

How to make your Post 16 Options choices

Pathway Choices

As a Year 11 student at Thomas Becket Catholic School, the time has come for you to take part in planning your programme of study for the next two years. In year 12 you will follow one of the following 3 pathways:

Level 3 - 4 Advanced Level Subjects

Minimum of 5GCSE's at grades 5A*-C including English Language and Maths plus any specific subject entry requirements.

Level 3 - 3 Advanced Level Subjects or Btec equivalent

5 GCSE's at grades A* - C—preferably including English and Maths.

(D grades would be considered in certain circumstances)

Level 2—Btec Sport

Early Years, CACHE courses

In addition to these pathways, you will study

General RS

Maths or English GCSE resits. If you have not already passed these subjects with a 'C' grade.

Leadership Courses (e.g. Sports Leader, Literacy Leader, Numeracy Leader)

In your Year 11 Course Guidance interview, you will be given advice about which pathway is the most appropriate for you. This will be based on your Predicted grades and your GCSE mock examination results and will be confirmed when you receive your actual results in August and formally enrol in September for the year 12 courses.

When you move into Year 13 you will continue to follow a Level 3 pathway of either 3 or 4 subjects, depending on your AS/Btec results in Year 12. Level 2 students may choose to begin a Level 3 pathway.

Who can help me in my Course Choice

- Your Parents
- Your Form Tutor
- Your Subject Tutors
- Director of Study for Key Stage Four –Mrs Pearce
- Director of study for Key Stage Five – Mrs Chubb

How do I find out what is available

- Study the Course Choices on the school website.
- Talk to those who can help you – there will be flyers available for each individual subject at the Post 16 Information Evening. Subject staff be there on the evening to answer any questions you may have.
- Think carefully for yourself and do not be swayed by your friends.
- You may also find the following web sites useful:
www.connexions.gov.uk, www.ucas.com, www.direct.gov.uk , www.studentzone.org.uk,
www.worktrain.gov.uk, www.U-Explore.com

Need advice? For appointments contact Mrs Chubb the Director of Study for Key Stage 5 (ruthc@thomasbecket.org.uk), or Mrs Howard the 6th Form Administration Manager (theresah@thomasbecket.org.uk) or pop in to the Sixth Form Study Centre