

Introduction to the Pathways Booklet

This booklet is a guide to help you make the right decisions about the courses you choose in Year 10. It contains lots of useful information that you will need throughout the process of choosing your options. The booklet is divided up into six easy to use sections.

1. The **white** section of the booklet contains general information about Year 10 Pathways and careers advice and activities.
2. The **green** section of the booklet contains core subjects which all pupils will study.
3. The **yellow** section contains the subjects that are optional.
4. The **peach** section contains information on vocational subjects.
5. The **blue** section contains a summary of coursework and examination requirements.
6. The **lilac** section contains a checklist to help you make your decisions, an outline of the Certificate of Excellence and a brief summary about Cowley Sixth Form.

Below are 8 good reasons to take into account when choosing your courses:

- You like it or find it interesting
- You are good at it
- You need it or it is useful for your future career
- It is a subject you think you will do well in
- It will combine well with your other subjects
- You like the method of assessment and teaching
- It is a subject you would like to become good in

Good choices are balanced choices

**It is important to bear in mind that all courses listed may not run.
Optional courses will only run if they have sufficient
student numbers to make the course viable.**

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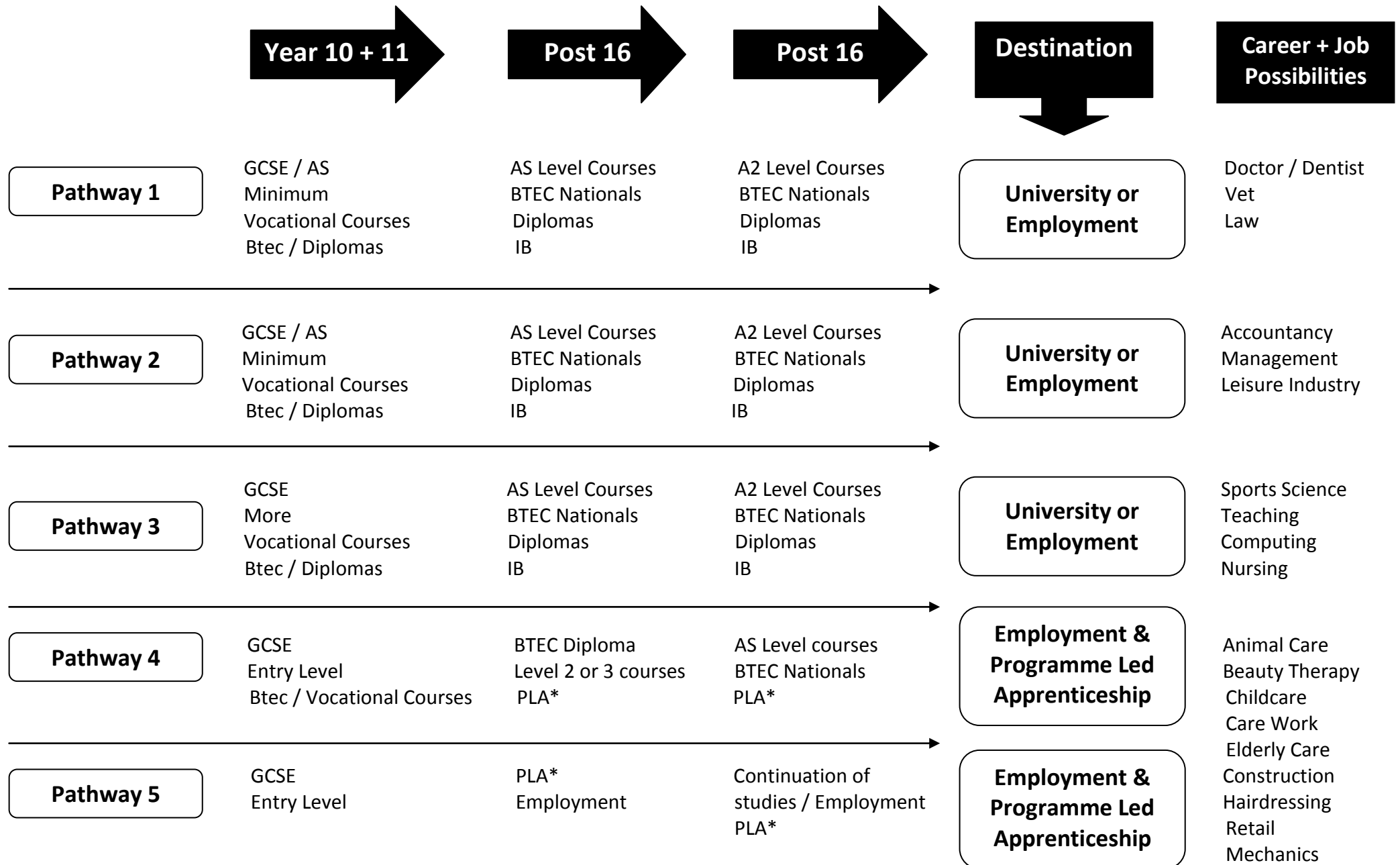
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Useful Links

www.connexions-direct.com
www.connexionslive.com
www.apply-sthelens.com

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Year 10 Pathways



*PLA = Programme Led Apprenticeship

Year 10 Curriculum Pathways 2010 – 2011

All Students will study the **core curriculum**; English, Mathematics, Science, MFL and ICT. Students will also have on their timetable Religious Education, Citizenship, PHSE, PE and games.

Students will then have some choice in the subjects they study but the **curriculum pathways** will be matched to their **prior attainment data** and **predicted grades** – this will enable them to make progress and achieve their full potential.

The course level will be matched to the students' ability and predicted grades. Students will be monitored carefully throughout Yr10 and 11 - as a result of this, the level or subject content of the course may be changed to allow students to achieve, progress and succeed.

The curriculum Pathways available are:

Pathway 1 – students select subjects from the Option Blocks and study a distance learning GCSE.

Pathway 2 – students will select subjects from the Option Blocks.

Pathway 3 – students will select subjects from the Option Blocks. Some students may have the opportunity to study Level 2 courses at St Helens College.

Diploma Pathway – students can select a level 2 Diploma course delivered by Cowley and (for Pathways 1-3) other schools within St Helens

Pathway 4 – students will select subjects from the Option Blocks that may involve some of the course being delivered at St. Helens College.

Pathway 5 – students will concentrate on the core curriculum with the possibility of progression onto the work based learning course.

Critical Questions

Use this page to write down any questions you know need to ask after having read through the booklet:

What additional information do you need to find out?

Where will you get this information from?

When do you need to get this for?