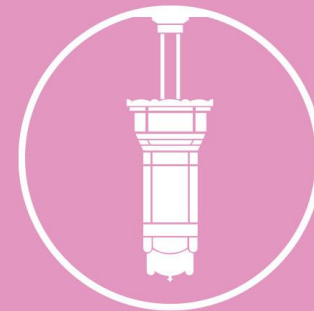
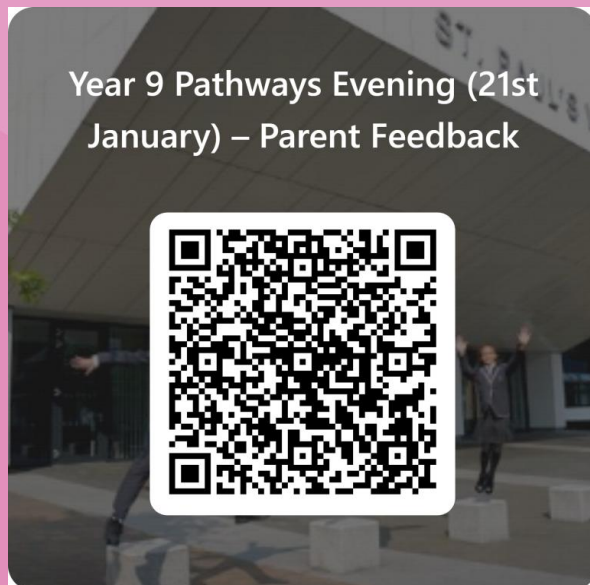


Year 9 Pathways Evening

This presentation will last around 15-20 minutes.

At the end of the presentation, there is a subject fair in the atrium and dining hall where you can speak with teaching staff to discuss your options.



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St Paul's Way School Values



ASPIRATION



INTEGRITY



COMMUNITY



What do we mean by Pathways?

Your education is a journey.
You are now at a crossroad.
There are different paths that
you can take.





Why do I need to choose a Pathway?

- To prepare yourself for KS4.
- Your GCSE subjects lead you to Further Education
 - Sixth Form
 - College
 - Apprenticeship
- To choose subjects you enjoy.
- To select subjects that are appropriate for you and your goals.
- To start to have autonomy over your education.



What is Key Stage 4?

- KS4 is a two-year period (Y10 and Y11)

Changes at Key Stage 4

- **More challenging** and different from previous years
- **Linear** examinations – Exams in May/June at the end of year 11 (and year 10 for RE)
- Greater focus on **literacy**



Changes to GCSEs

- It has been well documented that there have been many changes to GCSEs and how they are assessed.
- The biggest change is that grades are assessed as numbers 9 - 1 rather than letters A* - G.

New grading structure

9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
A*	A		B	C	D	E	F	G	U

Current grading structure

A and above = same
proportion of students
as 7 and above

B-C = same
proportion of students
as 4-6

The bottom of grade 1
will be aligned with
the bottom of grade G

The KS4 Curriculum



A balanced set of skills and qualifications

Core Subjects Everyone studies these				Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Non-Exam
English Language And English Literature	Maths	Combined Science or Triple Science	RE				PE

Mental and Physical
Wellbeing

Options Subjects



Geography (GCSE)

History (GCSE)

French (GCSE)

Spanish (GCSE)

Art (GCSE)

Business (GCSE)

**Triple
Science (GCSE)**

**Computer Science
(GCSE)**

**ICT iMedia
(Cambridge
National)**

**Design
Technology (GCSE)**

Drama (GCSE)

**Food and
Nutrition (GCSE)**

Music (GCSE)

Photography (GCSE)

Sport (BTEC)

Citizenship (GCSE)

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Qualification**

What is the difference between Computer Science and ICT iMedia?



These are both Level 2 qualifications (aged 16).

Computer Science is a GCSE qualification

Content Examples: Networks, Hardware, Data representation, Problem solving with programming

ICT iMedia is a Cambridge National qualification

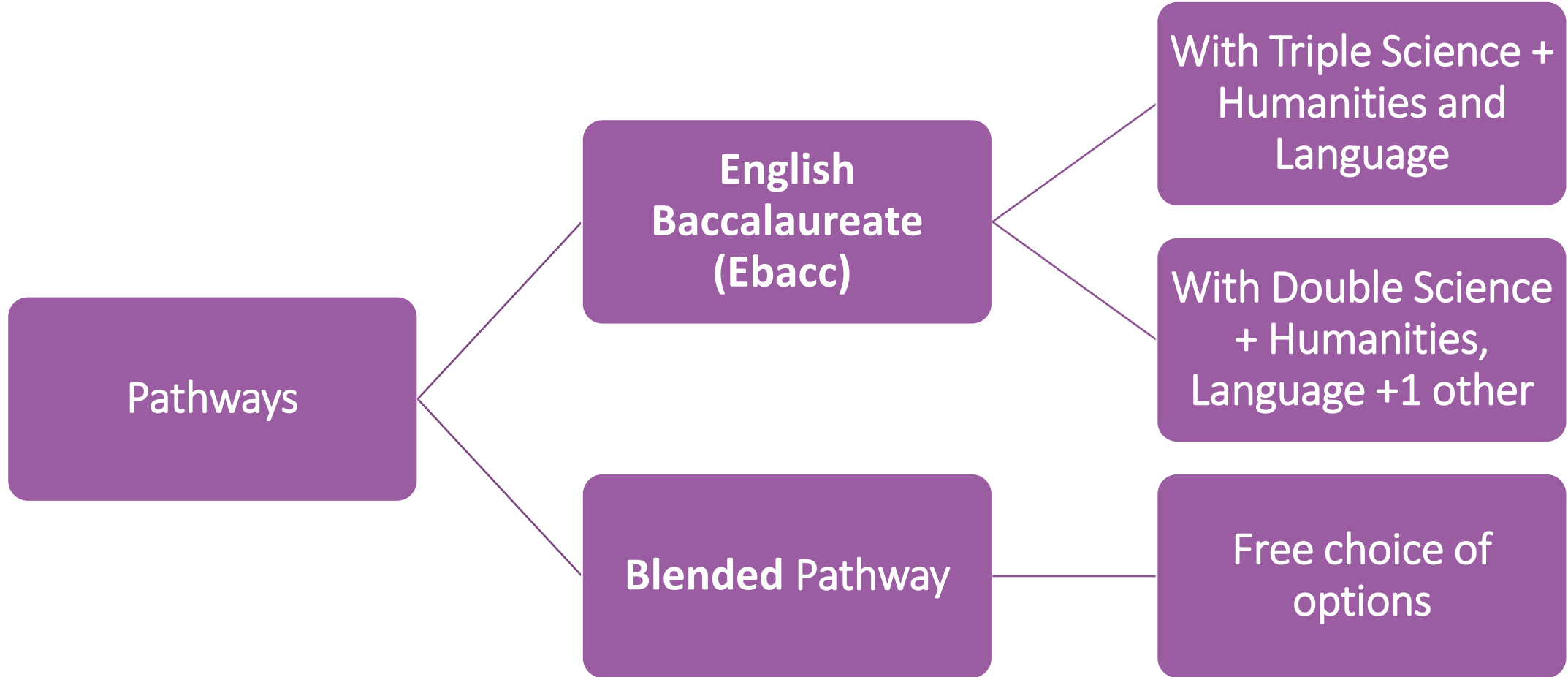
Content Examples: Creative iMedia in the media industry, visual identity and digital graphics, interactive digital media

You will be able to select which one you would like to apply for, but the Computing department will have the final say on which class pupils are added to. Speak to your Computer Science teacher to see which qualification they recommend for you.

What is Triple Science?



- At GCSE, most pupils study **Combined Science GCSE**.
- This is worth **two GCSEs** and you get two grades. For example, Grade 5-4 or Grade 9-8.
- If you are in set one or set two for Science in Y9, you are strongly encouraged to apply for Triple Science.
- This is worth **three GCSEs** called Biology GCSE, Chemistry GCSE, Physics GCSE.
- This takes additional study time, so counts as one of your options.
- At this school we offer two Triple Science classes, one in X band and one in Y band (60 spaces altogether).



What is the English Baccalaureate (Ebacc)?



The government recommends taking a combination of subjects called the "EBacc." This is a set of subjects at GCSE that keeps young people's options open for further study and future careers.

The EBacc is:

- English language and literature
- Maths
- Sciences
- Geography or History
- A Language

This is not a requirement but a recommendation from the government.



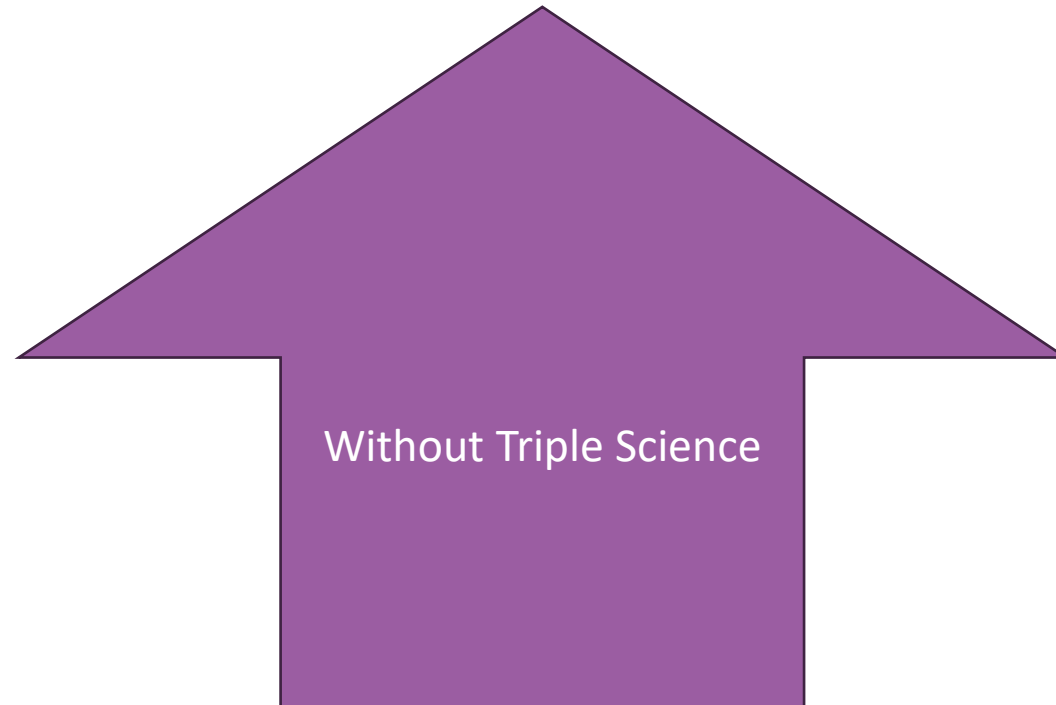
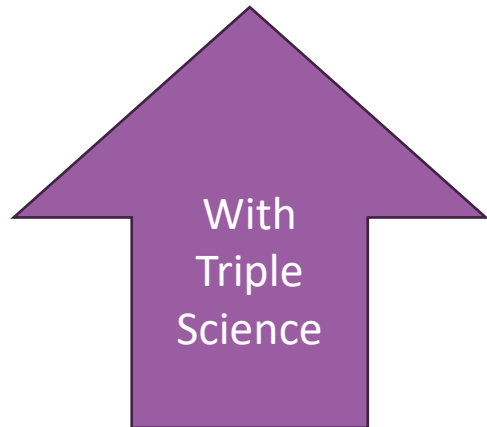
Blended Pathway

- Some students may require a personalised curriculum which more effectively suits their learning style, needs and aspirations.
- This is a bespoke pathway created by choosing different subjects from the wider options.

Examples of EBacc Options



Pupil 1	Pupil 2	Pupil 3	Pupil 4
Triple Science History Spanish	History French Music	Geography Spanish Drama	Geography French Art

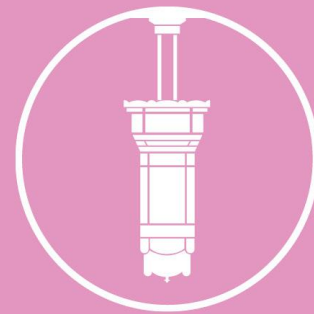




Examples of Blended Pathway Options

Pupil 1	Pupil 2	Pupil 3	Pupil 4
Geography Art Music	Triple Science PE Computer Science	Drama Sport Design Tech	Spanish Business ICT iMedia

Year 9 Pathways



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Guidance on how to choose

- You should pick subjects that are strengths for you but also that you enjoy.
- Don't worry about your friends' choices, this is about **you and your future**.
- You will need to provide **five choices in order** so we can try to give you your top choices.
- There are no 'blocks' to select from as we create these afterwards
- Whilst we hope to offer everyone their first three options this is not always possible.

Interests

Strengths

Enjoyment

Grades

Aspirations

Ambitions



Will I get my top 3 options?

- We do the best to give students their top three choices.
- This is not always possible, as some subjects may be oversubscribed.
- Some subjects might end up being at the same time, so you can only study one of them.
- On the form, there is space to explain why you would like to study a subject. Students who provided a good reason will be more likely to be allocated that subject than those who do not.
- Your performance in your chosen subject for the remainder of Y9 could also impact your selected options - even after the allocations have been made.

Combinations



We advise against studying too many coursework-based subjects, as these can be the cause of stress in year 10 and year 11.

Coursework-based subjects include; Sport BTEC, Photography, Art, Design & Technology, iMedia.

You can only apply for COMPUTER SCIENCE **or** ICT iMEDIA. Do not put both on the form.



How to Submit your Options

1. Student Full Name *

Enter your answer

2. Tutor Group *

Select your answer

3. **First Choice** *

☐ Art

☐ Business Studies

☐ Citizenship

☐ Computer Science (GCSE)

☐ Design Technology

- Record your options choices on the online form.
- You will need to provide a reason why you have chosen each subject.
- You will need to be logged into your Microsoft account (email or teams)
- You will need to give your top 5 choices.
- You should give your choices in order of preference.
- Consider your choices carefully. You **cannot** change these once submitted.
- The online form opens **Friday 23rd January 2026**.
- The deadline to submit is **Friday 30th January 2026**.



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Suitable Reasons

- I enjoy the content
- I want to use the subject in a future career
- This subject is a contrast to my other subjects
- I find this subject interesting
- I like learning about...

Unsuitable reasons

- My friend is studying this subject
- I like the teacher
- I don't like writing



Key Dates

Friday 30th January 2026

Deadline for students to complete Pathways Online Form.

Friday 27th February 2026

School will share the final allocated subjects with students and parents.



More Information

Our Website

- **spwt.net** → Secondary → Parents and carers → Year 9 Pathways
- <https://www.spwt.net/secondary/year9-pathways>

Year 9 Team this half term

- Mr Gonzalez – Student Achievement Coordinator
- Miss M Ahmed – Year Team Leader
- Mr M Williams – Director of Learning
- Your Tutor
- Your subject teachers

Year 9 Pathways Evening (21st
January) – Parent Feedback



Arbor Parent App – Communication with School



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We're using Arbor's free Parent Portal and Parent App

We've chosen Arbor to help us manage our school.

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Parent App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go!

The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the Parent App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0; iOS 10.0 and upwards).

How to get started

1. Wait for your welcome email from us telling you Arbor is ready - you won't be able to log in before
2. Click the link in your welcome email to set up your password
3. Go to the App or Google Play Store on your phone and search 'Arbor'
4. Click 'Install' on Android or 'Get' on iPhone then open the App
5. Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password
6. Accept the Terms & Conditions and enter your child's birthday

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