



St. Anne's Catholic High School for Girls

KEY STAGE 4 PATHWAYS



MRS SANDERS



Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus, may everything we do begin with You, continue with Your help, and be done under Your guidance. May we grow in Your Love and Your service and become a pleasing offering to You; and with You to Your Father.

Be present as we consider the future, and let us rest our concerns on you, working to redeem our world with you.

Amen

St. Anne – Pray for us



The Process so far:

Information about Year 10 and 11 study

Year 9 students have been introduced to Key Stage 4 Pathways and been given information, advice and guidance on the process. They will have had a Taster Lesson in each of their subjects to give them an idea how the subject may differ from Key Stage 3 by the end of next week.

Your daughter will receive their Key Stage 4 Pathway form by **Monday 9th February**. This Pathway is based on their CATs scores and the progress they have made during Key Stage 3. This is the Pathway that we believe is the most appropriate for them.

You will be able to access our Key Stage 4 Pathway subject information this evening.



About GCSE

GCSE is a General Certificate of Secondary Education

GCSEs are the qualification studied by our students in Year 10 and 11, which is called Key Stage 4.

The Key Stage 4 Pathways subject information has the most up to date information on each of the courses offered.

At St. Anne's most students study 9 GCSE courses.



General Certificate of Education (GCSE)

All GCSE courses have at least one final exam at the end of year 11.

Most subjects at GCSE are now 100% exam based which means that the whole GCSE grade is given based on how well a student does in their written exam paper(s) at the end of year 11.



The Key Stage 4 Core Curriculum

All Students follow a GCSE Core Curriculum at Key Stage 4

- 1. English Language**
- 2. English Literature**
- 3. Mathematics**
- 4 & 5. Combined Science (Trilogy)**
- 6. Religious Education**

This makes a total of **6 compulsory** GCSE courses.



Languages and Humanities

The DfE (Department for Education) and most Universities advise that students who are likely to be able to achieve a good GCSE in a **Modern Foreign Language** (French & Spanish) should take one as part of their Key Stage 4 curriculum.

We encourage our students to study a language.

Taking a Language to GCSE level is an academic achievement and it supports a broad and balanced curriculum at Key Stage 4.

Studying a **Humanities** (History and Geography) at GCSE level is a gateway for many students in providing a broad and balanced curriculum with “academic rigour”.

Most of the year group will be guided to take either History or Geography.



Other KS4 Subject Choices

FREE LIST

- Art*
- Computer Science (Applicable to students from **set 1 & 2 Maths only**)
- Drama
- Food
- Textiles*
- Creative iMedia
- Music
- Physical Education examined GCSE
- Separate Sciences – Biology Chemistry and Physics (Applicable to students from **set 1 and 2 Science only**)

***Students may only study one of the subjects with *,i.e. art or textiles**

Students **may not** be able to study all first-choice subject(s). We will work to get the best outcomes that we can.



Pathway A EBacc Route

All students study these 6 subjects

- 1. English Language**
- 2. English Literature**
- 3. Mathematics**
- 4 & 5. Combined Science Trilogy**
- 6. Religious Education**

Students select:

- 7. a Language (French or Spanish) and**
- 8. a Humanities (History or Geography)**
- 9. Students then select 1 subject from the “free” list, which could be a second humanities or Language**

Students choose 1 reserve subject from the “free” list



Pathway B

All students study these 6 subjects

1. English Language
2. English Literature
3. Mathematics
- 4 & 5. Combined Science Trilogy
6. Religious Education

Students select one of:

7. History **or** Geography **or** French **or** Spanish, leaving **two further subjects** of their own choice.

8 & 9. Students select **two subjects** from the “free” list, which could be a **second humanities** or a **Language** or **Separate (Triple) Science**** or **Computer Science*****

- Students choose 2 reserve subjects from the “free” list

***You may only study one of the subjects with *art, graphics and textiles**

**** Science set 1 or 2**

***** Maths set 1 or 2**



Pathway C

Some Students may be guided in selecting just 2 Broad Pathway choices (**one of these choices can be a Humanities or a Language**) with additional curriculum learning time to support achievement.

All students study these 6 subjects

- 1. English Language**
- 2. English Literature**
- 3. Mathematics**
- 4 & 5. Combined Science Trilogy**
- 6. Religious Education**

7 & 8. Students select **two subjects** from the “free” list

- Students choose **2 reserve subjects** from the “free” list

***You may only study one of the subjects with *, art, graphics and textiles**



Other KS4 Subject Choices

In addition to the core GCSE curriculum and Student Pathways:

All students have core PE on their weekly timetable.

Citizenship and Personal Social and Health Education (CPSHE), Careers Guidance and Work-Related Learning are taught to students in a variety of ways, including our curriculum drop-down sessions.



Good reasons to choose a Subject

- Your child is good at a subject
- They think they will enjoy the course
- It fits with their current career plans
- It gives them plenty of choice when choosing post-16 courses
- The method of assessment suits their strengths and/or learning style



Reasons that **MUST** not affect their choice

- Their friend is choosing that subject
- They think they like/do not like the teacher
- The subject looks "easy"
- Their choices are very narrow



In Summary – Three Pathways

Pathway A (EBacc) [6 compulsory plus 3 others]

- ❖ Language, Humanities plus 1 other from free list

Pathway B (Non-EBacc) [6 compulsory plus 3 others]

- ❖ Language or Humanities plus 2 others from free list

Pathway C (Extended Learning Option) [6 compulsory plus 2 others]

- ❖ 2 choices from free list

- They are eligible for Separate Sciences* or Computer Science** only if they are in:
- * Set 1 & 2 Science or ** Set 1 & 2 Maths



Their email states: Pathway A – EBacc Route

Example choices:

Student 1's choice: French, History & Drama

Student 2's choice: Spanish, History & Computing

Student 3's choice: French, Geography & Separate Sciences

Student 4's choice: Spanish, Geography & Art

Students choose 1 reserve subject from the “free” list



Their email states: Pathway B

Example choices:

Student 1's choice: French, Textiles & Drama

Student 2's choice: History, Art & Creative iMedia

Student 3's choice: Spanish, Food & Separate Sciences

Student 4's choice: Spanish, Geography & Art

Students choose 2 reserve subject from the “free” list



Their email states: Pathway C

Example choices:

Student 1's choice: French & Drama

Student 2's choice: History & Textiles

Student 3's choice: Food & Art

Student 4's choice: Spanish & Geography

Students choose 2 reserve subject from the “free” list



The Process

What happens now?

It is advisable that your child has meaningful conversations with their subject teachers so that they make the correct subject choices to study at Key Stage 4. They should all have had one KS4 Taster lesson in all their subjects starting Tuesday, 7th January.

We have looked at progress and target data to support us in allocating a pathway to them. Their allocated Pathway and the link to the Pathway MS Form will be sent to your email address by the end of the day, **Monday 9th February**. If they do not receive their Pathway or link, please email pathways@st-annes.enfield.sch.uk immediately.

Let them take their time to think about their subject choice(s). Submit their response by **Wednesday 4th March by 16:00**.



And then?

Pathway forms will be processed and discussions regarding alternative subject choices or suggested changes will take place after the Easter holiday.

When this has been completed you will be given confirmation of your KS4 Pathway choices in July.

It may not be possible for all students to get all of their first Pathway choices, which is why it is important to choose reserve choices carefully.

Contact: pathways@st-annes.enfield.sch.uk