

PATHWAYS EVENING

2022



Choices

The image features the word "Choices" in a playful, sans-serif font. Each letter is a different color and has a slight 3D effect. The letters are held up by seven hands of various skin tones, representing diversity. The hands are positioned below the letters, with fingers gripping the bottom edges. The background is plain white, and the entire image is framed by a dark green border at the top and bottom.

St Alban's Catholic High School



Year 8
Pathways
2022-2025



Wednesday 27 April 2022

Opening Prayer



Lord, we pray that You would give our students your insight and wisdom in these important subject choices that they need to make. Lead them along the way that You have prepared for them, for we know that You have a path that you would wish them to follow that would lead them to success and happiness. May their lives be used for Your praise and glory and this I ask in Jesus' name.

Amen

Introduction Video



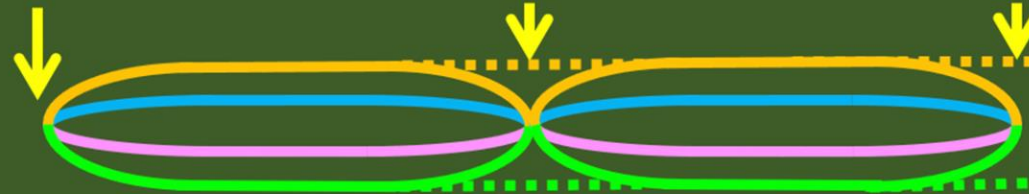
Autumn term Year 9



Pathway
begins

Pathway change
possible at
half term

Pathway change
possible at
end of term



- Year 9 is a “blended” year, facilitating the merge of Key Stage 3 and key stage 4
- Each subject will continue to develop key skills and concepts
- Students will use this to decide how they feel about their initial choices
- They will have the opportunity to change subjects at half term and the end of term

GCSE subject Choices



- All students take four core subjects. Religious education, English, science, and mathematics
- The core subjects will lead to six or seven GCSE qualifications
- Students are now considering the right subjects for up to four remaining choices

Pathways 2022



- **Students previously indicated that some found it hard to choose just three subjects at the end of Year 8**
- **This year they will choose four subjects in Year 8**
- **At the end of the Summer term of Year 9, students will make their final GCSE choices, picking the most appropriate three subjects from the four they have studied in Year 9**
- **For the first time, students who will be taking three separate sciences at GCSE will use one of their Pathway slots to gain extra curriculum time in Year 9 for science. They will continue their other three Pathway subjects through to GCSE.**

GCSE Courses



Core Subjects

Religious Studies

**English
Language/Literature**

Maths

**Science
(2 or 3 GCSEs)**

P.E.
(not examined)

PYF
(not examined)

Pathway 1

Pathway 2

Pathway 3

Pathway 4

Pathway Subjects

Subject Choices



Alternative Curriculum

Art & Design

Business

Computing

Creative iMedia

Design & Technology

Drama

Food and Nutrition

French

Geography

History

Music

Spanish

Sport & Coaching Principles

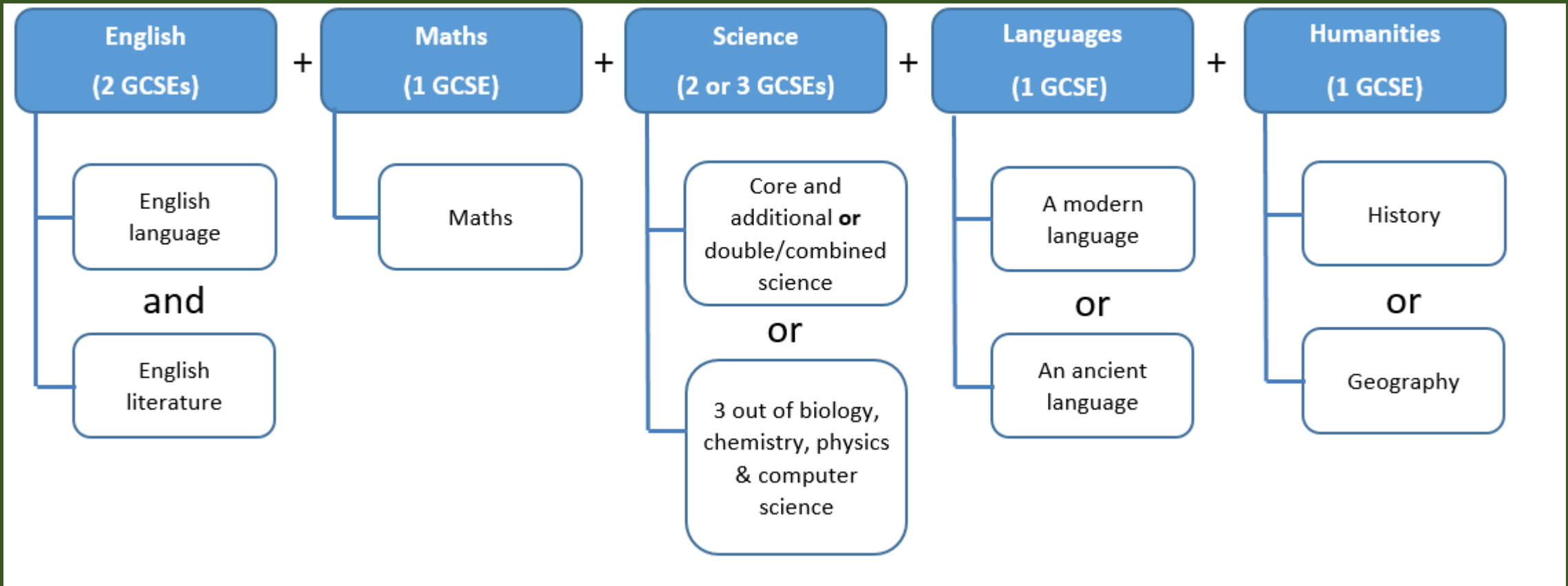
Textile Design

Subject Choices



Pathway Block A	Pathway Block B	Pathway Block C	Pathway Block D
<i>Triple Science</i>	Art & Design	Art & Design	Art & Design
<i>Triple Science</i>	Business Studies	Business Studies	Business Studies
Computer Science	Creative iMedia	Computer Science	French
French	Design & Technology	Drama	Food & Nutrition
Geography	Design & Technology	Geography	History
History	Music	Food & Nutrition	History
Spanish	Geography	Spanish	Sport & Coaching
ASDAN (Alternative Curriculum)	History	Textile Design	Sport & Coaching
			LASER (Alternative Curriculum)

EBacc subjects?



Why these subjects?



- These are all subjects that universities *recommend* students to have in order to be accepted on to *many* degree courses.
- A lot of science degrees require students to have two or sometimes three A-levels in **maths, physics, chemistry** or **biology**.
- Many specialist courses at A-level and beyond also take a large part of their content or structure from these subjects. For instance, **engineering** includes elements of maths and physics.
- Many universities are keen that students have taken a **foreign language** at GCSE. A language opens up extra possibilities in the breadth of study and in extended study at universities across Europe and the world.

Should I take *only* EBacc subjects?



- **No!**

- There are many other subjects, which are excellent at preparing you for university. The only difference is that they aren't usually required by universities to get onto a particular course.
- For example, psychology and economics are considered useful subjects for lots of courses, but you don't actually need them to get on to a psychology or an economics degree.
- If you already have an idea about what you would like to study at university or you're **passionate** about a particular subject, then you should make your choices based on this and based on what you need to get on to your chosen course.

Where to get help and advice



Careers Lead
Mrs Michelle Shemming



Please email:
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success at school .org
choose your next steps

Home Career Paths Advice Employers Universities Jobs & Courses Forums ...

Welcome to Success at School!
Success at School is the place for young people to explore careers, get the lowdown on top employers, and search for the latest jobs, courses and advice. Get career smart and Register today!

Register

Career Zones
Explore different careers, how to get there and what to study

Employers
Find out about top employers, what it's like to work for them and what they have to offer you

Universities
Explore life on campus and get updates on the latest courses, events and open days

News Go >
It's National Career Week - resources for careers...
In the survey we ran a few weeks back, most of you told us you wanted us to prepare a package of resources you could send...
It's National Apprenticeship Week 2020
A few weeks back, we ran a survey for careers advisors and school staff via our email newsletter. Most of you told us...

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Work Wednesdays

icanbea...
Find a job or career in Norfolk or Suffolk based on your specific interests!

Find Your Career Latest Jobs

How it works...

www.icanbea.org.uk



GCSE Choices

- **Commitment – this is a two year course**
- **Keeping options open – a broad range of subjects**
- **New opportunities / familiar ways of working**
- **Staff support and commitment**
- **Parental involvement**



You should consider subjects

- that you may need in the future
- that you enjoy and want to study
- that you believe you can manage



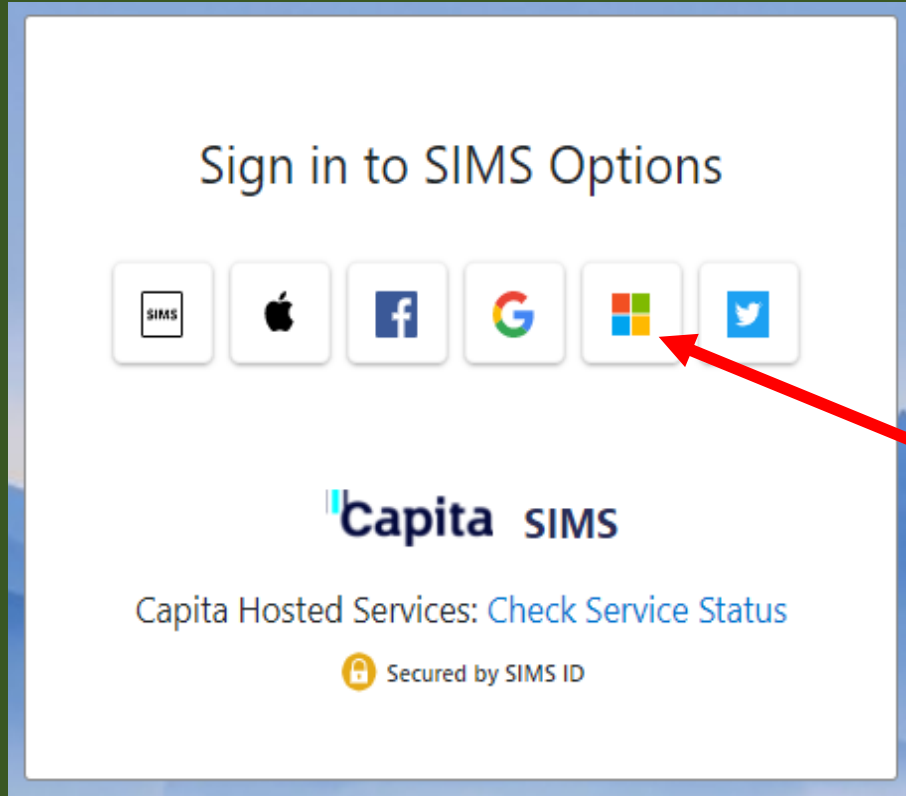
Do NOT consider subjects

- because your friends are doing them
- because you think they are an “easy option”
- because you like the teacher

The Sixth Form at St Alban's



Options Online www.sims-options.co.uk



Click here

Your login details are your school email address and your normal school password

Choose one **main** and one **reserve** from each of the four blocks



Block B

You have chosen 0 of 1 courses and 0 of 1 reserves from this list

Art & Design GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

This course is also available in other lists.

Business Studies

GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

This course is also available in other lists.

Geography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

This course is also available in other lists.

History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

This course is also available in other lists.

Creative iMedia

Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2

Music GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Design & Technology

GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Click here for main choice

Click here for reserve choice



My Choices in Order of Preference (Total Choices: 4)

To change your order of preference select a choice and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

- 1 Art**
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Block C
- 2 Computing**
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Block D
- 3 Geography**
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Block B
- 4 Spanish**
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Block A: Separate Sciences

My Reserves in Order of Preference (Total Reserves: 4)

To change your order of preference select a reserve and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

- 1 History**
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Block B
- 2 Music**
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Block C
- 3 Food & Nutrition**
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Block D
- 4 German**
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Block A: Separate Sciences

You can put your choices in order of preference if you wish



Alternative Course – Block A/D

- We recognise that, for some students, four choices is not appropriate. For this reason, there will also be **alternative courses** available in *Pathway Blocks A and D*. These courses will start in Year 9 and be flexible and adaptable to the needs of the group. There may be elements of the courses that will be externally accredited although that is not the overall reason for its existence.
- If you believe that these alternative courses may be an appropriate part of your child's *Pathway* at the school, please speak to Mrs Pickard.

Deadline



- Please complete the online form by **Wednesday 11 May 2022**
- If students are having any difficulty with their choices or with accessing the website, they will be able to complete the choices with their form tutor in school.
- Parents/carers will be asked to approved the choices their child has made before they are finalised.



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