



Year 9 Pathway Process for September 2025

The Pathways Process



- To get to know which subjects are on offer to you.
- To choose the subjects that you are interested in that you will study in Years 10 and 11.
- To meet with teachers on Parents Evening to discuss suitability for the subjects you are considering taking.
- Not choosing a subject simply because your friends are.

What next?



You and your parents will receive an email - **check your school email account!**

It will explain to both you and your parents the pathway process you are about to go through.

Collect a Pathway Form



Year 9 Pathway Form 2025-26

Student's Name: _____ COMPLETE IN BLOCK CAPITALS

Tutor Group: _____

Geography	GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
History		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
French		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Third Science		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religious Studies		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sociology		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Physical Education **		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Art & Design / 3D Design *		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Food Preparation & Nutrition		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Music **		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Business Studies	Vocational Tech Awards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Digital Information Technology		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Travel & Tourism		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health & Social Care		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

* Art & Design / 3D Design - the faculty will discuss with students who choose this option which pathway they wish to follow. We do not allow students to take both Art & Design and 3D Design.

** Music & PE will require students to have an interview with the Head of Faculty and Subject Teacher to discuss their suitability for the qualification.

You must choose one BLUE subject and two GREEN subjects plus reserves.

BLUE SUBJECT CHOICE	
RESERVE BLUE SUBJECT	<small>Students MUST make reserve choices</small>
GREEN SUBJECT CHOICE 1	
GREEN SUBJECT CHOICE 2	
RESERVE GREEN SUBJECT 1	<small>Students MUST make reserve choices</small>
RESERVE GREEN SUBJECT 2	<small>Students MUST make reserve choices</small>

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Carer Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this form to your Form Tutor no later than **MONDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2025**
 Course details are available on the website (use the menu on the left for different faculty information)
<https://svf.org.uk/astley-community-high-school/curriculum/curriculum-overview>

Complete your name and tutor group.

Check which subjects you want to study and follow the instructions carefully.

You must choose **one BLUE** subject and **two GREEN** subjects plus reserves

Sign it with your parent/carer and return to your Form Tutor

Subjects



Third Science	Blue	Green
French	Blue	Green
Geography	Blue	Green
History	Blue	Green
Business Studies (BTEC Level 1/2)	White	Green
Digital Information Technology (BTEC Level 1/2)	White	Green
Travel & Tourism (BTEC Level 1/2)	White	Green
Physical Education	White	Green
Health & Social Care (OCR Cambridge National Level 1/2)	White	Green
Art & Design/3D Design	White	Green
Music	White	Green
Food Technology	White	Green
Sociology	White	Green
Religious Studies	White	Green

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Complete the table with your choices



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Important dates



- ★ **Tuesday 28th January (today!)**
 - Introduction to the pathways process
 - Presentations by staff for new subjects

- ★ **Thursday 30th January**
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- ★ **Monday 3rd February**
 - Completed pathways forms returned

Forms



- ★ Will be given out in registration **tomorrow**
- ★ **DO NOT** return your forms before the Parents Evening on Thursday 30th January
- ★ You can put them in the post box at the Parents Evening or hand them to your tutor the next day
- ★ Deadline for returning:
Monday 3rd February

LATE FORMS



- ★ Forms received after Monday 3rd February will be marked late.
- ★ First come, first served for those who get their forms in on time!

DON'T BE LATE



New Subjects

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There are 6 new subjects which you can choose to take in Years 10 and 11 which you don't currently study in Year 9:

- ★ Business Studies
- ★ Travel & Tourism
- ★ Health & Social Care
- ★ GCSE PE
- ★ Sociology
- ★ Religious Studies

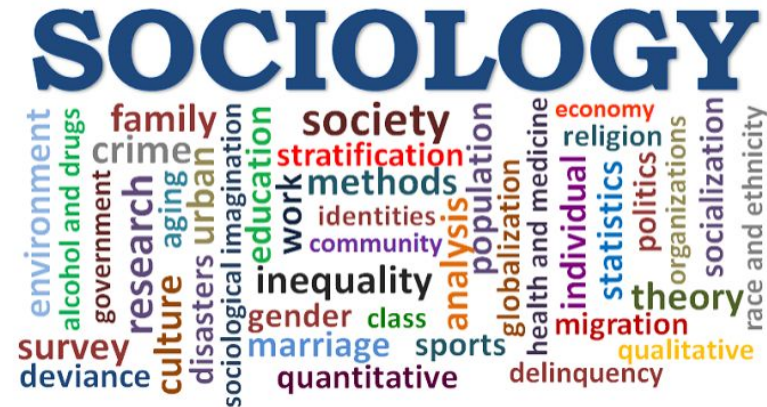


- Why do we live in families? What are the function of families?
- What is the function of the education system? Why do some groups do better than others?
- Why do people commit crime?
- Is society designed to keep the rich rich and the poor poor?

Who might enjoy GCSE Sociology?

GCSE Sociology is the course for students who enjoy:

- working with others
- having lively, knowledgeable debates on different social subjects.
- Students who like to question things



What careers might this lead to?

Primary teaching

Social work

Work in the NHS

Any job working with children

Law and justice

And many many more!



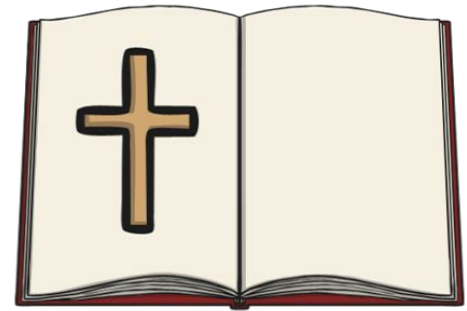
RELIGIOUS STUDIES

A GCSE in Religious Studies
Mr Goodman



Beliefs and Practices:

- Christianity
- Islam



Philosophical Themes:

- Life and Death
- Good and Evil
- Relationships
- Human Rights



2 x 2hour exams at the end of Year 11



World of Work Faculty

BTEC (Business Studies)

Parents Eve
See
Mrs Clennell



1. Marketing
2. Finance
3. Setting up your Own Business
4. Customer Services
5. Human Resources



X2 Coursework Units - Year 10 & 11
X1 Written Exam - Year 11

Business Jobs



1. Accountant (**£25K – £60K**)
2. Marketing Manager (**£30K - £40K**)
3. Bank Manager (**£40K Average**)
4. Financial Advisor (**£60K Average Salary**)

BTEC Travel and Tourism

Parents Eve
See
Mr Gilhooley

1. T&T Organisations and Destinations (Cwk)
2. Customer needs in T&T (Cwk)
3. Influences on Global T&T (Exam)



Travel Jobs



- Holiday Rep - (12k to 20K)**
- Travel Agent - (20K to 40K)**
- Hotel Manager - (35K to 80K)**
- Pilot - (60K to 120K)**

BTEC ICT



- You only need to make an appointment for ICT for parents evening if you want to take it at GCSE
- All ICT appointments to be made with **Mr Drought**

Further information



- If you have any questions regarding World of Work subjects please see Mr Gilhooley
- Or email me daniel.gilhooley@svf.org.uk



Health & Social Care

Why study health and social care?



Nurse

Physiotherapist

Midwife



Carer

Teacher/jobs with children



Things to consider



- 5th largest Global employer
- Largest employer in the North East
- Ageing workforce
- Care worker £16,000
- Nurse £35,000 - £75,000
- Social worker £35,000 +

Course overview



You have to complete 3 units over 2 years.

2 coursework and 1 exam

- Supporting individuals through life events (c/w)
- Creative and therapeutic activities (c/w *option)
- Principles of care in health and social care settings (Exam at the end of year 11)

Further information



- If you have any questions about Health and Social Care please see Mr Lamb or Mrs Gilhooley
- Or email chris.lamb@svf.org.uk or natalie.gilhooley@svf.org.uk

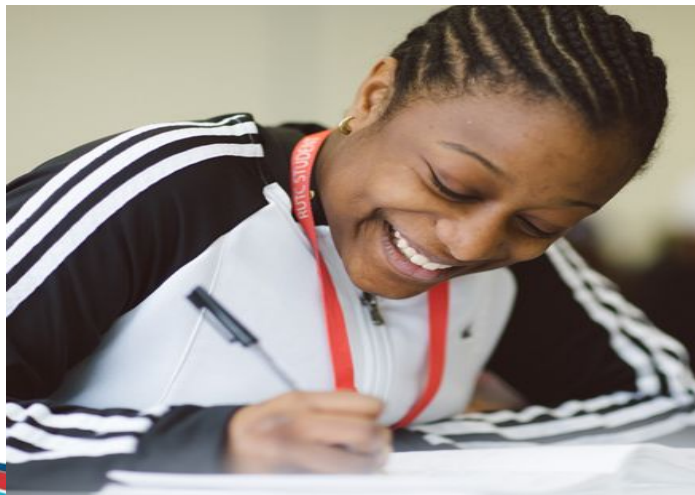


GCSE PE

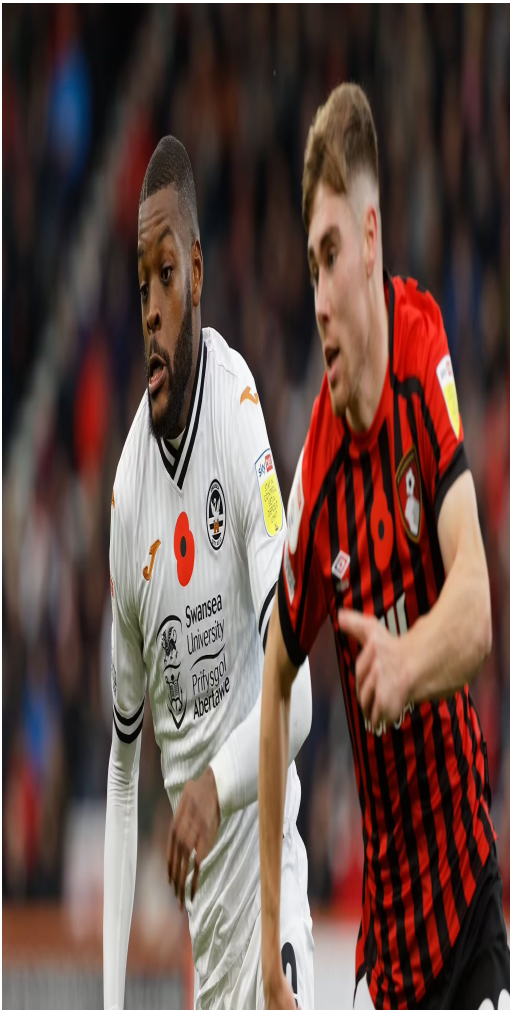
PE/Sport



- In year 10 and 11 we offer:
- **GCSE PE**
- As well as core PE



Ex-PE pupils: Leif Davis (Leeds/Bournemouth/Ipswich)



Tom Allan (NUFC)



Careers



Sports Coach



Sports Centre Manager



Physiotherapist



Nutritionist



Personal Trainer



Sports Development Officer

NHS Physio



£56-65K

Sean Beech



£250K +

GCSE PE



2 X 1 hour exams (60% of final grade)

- Paper 1: Factors affecting performance
- Paper 2: Socio-cultural issues and psychology

Practical assessment (40% of final grade)

- 3 sports



Further information



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- Or email me chris.lamb@svf.org.uk

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