

Northampton Academy Curriculum 2017/18

The Curriculum at Northampton aims to enable our students to:

- Develop and apply a broad range of knowledge, understanding and skills
- To encourage a love of learning and a desire for lifelong learning
- Make the best possible progress, fulfilling their academic potential and career aspirations
- Contribute fully to life in modern Britain appreciating our diverse culture, democracy and laws
- Develop creativity and talents to the full

The Northampton Academy curriculum is designed to:

- To be inclusive with an emphasis on achievement for all.
- Personalise learning by ensuring it is flexible and appropriate, preparing students for the challenges of a fast changing world and their futures as workers and citizens.
- Promote students' self-esteem and emotional well-being, offering opportunities for students to develop their knowledge, understanding and appreciation of their own and different beliefs and cultures.
- Blend co-curricular activities with the more traditional elements to offer students a broad range of educational experiences.
- Promote opportunities for student leadership.

Key Stage 3

Students study a broad and balanced curriculum. Students do not have a choice of subjects at this stage, but the curriculum is personalised for individuals if required.

Year 7

	English	Maths	Science	History	Geography	MFL	RE / Art	Computer Science / DT	PSHE / Drama	PE	Total
8 Classes	6	6	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	30
2 Nurture	6	6	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	30

Year 8

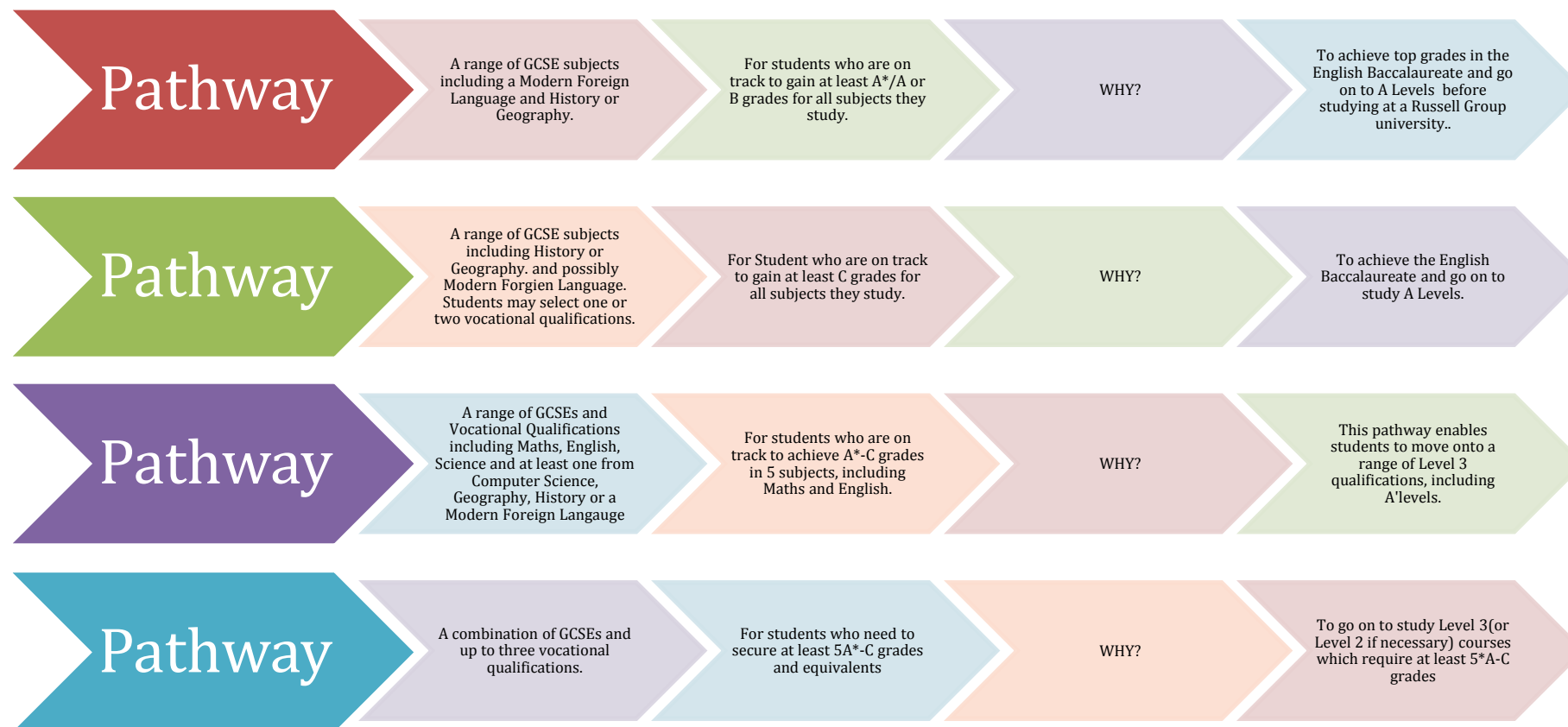
	English	Maths	Science	History	Geography	MFL	RE / Art	Computer Science / DT	Music / Drama / PSHE	PE	Total
8 Classes	6	6	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	30
1 Nurture	6	6	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	30

Year 9

	English	Maths	Science	History	Geography	MFL	RE / Art	Computer Science / DT	Music / Drama	PE	Total
	6	6	6	2	2	2	2	2		2	30

Northampton Academy Key Stage 4 Learning Pathway Guidance *

*Students may move across pathways.



Northampton Academy KS4 Options

In year 9 students will be guided to select which subjects they study at Key Stage 4. All students must choose one English Baccalaureate subject, in addition to English, Maths and Science. As described in our pathways, students who may wish to apply for Russell Group Universities should select a Modern Foreign language and either History or Geography. Students are guided towards subjects that fulfil their future ambitions, interests and aptitude.

English Baccalaureate Subjects	Guided Choices	
	Other GCSEs	Vocational
Triple Science GCSEs Combined Science GCSEs Computer Science GCSE History GCSE Geography GCSE French GCSE Spanish GCSE	Art GCSE Drama GCSE Music GCSE Business Studies GCSE Philosophy GCSE	VCERT Music Technology VCERT Craft BTEC Business BTEC Sport (Vocational Qualifications are the equivalent of a GCSE grade A*-C)

Year 10

Basics		Core		Guided Choices				
English	Maths	PE	Science	Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D	Total
6	5	1	6	3	3	3	3	30
All students take English Language and English Literature	All students sit Maths GCSE	All students have one double lessons of PE per fortnight	Students can study combined Science or Separate Sciences but must pick this as an option. This decision is guided by the Science Team.	With guidance, students can choose from the full range of GCSEs and vocational courses on offer, including EBACC subjects. Clear guidance required to make sure that all students opt for an Ebacc subject and as many students as possible take the options that will allow them to achieve the true Ebacc.				

Year 11

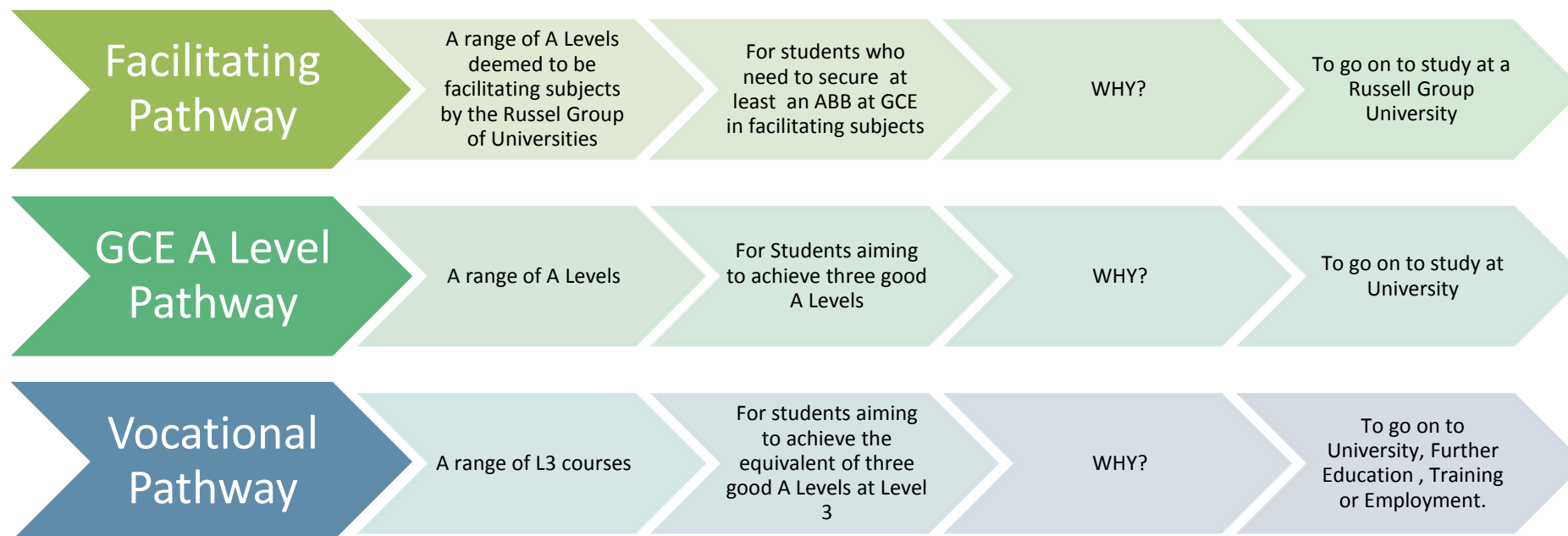
Basics		Core		Guided Choices				
English	Maths	PE	Science	Option A	Option B	Option C	Basics	Total
6	5	2	6	3	3	3	2	30
All students take English Language and English Literature	All students sit Maths GCSE	Students have four lessons of PE, or they have intervention for subjects they are underperforming in, or alternative provision if required.	Students can study combined Science or Separate Sciences but must pick this as an option. This decision is guided by the Science Team.	With guidance, students can choose from the full range of GCSEs and vocational courses on offer, including EBACC subjects. Clear guidance required to make sure that all students opt for an Ebacc subject and as many students as possible take the options that will allow them to achieve the true Ebacc.			Basics intervention. All students will have one double lesson per week where they complete intervention in Maths or English.	

Northampton Academy Complementary Education

Depending on the needs of the students, we may use one of the following providers to deliver all, or part of the curriculum.

Providers	Curriculum
Internal	Study Support –Personalised Programmes
Internal	Nurture Groups - English/Maths
Canto Ltd.	Basic Skills Foundation Level
Real Project	SEAL
ONTRACK	A range of qualifications from Level 1 to GCSE
NSTC	Personalised programmes
Overlays	Personalised programmes, including GCSEs
Complementary Education Academy	A range of qualifications from Level 1 to GCSE
Hospital and Outreach	Personalised programmes
Northampton College	Entry Level and Level 1 Courses
Moulton College	Range of Level 1 and 2 Courses

Northampton Academy Key Stage 5 Learning Pathways



The Sixth Form Curriculum:

Students select three A levels, to be studied for two years. Students have 6 x 50 minute lessons per week for each subject. In exceptional cases, students may choose 4 A levels. Students use their spare hours to complete a range of enrichment activities, private study and core PE.

Blocking Pattern – Academic Year 2017/2018

Year 12

Level 3					
A	B		C	D	E
Biology	Business (5)		Chemistry	Art	Enrichment (1 lesson unless stated), Medical Society, Debating Society, Cookery, CSLA (2 lessons), HSLA, Photography, EPQ (1 lesson per block either year 12 or 13 to complete)
Drama	B-Tec BS (5)		Computer Science	Biology	
Further Maths	Chemistry		English Literature	Economics	
IFS	English Literature		History	Geography	
Philosophy	Government & Politics		BTec ICT	Physics	
Psychology	Maths		Maths	Photography	
Product Design	Music Technology		B-Tec PE	PE	
Spanish	B-Tec PE		Textiles	Psychology	
Core Maths (4 lessons)	Sociology				

Year 13

Level 3			
A	B	C	D
Business	Biology	Art	Maths
B-Tec BS (9 lessons)	Drama	Biology	History
Chemistry	French (4 Lessons)	Business (B-Tec)	Computer Science
Sociology	Further Maths	Economics	BTec ICT (9 lessons)
English Literature	IFS (5)	Geography	B-Tec PE
Maths	Music Technology	Product Design	English Literature
PE	Philosophy	Physics	Core Maths (4 lessons)
	Spanish	Psychology	
	Sociology	Psychology	
	Core Maths (4 lessons)	Textiles	
	Textiles (4)		