

## Step 5

### Advice and Guidance:

You are making big decisions but you do not need to make them alone. Talk to:

- Your parents
- Subject teachers and Head of Departments
- The Careers Advisor
- Our Careers Leader, Mr Jones
- Post-16 Ambassadors and Subject Ambassadors
- The post 16 team:
  - Miss Nodwell (Head of Sixth Form) [Fiona.Nodwell@st-pauls.org.uk](mailto:Fiona.Nodwell@st-pauls.org.uk)
  - Miss Mann (Year Leader) [Ellie.Mann@st-pauls.org.uk](mailto:Ellie.Mann@st-pauls.org.uk)
  - Mrs March (Year Leader) [Helen.March@st-pauls.org.uk](mailto:Helen.March@st-pauls.org.uk)
  - Mrs Albone (T20 and UCAS co-ordinator) [Sharon.Albone@st-pauls.org.uk](mailto:Sharon.Albone@st-pauls.org.uk)
  - Mr Sharp (for EPQ queries) [Damien.Sharp@st-pauls.org.uk](mailto:Damien.Sharp@st-pauls.org.uk)

There are many good sources of advice and guidance online too:

- School website Sixth Form page, including online prospectus
  - <https://www.st-pauls.org.uk/sixth-form/intro>
- UCAS (the university advice and admission service) post-16 options pages
  - <https://www.ucas.com/further-education/post-16-options>
- The National Careers Service career choices post-16
  - <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/careers-advice/career-choices-at-16>
- Unifrog: use your log in to explore the vast amount of career and post-16 advice and guidance
  - <https://www.unifrog.org/>
- The Russell Group of Universities post-16 advice and guidance site
  - <https://www.informedchoices.ac.uk/>

## Step 6

### Decisions, application form, and interview:

Make informed decision and submit the online application form during the submission window (24<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> January). Interviews will commence in February.

## Step 7

### Step Up to Sixth Form, orientation:

After you have finished your exams you'll be provided with Step Up learning for the Post-16 subjects you have chosen to study. You'll also attend an orientation day and taster sessions for your courses.

## Step 8

### Results day and enrolment:

Enrolment to courses will be confirmed after your results day. If you didn't quite meet the entry requirements you'll be provided additional bespoke advice and guidance to find the right course for you before the start of the new academic year.

## Step 1

### The Totalizer:

What is your likely 'best 8'? What are your targets? How did you do in Your PPEs? What grades did you get for PC4 last year or PC1 this year? You have to include English (literature or language) and maths.

Subject	English	Maths								Total
Likely points										

Points	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
GCSE Grade	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Vocational Grade			Dist*	Distinction	Merit	Pass	Distinction (Level 1)	Merit (Level 1)	Pass (Level 1)

## Step 2

### Your Future:

What career aspirations do you have? Do you want to go to university? To study what? Do you want to do an apprenticeship? Which subjects do you need to study at sixth form to achieve your goals?

## Step 3

### Entry requirements:

Different courses have different entry requirements. The GCSE and Vocational results you earn will determine the pathways available to you Post-16. As well as these overall entry requirements, most courses have specific entry requirements noted overleaf, *in green*.

Point score	Likely pathway
34 points and above	Minimum entry point for 3 A-levels & EPQ
28 to 33 points	Assessment of suitability through interview for the 3 A-level pathway or Blended BTEC/A-level pathway
24 to 27 points	BTEC Level 3 Diploma Programme
23 points and below	BTEC Bridging programmes (one year) including GCSE English and Mathematics

**A-levels**

OA	OB	OC	OD	OE
Art	Biology	Biology	Design: Engineering	Chemistry
Business Studies	Business Studies	Drama	Economics	Computer Science
English Lang/Lit	Chemistry	English Literature	English Literature	Physics
History	Design: Fashion & Textiles	German	Film Studies	Psychology
Italian	Design: Product	History	Geography	Philosophy, Theology & Ethics
Mathematics	French	Photography	Psychology	Sociology
Music	Further Maths	PE	Politics	Spanish
	Mathematics	Sociology		

**Vocational and Applied Programmes (BTEC Level 3)**

OA	OB	OC	OD	OE
Business (Diploma OA+OC)	Science (Diploma OB+OC)	Science (Diploma OB+OC)	Health & Social Care (Dip. OB+OD)	Sports (Diploma OA+OE)
Sport (Diploma OA+OE)	Health & Social Care (Dip OB+OD)	Science (Extended Certificate)	Business (Extended Cert.)	ICT (Extended Certificate)
Sport (Extended Cert.)	H&SC (Extended Cert.)			
Criminology (Applied Diploma)		Business (Diploma OA+OC)		

**Additional Level Three Programmes**

OA	OB	OC	OD	OE
<i>Polish A-level – may be selected as one of the three choices or as an additional qualification</i>				
EPQ	EPQ	EPQ	EPQ	EPQ
Core Maths (Biology and Social Sciences)	Core Maths (Bus, Econ, ICT, Comp Sci)		Core Maths (Physics and Sciences)	

**Post-16 GCSE and BTEC Level 2 Qualifications**

Level 2 Business Diploma Bridging Programme and Level 2 Science Diploma Bridging Programme

OA	OB	OC	OD	OE
GCSE English	GCSE English		GCSE English	GCSE English
	GCSE Maths	GCSE Maths	GCSE Maths	GCSE Maths

**Choices** *these are courses you wish to study based on achieving really well in your Year 11 exams. You can only select one course per option block.*

OA	OB	OC	OD	OE

*Is there a combination of subjects you wish to study that you can't? If so, make a note of them here*

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**A level Entry Requirements**

Art	English 4+, Art 4+ (preferable)	German	German 5+
Biology	English 4+, Sciences grade 5+ (higher tier)	Geography	English 4+, Maths 4+, History or Geography 4+
Business Studies	Maths 4+, English 4+	History	English 4+, History or Geography 4+
Chemistry	Maths 5+, Sciences grade 5+ (higher tier)	Italian	Italian 5+
Computer Science	Maths 5+, Computer Science (if studied) 4+	Mathematics	Maths 6+ (higher tier)
Design: Engineering	Maths 5+, D&T 4+ or Level 2 Pass+	Music	English 4+, GCSE Music or equivalent qual.
Design: Fashion & Textiles	Maths 4+, D&T 4+ or Level 2 Pass+	PE	PE 4+ (preferable)
Design: Product	Maths 4+, D&T 4+ or Level 2 Pass+	Philosophy, Theology & Ethics	English 4+, RE 4+
Drama	English 4+, Drama 4+ (preferable)	Photography	English 4+, Art 4+ (preferable)
Economics	English 4+, Maths 4+	Physics	Maths 5+, Sciences grade 5+ (higher tier)
English Lang & Lit	English language 4+, English Literature 4+	Politics	English 4+, History or Geography or RE 4+
English Literature	English language 4+, English Literature 4+	Psychology	English 4+, Maths 4+
Film Studies	English 4+	Sociology	English 4+
French	French 5+	Spanish	Spanish 5+
Further Mathematics	Maths 7+ (higher tier)		

**Vocational and Applied Programme Entry Requirements**

Science	4+ in two Sciences	Business / H&SC / ICT / Sport	Level 2 Pass+ (if studied at KS4)
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**Additional Level Three Programme Entry Requirements**

EPQ	34+ points	Core Maths	Maths 4+
Polish	Polish 7+ or fluent speaker and writer		