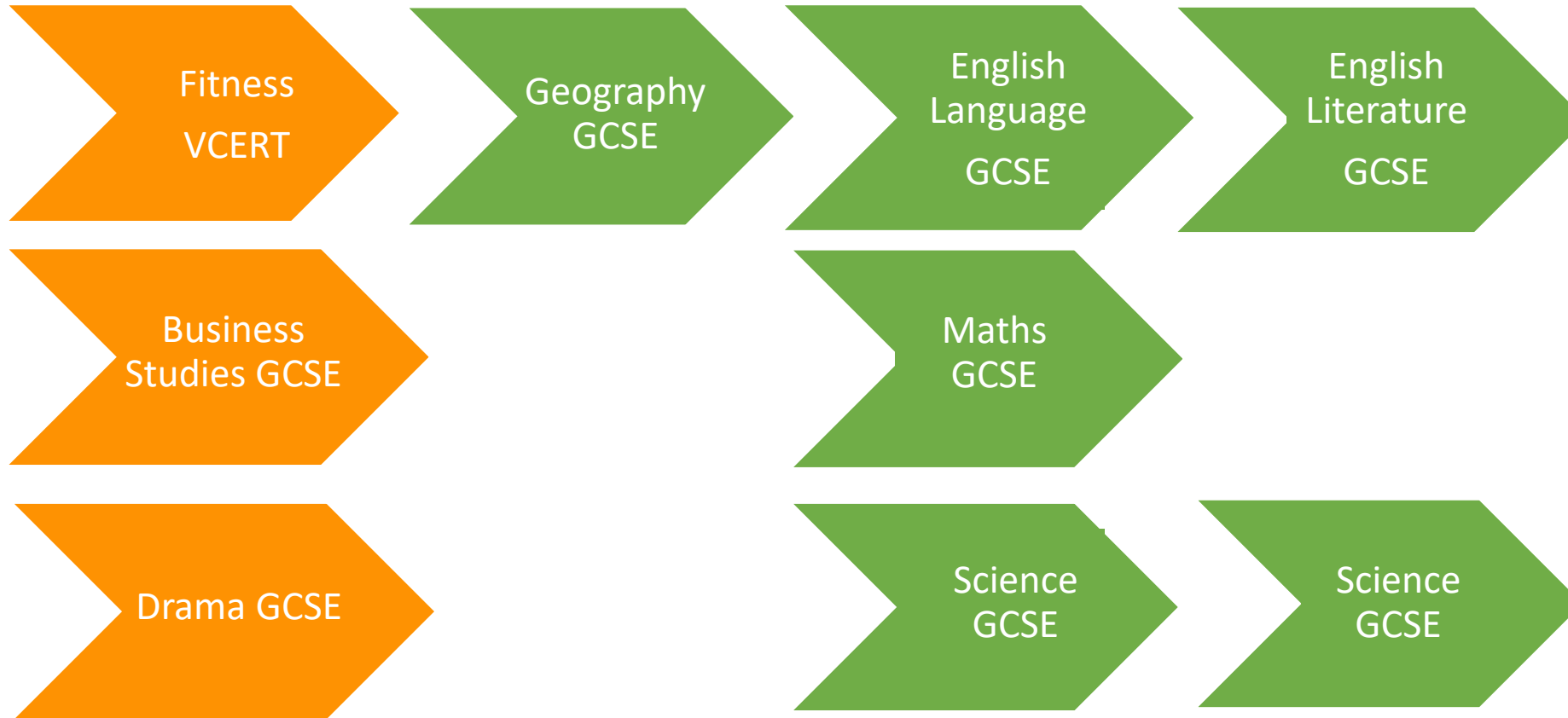
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Academic Pathway

- English language and literature; maths; combined or separate sciences; core PE and PSHE
- History or geography
- Plus a choice of 3 other qualifications and a reserve.

This route provides a solid foundation for successful post 16 qualifications and onto either higher education or employment.

Typically a student might leave with....



IKB Pathway



- IKB is a Partner school within Futura Learning partnership
- STEM Specialist school following a four year curriculum
- Application can be made through the IKB Website (open tonight for information)
- We work closely with IKB sharing many staff and systems
- For some children, this can be a positive start in a smaller setting with a focus on Science, Technology Engineering and Maths



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Vocational Qualifications – VCERTS and BTECs

- These are valued by employers, universities and colleges.
- We advise you to consider opting for one. Some students may more.
- If taken alongside a number of GCSE subjects, there is no disadvantage in terms of career opportunities.
- Vocational subjects are assessed mainly through project work (usually worth 60% - 80% of the grade), with one short examination (normally 20 - 40%).
- GCSEs are typically assessed entirely by end of course exams in Year 11. Students taking only GCSE courses may sit 24 or more exams in the summer.

Grades

Grading new GCSEs from 2017

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	
8	A*
7	A
6	B
⑤ STRONG PASS	
④ STANDARD PASS	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
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For you to consider:

- Which subjects do you really enjoy?
- Which subjects excite and motivate you?
- What might be relevant to your post-16 courses or training?
- Which subjects open the most doors in the future?

The following combinations are not possible:

- Art and Design with Creative Technology
- Product Design with Textiles
- Physical Education with Health and Fitness VCERT

Am I guaranteed to get the subjects I choose?

We cannot promise that students will be given every course they choose, but we satisfy as many first choices as we possibly can. The reasons for this are:

1. Some courses may not attract enough interest to run.
2. Some courses may attract greater numbers than we have staff and facilities to provide for.
3. Some subject combinations will not be possible when we arrange the courses into teaching periods for the new timetable.

We do not operate a selection policy for oversubscribed subjects – allocation is determined randomly

Where can you go to get help?

- Your teachers
- Your tutor and Head of House
- Our Careers Team and Sixth Form Teams – Mrs Chapman
- Our Wellsway Careers Adviser – Mrs A. Millard
- The Independent Careers Adviser – Mrs M. Millard
- Websites such as:
 - www.ucas.com for university entry
 - <https://www.gov.uk/topic/further-education-skills/apprenticeships> for apprenticeships

Please complete your application by 8th March 2024

