

Key Stage 4 Options 2024 Parent Presentation

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Making Choices into Y10

Key Stage 4 Courses



Transitions: Moving to KS4

A condensed
timetable

Increased
responsibility for
managing work,
builds over 2 years

Non- Examined
Assessment

Terminal
examinations at
end of Y11

Independent study,
own interests
within subject

2 years to study
subjects in more
depth



Turning Points



Deciding which way to go...
decisions ahead!



KS4 Curriculum

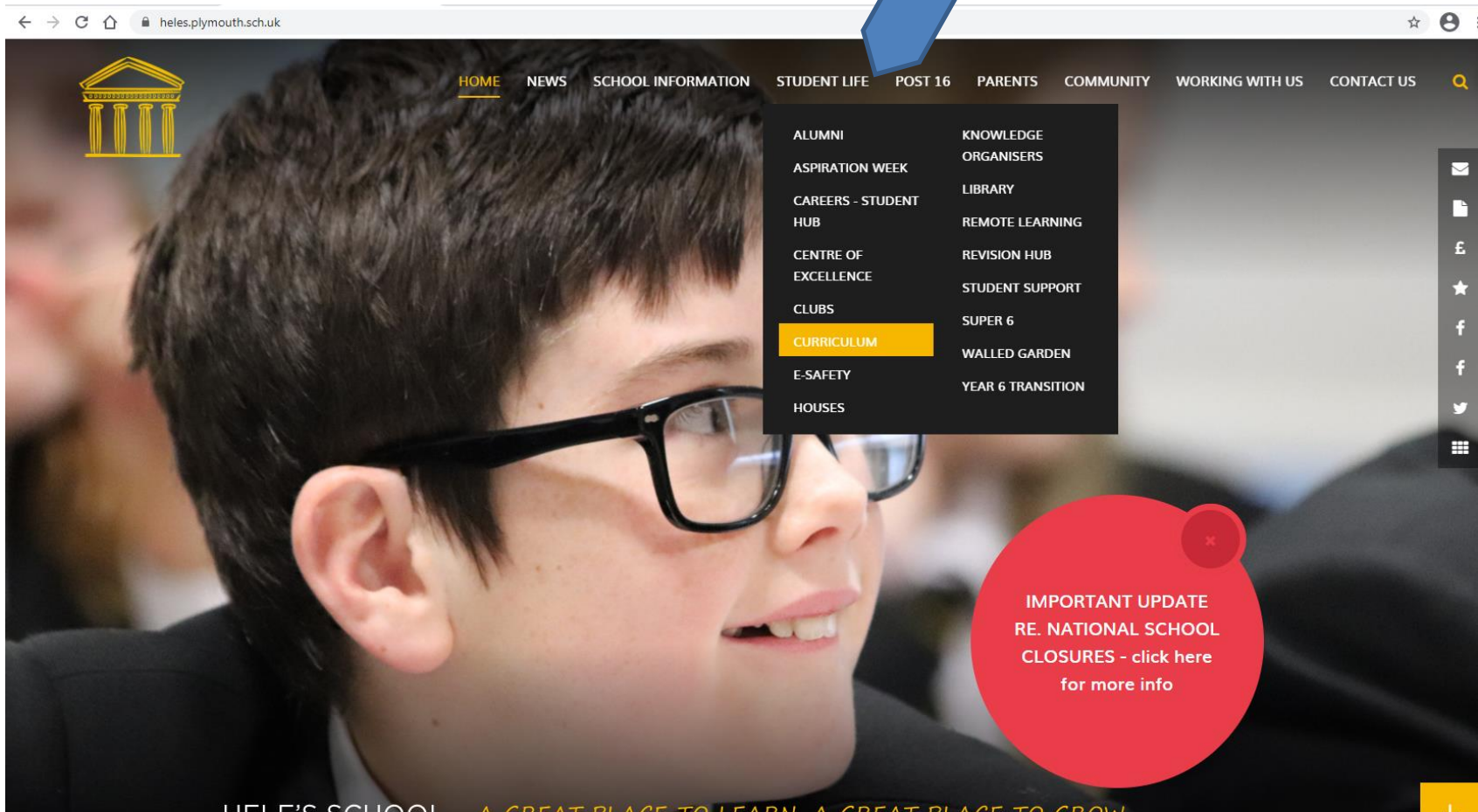
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Hele's School

KS4 Courses

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that the more we know, the more we can learn. We want our students to know as much as possible about as many different aspects of our world as possible. **As a result, all Westcountry Schools Trust Secondary Schools have agreed to follow a common curriculum structure of a three-year Key Stage 3 from September 2023.**



Key Stage 3



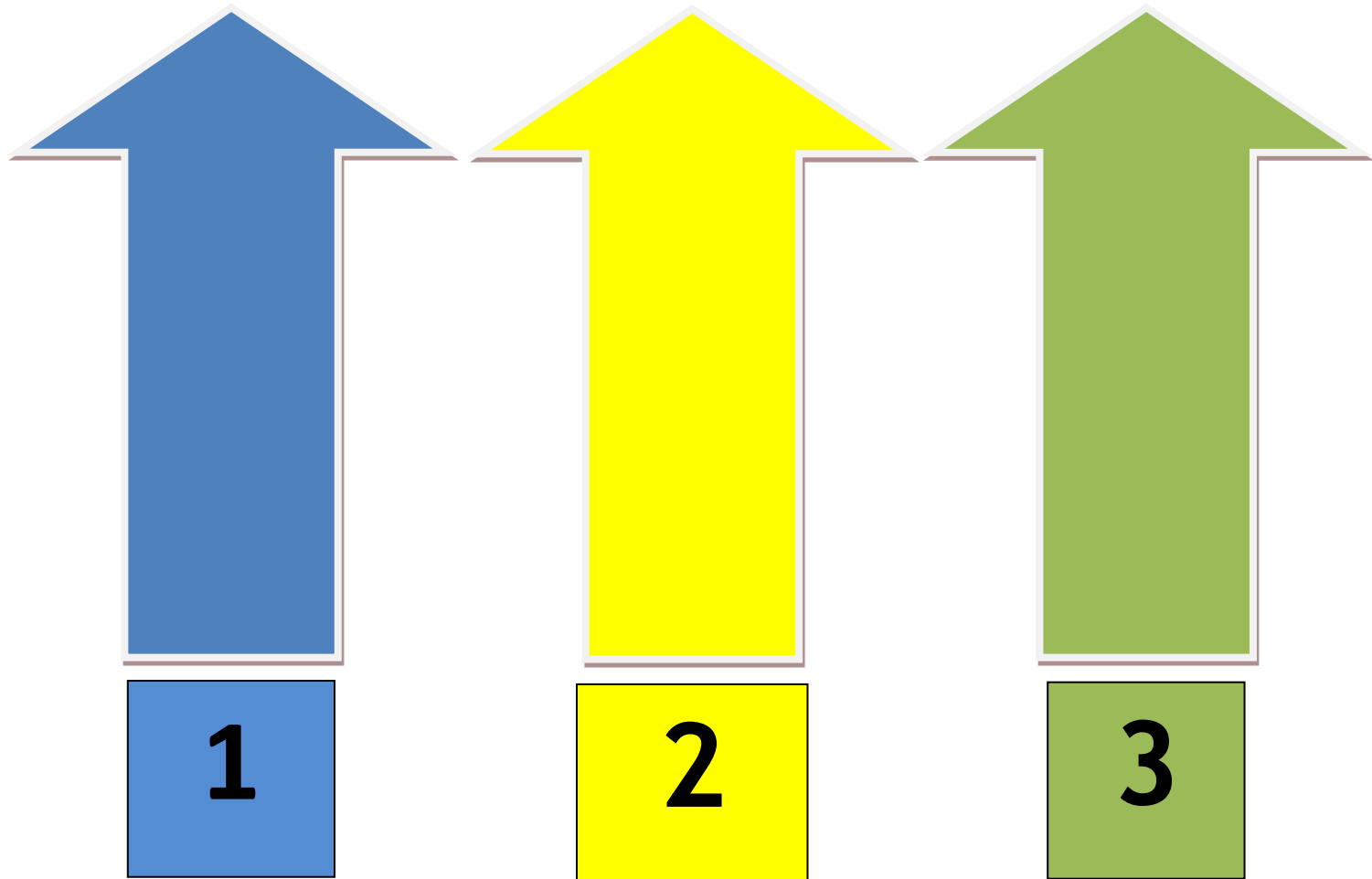
Key Stage 4



Hele's School has an **ambitious**, traditional and rigorous Key Stage 4 curriculum which prepares our students well for the next stage of their education, whether advanced level study or apprenticeships. We are committed to providing a **strong academic core** for all of our young people, and the majority of our students **study the full EBacc suite of subjects to GCSE level**. The curriculum is **planned and designed to give all learners, particularly the most disadvantaged and those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) or high needs, the knowledge and cultural capital they need to succeed in life**. As well as a comprehensive offer of optional GCSE subjects, we offer a small number of BTEC, ASDAN and Cambridge National Awards at Level 1 or 2 for those students better suited to practical assessment.

Curriculum Pathways

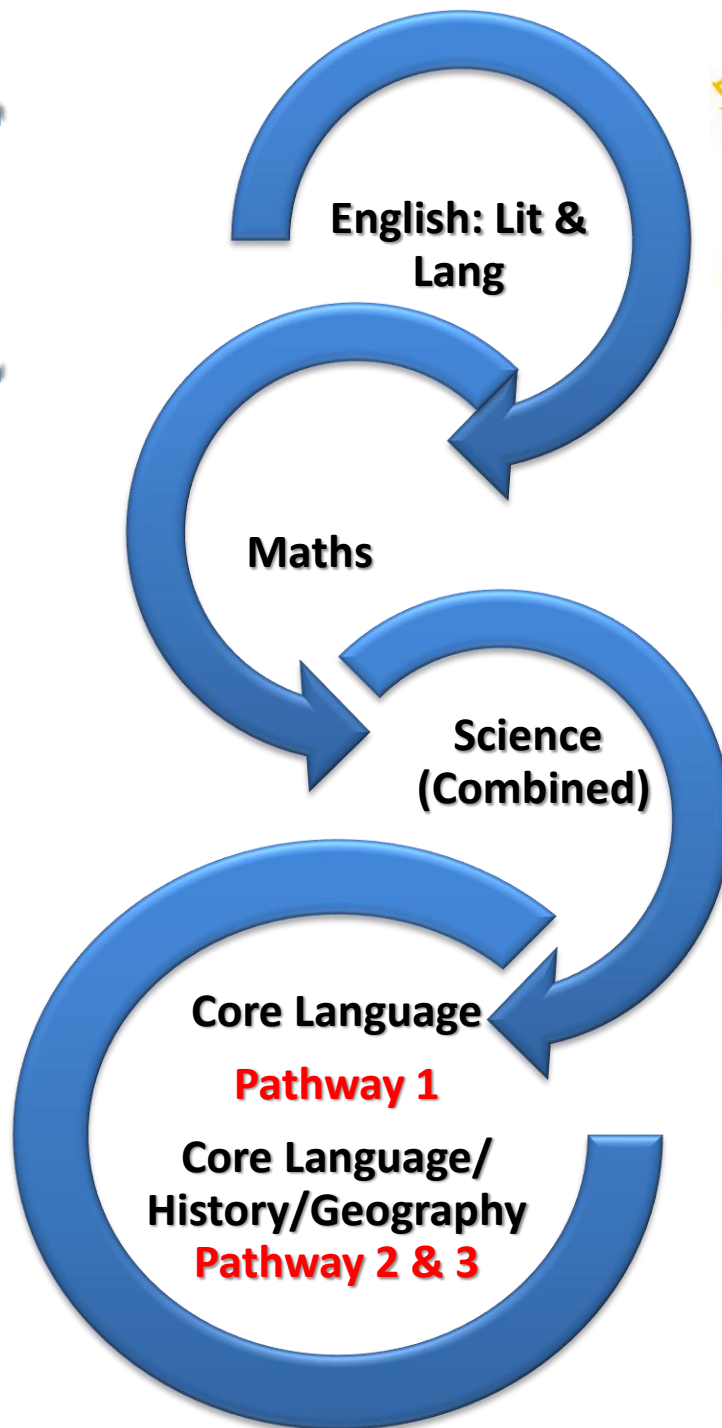
no pathway is better than another!



Non-examined core



Examined core (GCSEs)



Option Choices *(all single award GCSEs or equivalent)*

3 choices will be allocated from a preferred short list of **5** courses:

Art	Business Studies	Computer Science	Drama
Design & Technology	Geography	Creative iMedia	History
Hospitality & Catering	Music	Physical Education	Latin
RS (Philosophy & Ethics)	Spanish	Travel & Tourism	

The English Baccalaureate

A Modern or Ancient Foreign Language

A Humanities: Geography or History

2 Sciences (Combined GCSE) or 1
+ Computer Science

English (Lang & Lit)

Maths

Can be
important if you
are thinking of
maybe going to
university or
moving into a
higher
apprenticeship

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Pathway	Core Provision	Option Subjects	Total
1	English literature & English language (2) Maths (1) Science: Combined (2) French or German (1)	3 choices (3) from 5 recommend Geography or History (can take both) recommend one with NEA	9
2	English literature & English language (2) Maths (1) Science: Combined (2) French or German/ Hist/ Geog (1)	3 choices (3) from 5 recommend at least one with NEA	9
3	English literature & English language (2) Maths (1) Science: Combined (2) French or German/ Hist/ Geog (1)	Core Support (English and maths) 2 choices (2) from 4 recommend at least one with NEA	8

All students should study a broad and balanced curriculum

Preferences

You will be asked to select 5 choices and will be allocated 3 of these. Wherever possible you will be allocated to your top 3 choices, so put them in order carefully!



4. Preference 1 *

Please ensure you do not select the same subject more than once in

- ☐ Art & Design
- ☐ Business Studies
- ☐ Computing
- ☐ Creative iMedia
- ☐ Design Technology
- ☐ Drama
- ☐ Geography
- ☐ History
- ☐ Hospitality
- ☐ Music
- ☐ Physical Education
- ☐ Religious Studies
- ☐ Spanish

Wednesday February 7th

Curriculum Choices presentation to students; booklets on Friday



Tuesday 20th February

IA2 reports published; Pathways info sent home this week



Thursday 22nd February

Options Fair and Parent Presentation 4pm – 7pm



Week 2-3 of Term 4

Interviews with tutors



March 11th

Option Forms issued online – sent to student email account



March 18th

Options forms submitted online



Term 5

Options choices confirmed

Tonight – explore!

- core subjects are not here
- new subjects/ current subjects
- BTEC/ GCSE/ Technical Awards structure
- ask questions
- speak to students
- staff are your experts