

Year 9 Guided Pathways

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At Brigshaw High School, we,
the staff, Forge Greatness by...

FORGE

YOUR GREATNESS

...fostering a sense
of **community and
belonging**

...supporting
**personal and
social
development**

...upholding **high
expectations** and
providing
**opportunities for
growth**

This will mean our students...

FORGE
YOUR GREATNESS

...are **responsible**
citizens with a
strong moral
compass

...have a **strong**
sense of self-belief

...have **high**
aspirations for
themselves and
others and take on
new experiences
for personal
growth

**We can only Forge Greatness
with the values of...**

FORGE

YOUR GREATNESS



INTEGRITY



EQUALITY



RESILIENCE



RESPECT

Curriculum



Curriculum



Year 9 Guided Pathways is the process where you make decisions about which subjects you wish to continue studying with the support and guidance provided from school. This process aims to:

- Help students make informed choices
- Give guidance on what careers are out there
- Help students to understand where particular courses could take them after KS4
- Support students in beginning to plan for their future

This half term, students have been focussing on careers in form time and experiencing taster lessons in a range of subjects to help guide the students when making decisions.

Support and guidance provided by the Guided Pathways Team:

- **Associate Assistant Headteacher** - Miss Kinder
- **Director of Year 9** - Mr Lee
- **Head of Year 9** - Miss Simpson
- **Careers Advisors**- Mrs Brown
- **Form Tutors**
- **Subject Specialists**

Key Stage 4 Curriculum

*Core
Curriculum*



Subject	Periods per fortnight
GCSE English Language & Literature	9
GCSE Maths	8
GCSE Combined Science (Triple science is an option)	9
PHSE (not examined)	1
Core PE (not examined)	3
GCSE History or Geography (or both)	5
Option Subject 1	5
Option Subject 2	5
Option Subject 3	5

Example Combinations

CORE CURRICULUM

GCSE History
GCSE Art
GCSE Drama
GCSE Media Studies

GCSE History
GCSE Geography
GCSE German
BTEC Sport

GCSE Geography
GCSE Triple Science
GCSE Computer Science
BTEC Enterprise

Key Stage 4 Subjects

In addition to our core curriculum (English, maths, science, PHSE and core PE) students will study **history** and/or **geography**. Students will study **3** further subjects from the options below and must also pick **one reserve subject**.

GCSE Triple Science

GCSE PE

GCSE 3D Design

GCSE History

BTEC Sport

GCSE Photography

GCSE Geography

GCSE Computer Science

BTEC Health and Social Care

GCSE RE

Cambridge National iMedia

GCSE German

GCSE Media Studies

GCSE French

GCSE Art

BTEC Enterprise

GCSE Drama

GCSE Dance

GCSE Music

You cannot study the following combinations:

GCSE Art **and** GCSE 3D Design
GCSE PE **and** BTEC Sport.

Qualifications

GCSE

- Graded from 1 to 9
- Theory based qualifications assessed mainly by exams at the end of the two-year course
- Some GCSE qualifications have coursework elements too

BTEC

- Graded on a scale from Distinction* to Pass
- Vocational, practical qualifications focused on specific industries
- Feature continuous coursework elements
- Exam Board: Pearson

Cambridge National

- Graded on a scale from Distinction* to Pass
- Vocational, practical qualifications focused on specific industries
- Feature continuous coursework elements
- Exam Board: OCR

How to choose your subjects

Do...

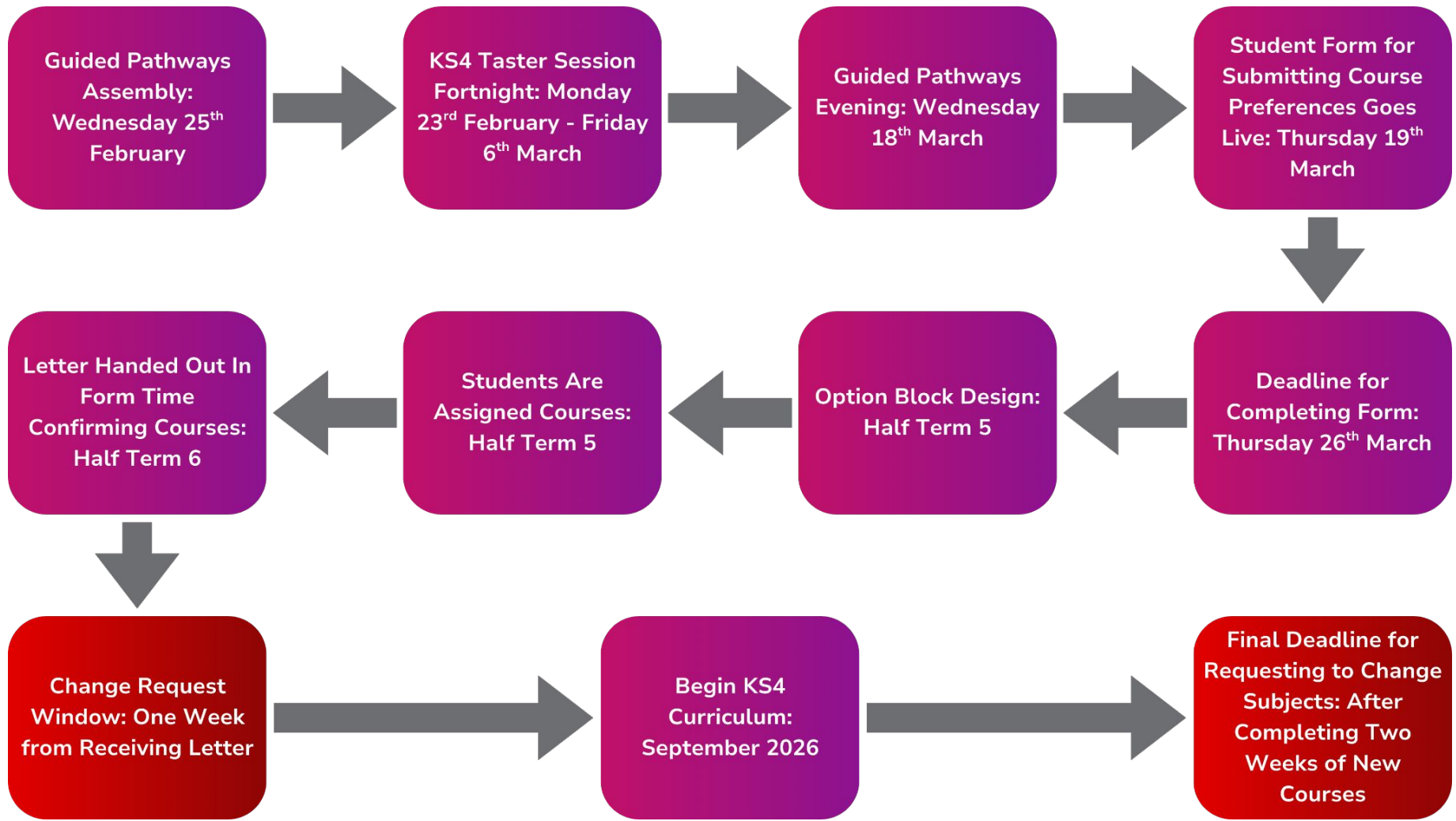
- Consider what you enjoy and are interested in
- Think about your strengths
- Look into the assessment of each course.
- Consider what you might like to do Post-16
- Research future careers and the path to get there
- Speak to your teachers

Do not...

- Pick a subject based on the teacher.
- Choose a subject because your friend has picked it.
- Assume you will definitely be able to study your 3 preferred subjects.

Selecting Your Subjects

- Students will express their preferences through a Google Form.
- The form can be accessed through your **student** Brigshaw email account tomorrow (Thursday 19th March at 3pm).
- The deadline is **Thursday 26th March**.
- Software is used to create option blocks to maximise student satisfaction.
- Students will receive a letter during form time in the last half term of this year confirming their subjects.



KS4 Student Offer

- Form time and study support
- Careers support
- Enrichment opportunities
- Assertive Mentoring
- 6th Form Experience Day
- Period 6 – revision sessions



- Look through the Guided Choices booklet with students – this gives more detailed information about each course.
- Talk to students about which subjects they like and why
- Students have been looking at a website called UniFrog (unifrog.org) to explore different career paths and which courses students could choose to get them onto that path. They can also access this website from home to do further research.
- Encourage students to ask questions – speak to teachers of subjects they're considering.

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Making Key Stage 4 successful

- Good attendance and punctuality is key
- Homework completion
- Ongoing revision
- Working independently
- Period 6 and other subject intervention
- Taking onboard feedback
- Enrichment
- Asking for help