

## Key Stage 4 Information Evening

### **Welcome to The Valley School's Information Evening**

We are very excited to meet you all and to work closely with you throughout the year.

This booklet will provide a brief outline of how Year 11 is structured and the next steps in your child's journey.

If you have any questions, or want to discuss this further, please contact the Year 10 team.

## Key stage 4 curriculum



Options are The Valley School's name for specialist lessons which work towards a qualifications.

Options lessons are chosen by your child and are based on their preference, aspirations and future goals.

We offer a range of subjects. The BTEC qualification links to the following subjects:

- ◆ Catering
- ◆ Art and Design
- ◆ Performing Arts
- ◆ Plumbing
- ◆ Health and Social care

These qualifications are to support your child in gaining access to a range of Further Education routes or work based learning opportunities.

## Other qualifications:

### NCFE Qualification:

Life skills Option's: Life skills allows your child to sample all the options in a more holistic approach, building on a range of skills that will support their transition into KS5

### Duke of Edinburgh:

Working towards the Bronze award we will be supporting your child to:

- ◆ Take part in volunteering in the school and local community
- ◆ Develop a skill of interest
- ◆ Develop a physical skill of interest
- ◆ Attended an over night camping trip

<https://www.dofe.org/do/>

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# Functional Skills

## English and Maths

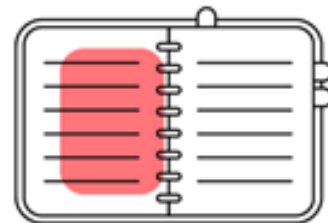
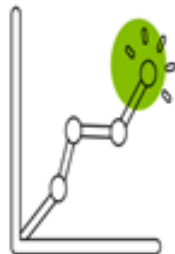
- Your child is also working towards a Functional skills qualification in English and Maths .
- Your child is currently preparing for or sitting their exams.
- These exams are important to your child's next steps. It will help plan for their next level course or programme.
- Further information will be shared at Parent Consultation

## ICT

Our Edexcel Functional Skills ICT qualifications are designed to equip learners with the basic skills they need to operate confidently, effectively and independently in education, work and everyday life.

More information on Functional Skills can be found at:

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-functional-skills/english-2019.html>



## Preparing for Post 16

This lesson is all about discovering the right pathway for your child after The Valley School.

It provides individual support in helping your child think about their next steps and what that looks like.

We provide activities and experiences that allows your child to explore a range of different post 16 environments.

A personal plan is then discussed to establish an appropriate pathway for your child and a transition programme is designed to help prepare them for Post 16/ KS5



# Pathways

## Personal pathway

Your child's pathway is personal to them.

Staff will sit and talk through their choices.

We then discuss your child's pathway with you all to ensure everyone is happy and confident with the chosen pathway.

Our YC Hertfordshire advisor, Bridie McDonald, will work very closely with you and your child, discussing these plans to make sure they are on the pathway that is most suitable for them.

## Contact details:

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## Future progression

There are many routes available to your child.

College:

Jess Underwood (Transition Support Worker) from North Herts College works closely with us to look at various routes

Other local college open days and link transition workers are available and will be made known to you by Bridie McDonald.

Work based learning routes:

Apprenticeships



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**NORTH  
HERTFORDSHIRE  
COLLEGE**

<https://www.nhc.ac.uk/study/16-18-learners>



**OAKLANDS COLLEGE**

<https://www.oaklands.ac.uk>

**West Herts  
College**



<https://www.westherts.ac.uk>



<https://www.hrc.ac.uk>

## What can you do to help?

- ◆ Talk to your child about their interests, career ideas etc...
- ◆ Start looking at open events at the local colleges.
- ◆ Talk to us. We are here to help with any questions or concerns you may have.

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