

Year 8 Frequently Asked Questions - Options Jan 2019

What happens if my KS2 data is lower than the expected to follow the purple pathway but my progress data since arriving is excellent or vica-versa?

Discussions are based on current attainment data.

Can we still follow the purple pathway and not opt for a language?

No you must do a language if you follow the purple pathway.

What happens if I want to do the purple pathway and my target in Math's is silver?

Again all discussions are based on current attainment data.

Can I do triple science if I am in set 3?

Yes you can. Setting for Triple science is based upon current attainment, not the set you are currently in.

If you follow the orange pathway, can I still get a grade 9?

Most definitely. Every student will be challenged to get the best possible grade. Orange pathway will not affect what set you are in for Maths, English and Science (outside of Triple or double award)

Can I do the purple pathway if I just got 104-105 in my KS2 SATs?

All discussions will be based on current attainment data.

What is the difference between core PE and GCSE PE?

Core PE is statutory and all pupils do this whereas GCSE PE is an option which pupils choose to study and is assessed at the end of the course. This also results in a GCSE grade where core PE does not.

Can I drop all languages and still do triple science?

No, you must choose one (purple pathway).

Can I take a vocational course on the purple pathway?

No it clearly states the group of options that you can choose from.

If we don't know about a subject, then how can we decide?

Attend taster sessions and talk to teachers and parents.

What happens if I am fluent in one of these languages?

You can study another language and look to external entry in the language that you are fluent in.

Can you take any language that you have not been taught?

No the expectation is that you continue to study the language that you have been taught.

Can I change what I want to do after the 19/3?

Only in exceptional circumstances.

Can I do triple science and follow the orange pathway?

Yes you can. The reason that we have included the e-bacc in the purple pathway is to ensure that students remain with a broad and balanced curriculum offer.

What happens if there are too many pupils opting for a subject?

We will do our very best to ensure that all pupils get their option choices but this is where your reserve choice comes into play.