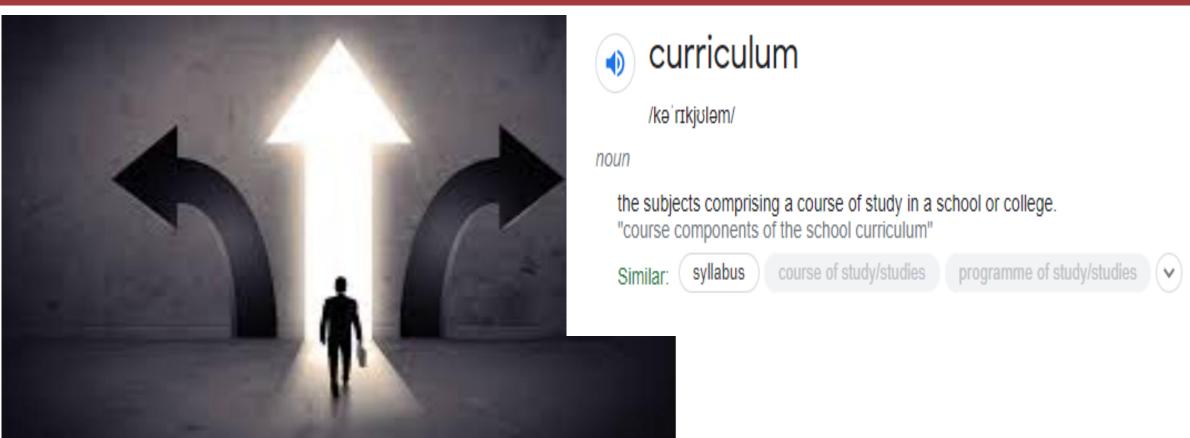
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### The Core Curriculum



- GCSE Maths
- GCSE English Language
- GCSE English Literature
- GCSE Combined Science Trilogy
- Core Physical Education

Everybody has to study these subjects alongside their other subjects

# KS4 Curriculum Choices – Pathway A



**Choice 1 = Spanish or French** 

**Choice 2 = Geography or History** 

Choice 3 & 4 – Any TWO from

**Spanish** 

French

History

Geography

**Triple Science** 

**Fine Art GCSE** 

**Photography GCSE** 

**Computer Science** 

**BTEC Award in Music Practice** 

**Cambridge National Certificate in Sports Studies** 

**Physical Education GCSE** 

**Religious Studies GCSE** 

**Textiles GCSE** 

**Resistant Materials GCSE** 

**Graphics GCSE** 

**BTEC Award in Creative Media Production** 

**Cambridge National Level 1 / 2 Child Development** 

Level 1 / 2 Technical Award in Hospitality and Catering

**BTEC Award in Performing Arts** 

# KS4 Curriculum Choices Choices – Pathways B, C, D

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Choice 1 – Computer Science; Spanish; French; History; Geography; Triple Science ONE from

#### Choices 2, 3, 4 – Any THREE from

Spanish Physical Education GCSE

French Religious Studies GCSE

History Textiles GCSE

Geography Resistant Materials GCSE

Triple Science Graphics GCSE

Fine Art GCSE BTEC Award in Creative Media Production

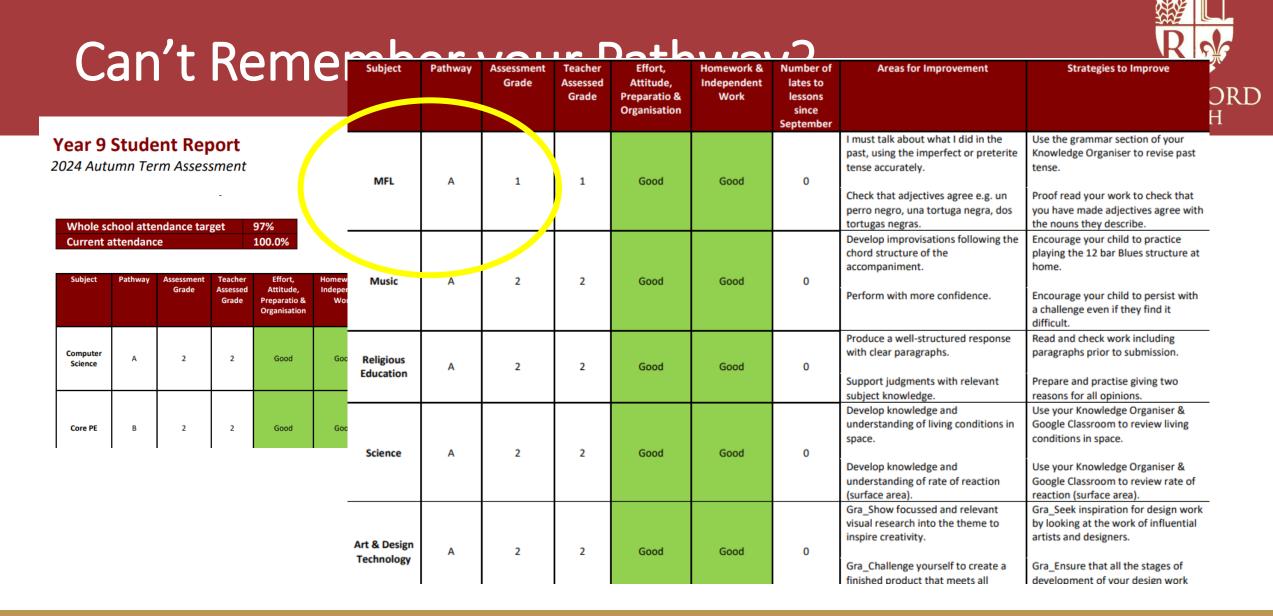
Computer Science Cambridge National Level 1 / 2 Child Development

Photography GCSE Level 1 / 2 Technical Award in Hospitality and Catering

BTEC Award in Music Practice BTEC Award in Performing Arts

**Cambridge National Certificate in Sports Studies** 

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#### EVERYONE MATTERS EVERYONE HELPS EVERYONE SUCCEEDS

## Pathway A - Why do I have to pick one of those subjects?



- Science, Computer Science, French, Spanish, History and Geography are known as 'EBacc' subjects
- This stands for 'English Baccalaureate'. These subjects are challenging and highly valued by future employers, colleges or universities
- We want to make sure every student leaves school with the best academic profile possible, supporting our decision to emphasise this in the KS4 Curriculum process.

### Further Benefits of the 'EBacc'



- A student can say they have achieved the 'EBacc' if they have gained good grades in English, Maths, Science or Computer Science, one Language and one Humanity (History or Geography)
- For those who have ambitions to go on to university after college/sixth form it
  is a good idea to try to achieve this measure
- Some courses are very competitive, and some universities may consider GCSEs as well as A-Levels to help them differentiate between excellent candidates
- Having the full English Baccalaureate could help your chances in accessing the course of your choice at college/university

# A Little About Vocational Subjects



- Subjects which have an emphasis on practical skills
- Directly relevant to the real world outside of school
- Often link to particular career routes
- Flexibility in the timing and style of assessment fewer end of year exams than GCSEs
- A significant coursework element remains in these qualifications, unlike most GCSE courses
- Beneficial if you are able to manage your time well throughout the year and can work to deadlines
- Nationally recognised qualifications at an equivalent level to GCSEs.
- Graded differently (Distinction\*, Distinction, Merit, Pass)

## Great reasons for choosing a subject



- Career idea, subject links well
- Based on knowledge from the KS4 Curriculum Booklet or the videos seen on the website
- Love of subject
- Assessment method suits me
- Researched topics of study
- Subject matches my hobbies
- Subject matches my skills and strengths
- Discussed with parents/carers and sought good advice

## Poor reasons for choosing a subject



- My friend is taking...
- Liking a particular teacher
- That course looks easy...
- Don't like anything else
- Brother/sister took this subject...
- Someone else said I should do it –
   without proper consideration

#### Remember:

These choices are likely to have some influence on the next phase of your life – and very likely even longer!

### The Process



- You will receive a personalised letter and KS4 Curriculum Booklet in Form time next week
- You should read the letter carefully; students in different Pathways have slightly different letters
- The letters will confirm what this presentation has told you; outlines are on the website so you can gain further information about your subjects
- You will be able to attend the KS4 Curriculum Evening on 23rd January too from 6-8pm

### **Additional Information - Website**



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#### Intent

Rainford High School Art and Design Department believes that the Arts play an exciting role in providing a dynamic focus for the educational experience of its young people.

Within the Art and Design Department we encourage pupils to think creatively, in order to develop visual images and form critical judgements. The department aims to focus upon the individual, encouraging each pupil to gain confidence in their abilities and learn that there are many approaches to Art and Design rather than one right way.

The Art and Design Department aims to promote confidence, resilience, independence and success through a diverse range of practical activities where communication, self-reflection and evaluation are critical skills needed.

**Implementation** 

### The Process



Please enter your 4 choices by entering 1, 2, 3, etc. in the box by your chosen subjects.

	Subject	Choice
Btec Media (Bm)		
Child Care (Cc)		
Computing (Cp)		
Art 3D (D3)		
Performing Arts (Dr)		
Art Fine (Fa)		
French (Fr)		
Geography (Gg)		
Hosp & Catering (Hc)		
History (Hi)		
Music (Mu)		
Art Photography (Pg)		
GCSE PE (Px)		
Religious Stud (Rs)		
Study Plus (Se)		
Sociology (So)		
Spanish (Sp)		
Sport Studies (Sx)		
Food Technology (Tf)		
Graphics Tech (Tg)		
Resistant Mater (Tr)		
Triple Science (Ts)		
Textiles Tech (Tt)		

**Step 1:** Log in via the website using the username and password that will be provided in the letter

**Step 2**: Enter your 4 choices using the numbers 1-4 (remember to use the KS4 Curriculum booklet to guide you) and use the 'reset form' function if you make any mistakes

Submit Reset this form

# The Process – An Example From Pathway B, C, D



Choice No.	Subject chosen	
1		History
2		Graphics Tech
3		Music
4		Photography

Confirm Choices

Go back and change choices

**Step 3:** After you enter you will have the chance to change anything before confirming your choices.

Thank you

Your Subject Choices have been saved - thank you.

Click here to finish and log-out

# KS4 Curriculum Dates and Deadlines



- KS4 Curriculum Assembly Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January
- KS4 Curriculum Evening Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January \*Log-In Opens also
- KS4 Curriculum Deadline Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February

### Reflection...



I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good thing, therefore, that I can do or any kindness that I can show for any fellow creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

**Ralph Waldo Emerson**