

## 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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### Notes:



## Key Stage 4 Information Evening

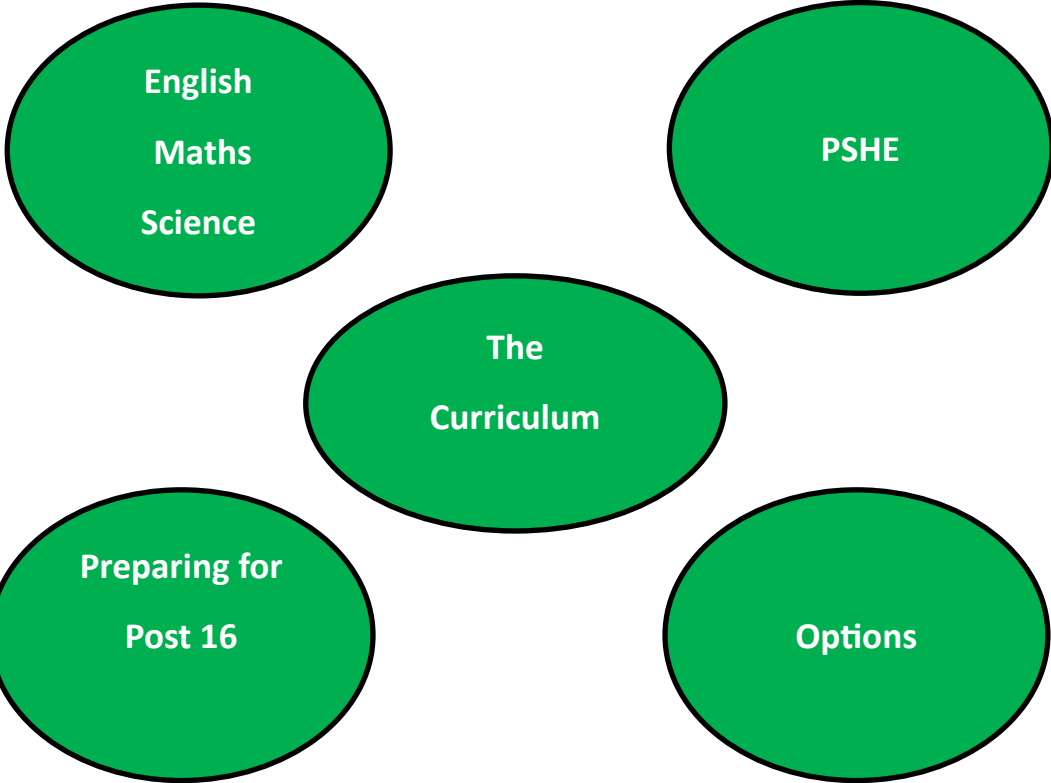
### Welcome to The Valley School's Information Evening

We look forward to meeting you all and working closely with you throughout the year.

This booklet provides a brief outline of how Key Stage 4 is structured and the next steps in your child's journey.

## Entry level 1 Certificate Pathway

# Key stage 4 curriculum



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



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



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



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



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

# Future progression

There are many routes available to your child.

College:

North Herts College work closely with us to look at various routes.

Year 11 transition taster lessons run throughout the year, where students attend the college as part of their learning; preparing them for the college environment.

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

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/#>

Traineeships- HOP into the future

Options are The Valley School's name for specialist lessons which work towards a qualification. Options lessons are chosen by your child and are based on their preference, aspirations and future goals.

We offer a range of subjects. Subjects are delivered holistically and within mini projects throughout the year.

- ◇ Creative arts
- ◇ Food tech
- ◇ Enterprise
- ◇ Community project: Support DOFE, DT and Forest school
- ◇ Team activity
- ◇ Sports activity
- ◇ Participating in a production
- ◇ Health and wellbeing

## Other qualifications:

Duke of Edinburgh: <https://www.dofe.org/>

Arts award: <https://www.artsaward.org.uk/>

Music intent:

ICT: NCFE qualification

For more information on these qualifications please speak to the subject specialist teacher.

# The Pathway

## Year 10

- Your child will need to complete 5 units: These will be delivered within 3 mini projects .
- Each project will have a list of skills they need to demonstrate to achieve. This will be recorded within their portfolios.
- Enterprise (Business Studies) is mandatory in Year 10 and part of their timetable. This option allows your child to develop a range of skills and knowledge based on; team work, planning, organising, and working with others, to successfully deliver a range of events to the whole school. This will be added to their portfolios.

## Year 11

- Your child will need to complete a further 5 units. There will be a further 3 projects that they will take part in.
- Some students may choose to progress on to Level 1 Award, please refer to this booklet for an outline of the pathway.

# Pathways

## Personal pathway

Your child's pathway is personal to them.

Staff will sit and talk through their choices with them.

We will then discuss your child's pathway with you 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 the students are on the pathway that is most suitable for them.

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# Preparing for Post 16

In Year 11 your child will spend one afternoon a week attending North Herts College.

This Transition programme has been designed to help your child adjust to the change of environment, different routines and tutors, preparing them for life after the Valley.

Our PSHE lessons provide activities and experiences that allow your child to explore a range of different post 16 environments.

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

# 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 for your child's next steps. They will help support their next level course or programme.
- Further information will be shared at the next Parent Consultation evening.

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## Science

There are 36 teaching items in total, 12 for each of Biology, Chemistry and Physics. In all three sciences, students develop their understanding of how scientific principles and concepts help describe complex and diverse natural phenomena in terms of a small number of key ideas. They also develop relevant practical skills.

<https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/entry-level/science-r483-from-2016/specification-at-a-glance/>

If you would like more information , please speak to any of the subject specialist or Miss Heller

