



# SUBJECT SPECIALISMS 2025- 2027

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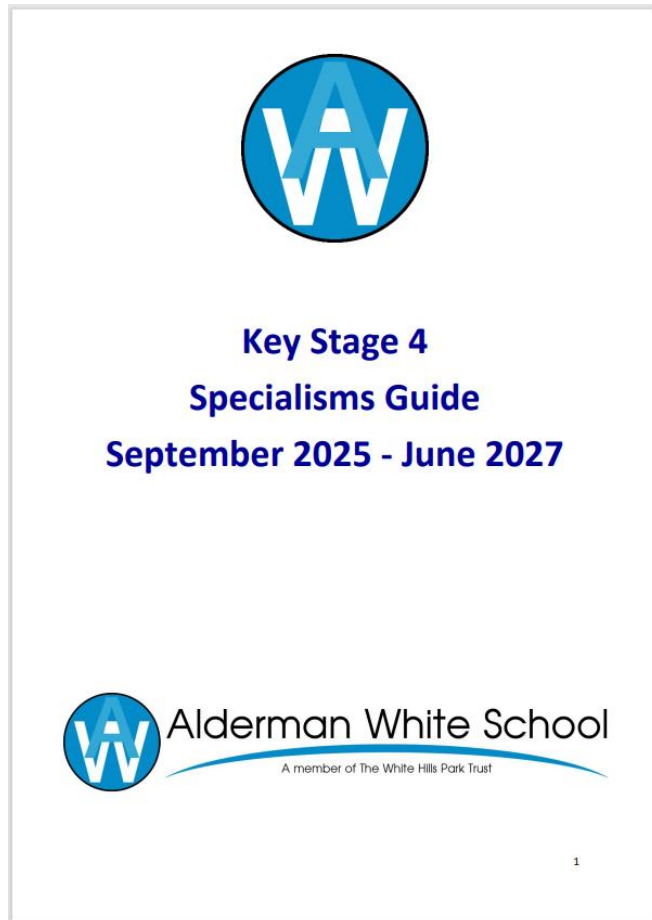
Mrs Mellors: Headteacher

Mr Young: Assistant Headteacher (Achievement)

# PRINCIPLES AND VALUES

- ✓ “Broad and balanced”
- ✓ Prepare young people for their future lives
- ✓ Reflect their range of talents, interests, expertise and skills
- ✓ Be aspirational and enable everyone to achieve success
- ✓ Meet statutory and national requirements

# THE SPECIALISMS PROCESS SO FAR



Options booklet  
emailed Jan 2025

Year 9 Specialisms  
Assembly

Year 9 Taster  
Lessons

“Meet the  
Professionals”

# EXAM RESULTS 2024



	<b>National 2024</b>	<b>AW 2024 Results</b>	<b>AW 2023 Results</b>
5+ English and Maths		52.6%	55.6%
4+ English and Maths		69.5%	73.1%
% of grades at 9	5%	8%	10.1%
% of grades at 7+	22%	32%	33.7%
% of grades at 5+		66%	60.8%
% of grades at 4+	67%	80%	73.9%









### Standard Entry Requirements

To study A levels , you need at least five GCSE's, including English and Maths, at grade 4 or above.

To study Biology at Bilborough College you will need to have a **66 in Double Science or a 6 in Biology** if you have studied Triple Science. In addition, you will need a 6 in Maths and a 5 in English Language.

To study PE at Bilborough, you need a minimum **grade 5 in Maths GCSE, grade 5 in English Language GCSE and 55 in Combined Science** or 5 in two single Sciences. **If you have taken PE at GCSE**, a minimum grade 6 in that subject.

To study Business at Bilborough, you need a **grade 5 in GCSE Maths and grade 5 in GCSE English Language**. **Although it is not required to have studied Business at GCSE**, it is desirable to have a grade 5 if you have.

### To study **Advanced Manufacturing Engineering (Level 3 Award)** at Nottingham College

You will need a minimum of 5 GCSEs with a grade 5 in Maths and a grade 4 in English. GCSE in Science is preferable but not essential.

### To study **Film and TV production (Level 3)** at Confetti, you will need:

5 GCSEs grade 9-4 (A\*-C)\* including English and maths

**An appreciation of and a passion for film and TV with a level of practical experience and/ or a Level 2 qualification in the subject area**

### To study **Health and Social Care (Level 2 CACHE Extended Diploma)** at Nottingham College

You'll need 4 GCSEs at grades 9-3, including English Language and Maths – one of English Language or Maths must be grade 9-4.



## SUBJECT SPECIALISMS

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# WHICH SUBJECTS WILL YOU CHOOSE FROM?

## All students will study:

- English Language GCSE and English Literature GCSE
- Maths GCSE
- Combined Science (worth 2 GCSEs) OR Triple Science (Biology, Chemistry and Physics) which is worth 3 GCSEs as a specialism subject

## All students will choose a Humanities specialism (1 GCSE)

- History GCSE
- Geography GCSE
- Religious Studies GCSE



# WHICH SUBJECTS WILL YOU CHOOSE FROM?

All students will choose a Language (or vocational) Specialism (**1 GCSE**)

- German GCSE
- French GCSE
- Mandarin GCSE

*Most students will study the language they have studied in Year 9.*

GCSE Languages Hub (for students who have prior knowledge of the language)

- GCSE Languages include: *Arabic, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish and Urdu. Please enquire about other languages.*

# WHICH SUBJECTS WILL YOU CHOOSE FROM?

2 Further Specialism Choices (or 1 if you choose Triple Science)

## **GCSE subjects:**

Art

Business Studies

Computer Science

Design Technology – Product Design

Design Technology – Textiles

Drama

Food Preparation and Nutrition

French

Geography

German

History

Mandarin

Media studies

Music

PE

Photography

Psychology

Religious Education

Triple Science

## **Vocational (GCSE equivalent) courses:**

Creative iMedia Cambridge National

Health and Social Care Cambridge National

Music Technology VCERT

Preparation for Adult Life Level 1 (by invitation)

# NON-EXAM COMPULSORY SUBJECTS

Non-GCSE compulsory subjects:

- Core PE
- Personal Development

All students must study these courses (non-qualification)

# THE GRADING SYSTEM

New GCSE Grade	Equivalent vocational grade	Equivalent legacy GCSE grade
9	Level 2 Distinction *	A*
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7	Level 2 Distinction	A
6	Level 2 Merit	B
5		B/C
4	Level 2 Pass	C
3	Level 1 Distinction	D
2	Level 1 Merit	E
1	Level 1 Pass	F/G

# OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER

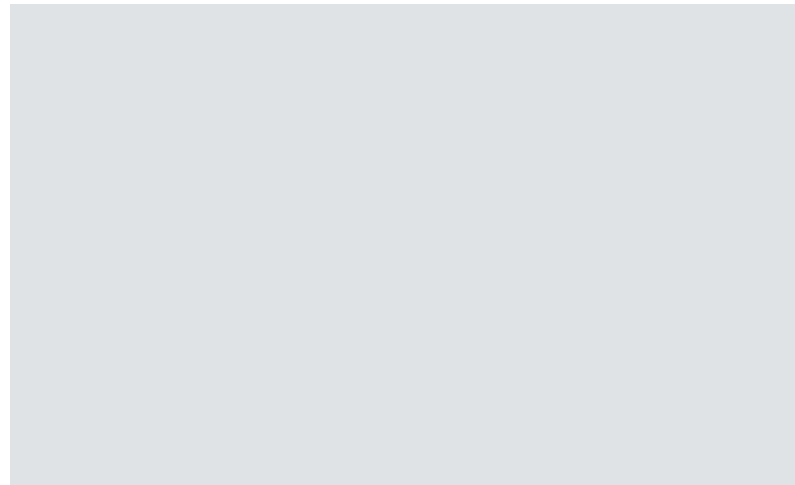
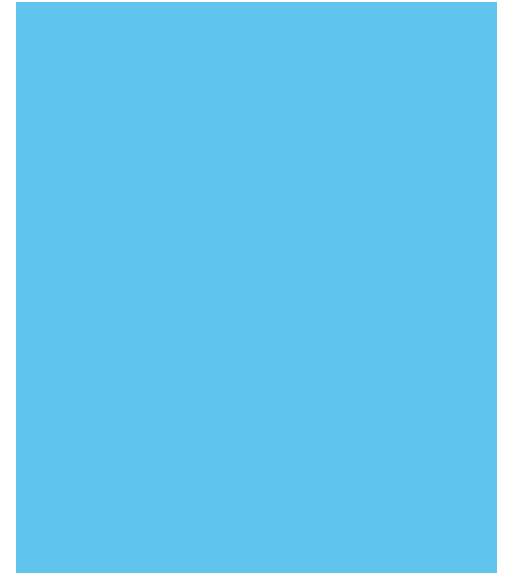
Balance (Academic vs Creative)

Do what you enjoy

**IF** you already have post-16 plans, what are the entry requirements

Don't be put off subjects due to stereotypes

Creative subjects demand good attendance too!





# MAKING YOUR FINAL CHOICES

- Completed online:
  - ✓ Languages choice
  - ✓ Humanities choice
  - ✓ 2 other choices
  - ✓ Reserve choices

## FEBRUARY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8

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# WHAT HAPPENS THEN?

- We finalise the curriculum model based on practical parameters and choices made
- If insufficient numbers opt for a subject we may not be able to run the course.
- Where a subject is oversubscribed we will carefully consider the order of preference of specialism subjects, as well as Learner Behaviour.
- Where we are not able to meet a student's choice of subjects we will discuss with them the other subjects available.
- We cannot guarantee that changes can be made at a later point.
- Confirm choices in the summer term

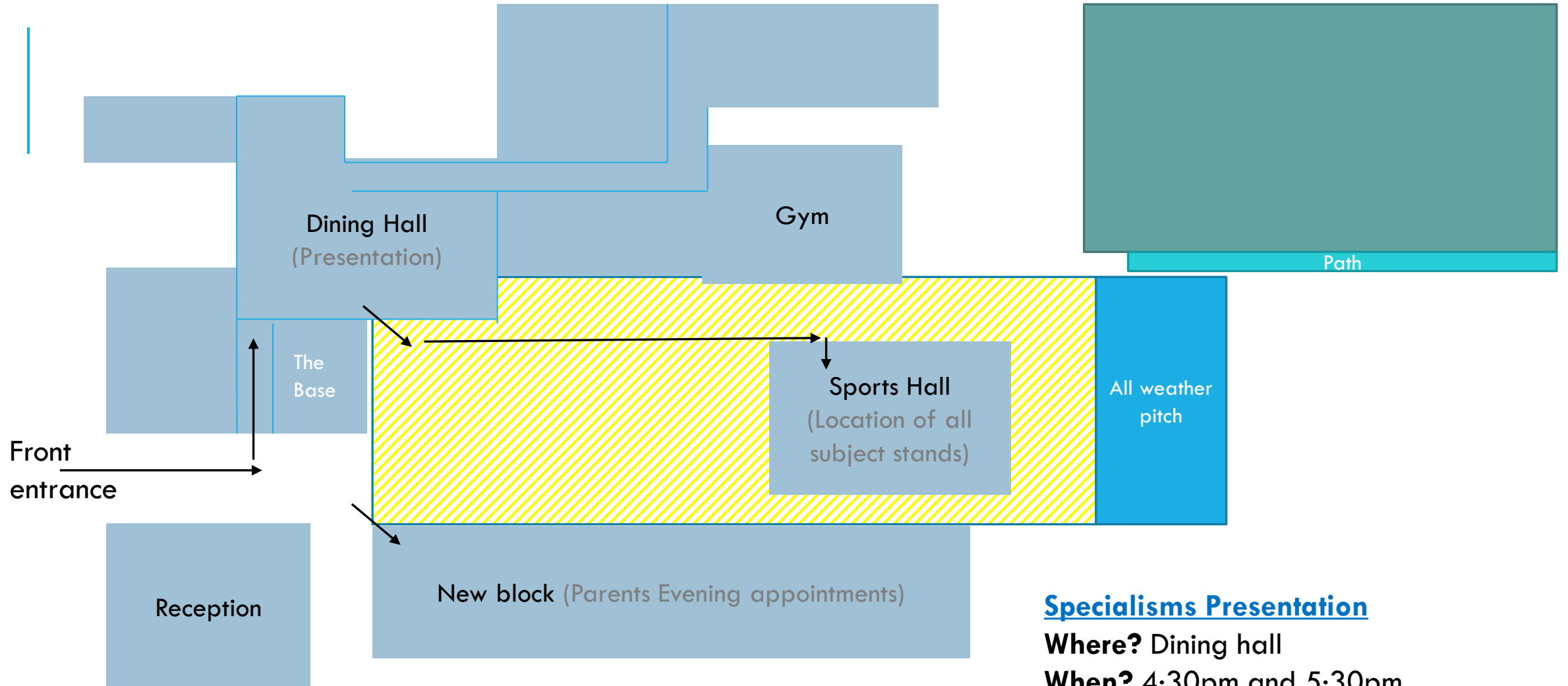
# SUPPORTING YOU DURING THE PROCESS

- Tutor
- Personal Development
- Unifrog
- Mr Palmer / Mrs Scott
- Subject teachers/Curriculum Leaders
- Student Google Form to access individual support
- Mr Young



## NAVIGATING THIS EVENING

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**Specialisms Presentation**

**Where?** Dining hall

**When?** 4:30pm and 5:30pm

*Please arrive 5 minutes prior to start time*



# SPECIALISM SUBJECT INFORMATION — IN THE SPORTS HALL

Room	Subject
Sports Hall	Business Studies Computer Science/Creative iMedia Art Product Design Textile Design Drama Food Preparation Music Music Tech GCSE PE MFL Photography Media Studies Religious Studies Psychology History Health and Social Care Geography

# PARENTS EVENING APPOINTMENTS

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Parents Evening Appointment		
Room	Subject	Teacher
W1	French	Mrs Sanders Mrs Pollard
W3	German	Mrs Hills
W4	Maths	Mr Haigh Mr Walton
W5	Maths	Mr Witton Mr Palmer
W6	Maths	Mr Jameson Mrs Whittaker
W7	English	Miss Kempster Miss Trimble
W8	English	Ms Gardiner Miss Zhang
W12	Science	Ms Cork Miss Allsop
W13	Science	Mr Lea Miss Leyland Mr Subbarao

# KEY STAFF CONTACT

Please feel free to raise any queries with us by contacting your child's tutor in the first instance.

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