

# **Barr Beacon School Y8 Pathways 2019**



# Aims of this evening

By the end of this presentation you should

- ◆ Be well informed about the decisions your child must make.
- ◆ Be able to find the information you need to make those decisions.

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# Education 2019

- ◆ All GCSEs are now reformed to 9-1 qualifications. All examined at the end of the course.
- ◆ Your child is expected to stay in education or training until the age of 18.
- ◆ Post 16 course providers are looking for higher grades and there is more competition for places.
- ◆ Universities are taking GCSE grades into consideration.
- ◆ **There are fewer university offers available at the lower grades.**
- ◆ Modern Apprenticeships are increasing in popularity so applications need to stand out.
- ◆ Types of careers are forever changing



# Future Careers

## LMI: Local Market Information for West Midlands

**West Midlands employment is currently 73.8%**  
**(Nat Ave = 75.7%)**

**West Midlands average income is £27,903 per year**

### **Employers are desperate for:**

- Ability to manage time
- Solving complex problems
- Customer handling skills
- Teamwork skills

### **Most jobs are currently in:**

- Wholesale & Retail
- Education
- Health & Social Care
- Manufacturing



# Future Careers

## LMI: Local Market Information for Black Country

### Sectors to grow by 2030

Automation and robotics

Use of electronics

3D printing

Lightweight materials technology

STEM related jobs

Construction

Health & Social

Transport & Storage

### Employment Growth

- HSBC has relocated HQ to Birmingham.
- HS2 will impact on construction and manufacturing sectors and the supply chain. **1,500** jobs will be created through the national HQ in Birmingham, two HS2 stations to be based in Birmingham and Solihull will create 52,000 jobs
- 40% of the job market is employed in highly skilled occupations which are set to grow nationally, suggesting growth for the West Midlands

### Sector to decline by 2030

Unskilled manual jobs





# Future Careers

More information can  
be found on the  
**CAREERS** tab on the  
Barr Beacon website



# Working 9 - 1

## New GCSE grades explained

9	A*
8	A
7	A
6	B
5 (strong pass)	C
4 (standard pass)	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
1	G
U	U

English  
& Maths  
after 16



# Starting of GCSEs in Y9

Reformed  
GCSEs are  
bigger

## WHY????

Reformed  
GCSEs have  
more exams

Increased  
Focus

English  
& Maths

Mental  
Health





# Facilitating subjects

## **What are they?**

The Russell Group, which represents 24 leading UK universities, has defined A-level facilitating subjects as:

**English literature**

**Languages – (Classic and Modern)**

**Maths & Further Maths**

**Physics, Biology & Chemistry**

**History & Geography**



# English Baccalaureate subjects

- ◆ Maths
- ◆ English
- ◆ Physics, Chemistry and Biology
- ◆ Computer Science
- ◆ History and Geography
- ◆ Modern Foreign Language



# What Will Your Child Study?

ENGLISH  
LANGUAGE

ENGLISH  
LITERATURE

MATHS

BIOLOGY

CHEMISTRY

PHYSICS

CORE  
PE

PSHE



# What Will Your Child Study?

## Option 1

French  
Spanish  
German

Geography  
History

Computer Science

## Option 2

Other GCSE/  
TECH AWARD

## Option 3

Other GCSE/  
TECH AWARD



# Subjects

GCSE French

GCSE German

GCSE Spanish

GCSE Geography

GCSE History

GCSE Computer Science

## GCSEs

- 9-1 grading
- All exams taken at end of course
- No opportunity of a resit
- No coursework or Controlled Assessment except in practical subjects

## TECH AWARDS

- Distinction\*-Pass grading
- Broken into units
- Some externally examined (resits)
- Coursework tasks





# Subjects

GCSE French

GCSE German

GCSE Spanish

GCSE Computer Science

GCSE History

GCSE Geography

GCSE Art & Design

GCSE DT (Textiles)

GCSE Media Studies

GCSE Philosophy & Ethics

GCSE Physical Education

GCSE Psychology

GCSE Sociology

BTEC Children's Development

BTEC Creative Media  
Production

BTEC Dance

BTEC Drama

BTEC Digital IT

WJEC Hospitality & Catering

BTEC Health & Social Care

BTEC Sport



# Y8 Pathways 2019

Name

Form

## CORE

English Language  
English Literature  
Mathematics  
Biology  
Chemistry  
Physics

## OPTIONS

### OPTION 1

GCSE French  
GCSE German  
GCSE Spanish  
GCSE Geography  
GCSE History  
GCSE Computer Science

Option 1 Choice

## OPTIONS

### OPTION 2

GCSE Computer Science  
GCSE Geography  
GCSE History  
GCSE Art and Design  
GCSE DT (Textiles)  
GCSE Physical Education  
GCSE Psychology  
GCSE Sociology  
BTEC Children's Development  
BTEC Creative Media Production  
BTEC Performing Arts - Dance  
BTEC Performing Arts - Drama  
BTEC Digital Information Technology

### OPTION 3

GCSE Computer Science  
GCSE Geography  
GCSE History  
GCSE Art and Design  
GCSE Media Studies  
GCSE Philosophy and Ethics  
GCSE Physical Education  
GCSE Psychology  
GCSE Sociology  
BTEC Health & Social Care  
BTEC Sport  
TECH AWARD Hospitality & Catering

1st Choice

2nd Choice

1st Choice

2nd Choice

# What Happens Next?

- ◆ Pupils have an assembly tomorrow afternoon
- ◆ Information in Pathways booklet on all subjects available on website
- ◆ Pupils can speak to teachers in school
- ◆ Parents can speak to teachers at Progress Evening on the  
**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February**
- ◆ Pupils and parents can attend a careers meeting



# Careers meeting

Careers Advisor: Mr Altree

Book an appointment (Wednesday to Friday) by

- ◆ Email [postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk](mailto:postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk)
- ◆ Pupils book form tutor
- ◆ Drop in sessions every Wednesday (3 – 4 pm)

**Or**

He will be available at Progress Evening on 14<sup>th</sup> February



# What happens next?

- Pupils complete and return their forms to reception **from**  
**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February**
- Absolute Deadline is **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February**





# Please note

- ◆ We will do everything we can to ensure pupils' preferences are met but ultimately we must have viable pupil numbers for groups.
- ◆ We also reserve the right to withdraw or change a subject at any time.



# PE

GCSE PE is not just an extension of core PE lessons.

A major component of the assessment is for **practical performance**. Pupils wishing to do PE should:

- ◆ Be competent in at least 2 sports
- ◆ Play at least 1 sport for a club or team (school or outside)
- ◆ Have a track record of attending PE extra-curricular



# ENGLISH LITERATURE

Texts studied in GCSE English Literature:

- ◆ Romeo & Juliet (Shakespeare)
- ◆ A Christmas Carol (Dickens)
- ◆ Blood Brothers (Russell)



# What if I still have questions?

- 💧 Tick the box on the form requesting a meeting.

**To be completed by Parent / Carer**

**Please tick ONE box:**  We have discussed the Pathways and I agree with the choices made

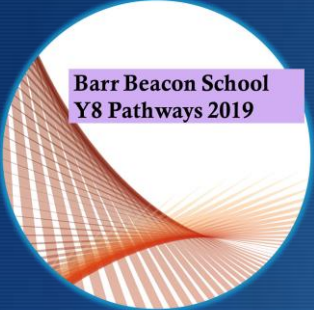
I have concerns and would like to discuss Pathways further

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN TO RECEPTION BETWEEN FRIDAY 15th FEBRUARY & TUESDAY 26th FEBRUARY 2019**





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Thank you for your time.

