

# Study Pathway 2023

## *Options and Opportunities*

## Your Learning Journey

Ambition | Determination | Respect



**Pendle Vale**  
Think Pendle Vale, Think Achievement



Same summit  
different routes



**Pendle Vale**  
Think Pendle Vale, Think Achievement



# Vision for the curriculum

**Ambition** to provide excellence and positive outcomes for all

**Determination** to run interesting, engaging and exciting courses

**Respect** to ensure the right pathway for all, building foundations for lifelong success.

**Respect** to ensure positive mental and physical well being so that everyone makes a positive contribution.



# Curriculum in Year 10 and 11

## Core Curriculum – all students

English (language and literature)

Maths

Science (trilogy or separate)

PE and Personal Development

ASPIRE (p6)

## Option Curriculum – all students

History or Geography

3 preferences

## Guided Curriculum

Some students will study French and /or Core skills to support them in fulfilling their potential.

Ambition | Determination | Respect



**Pendle Vale**

Think Pendle Vale, Think Achievement



# Ambition Pathways

Our ambition for all students means that some students will study French as part of the Guided Curriculum.

This will ensure students gain strong academic qualifications and it will give them the opportunity to compete with all students nationally. This will allow them the choice to access college, sixth form and universities in the future.

Studying French will also mean that students achieve the EBacc. Further information on EBacc is available [here](#)

At Pendle Vale, students guided to study French are on Ambition Pathway 1.

Recent research into the importance of character

Built in through our personal development curriculum

Character traits that underpin success in education\* (as defined by the DfE) can and should be actively developed;

“Openness to experience (related to **curiosity** and **creativity**), “**Conscientiousness**” (related to grit, **resilience** and perseverance) and “agreeableness” (**empathy**, modesty and trust) are just as important to educational attainment as IQ

“Civic virtues” such as **community involvement** and **volunteering** are equally important in the development of a well rounded person

# Demands of GCSE/BTEC/Vocational

All subjects offered at KS4 lead to a level 2 qualification.

## GCSE

Internally assessed progress checks and exams at the end

## BTECs and Vocational

Continuous Assessment (coursework) throughout the year and an examined component for all BTEC subjects.

Attendance and a positive ATL are the MINIMUM requirements for all subjects.

# Choosing the right course:

## Reasons to study a course

- You are achieving well in that subject in year 9
- You enjoy the subject
- The subject will help you in your chosen career
- You have been advised to follow a certain ambition pathway

## Reasons NOT to study a course

- Your friends are doing it
- You particularly like the teacher (you may have a different teacher in year 10)
- You think it will be "easy"



# Year 9 Taster day 14<sup>th</sup> March

An opportunity for a 'taste' of subjects we offer at Key Stage 4 and informational assemblies with a local FE provider(s) in order to guide the process.

A chance to trial a typical learning opportunity in each subject area.

This should allow for informed decisions creating more opportunities in FE.

# Year 9 Parents Evening 15<sup>th</sup> March

This is a vital opportunity to meet with subject specialists and and review your child's progress and ATL.

Your child's Preference Selection Form for Key Stage 4 study will be ready to collect and complete on this evening- the deadline for completion is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

There will also be an opportunity for parents to take part in the research being carried out about Mathematics and attainment on this evening.

# Questions

Please direct subject specific questions to the relevant teaching teams

Questions regarding the process please speak with / email:

- Your Child's Form tutor
- [n.walton@pendlevale.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:n.walton@pendlevale.lancs.sch.uk)
- [a.jenkinson@pendlevale.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:a.jenkinson@pendlevale.lancs.sch.uk)





# TIMELINE

- 2 Feb 2023 - Options and Opportunities assembly
- W/C 20 Feb 2023 - Taster day form completion
- 10 Feb 2023 - Options and Opportunities information (online)
- 14 March 2023 - Taster Day
- 15 March 2023 - Parents evening and further subject information from teachers - Study Pathway process opens
- 17 March 2023 - Decision form deadline for completion
- Final course offers made during half term 5