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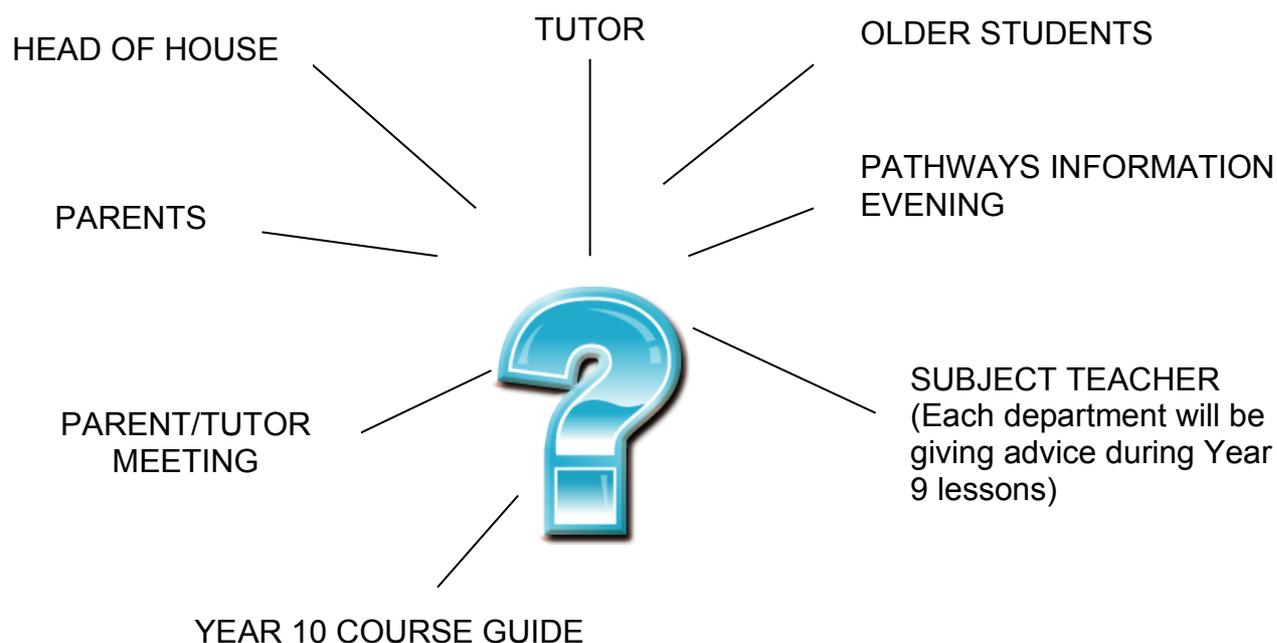
## INTRODUCTION

Our KS4 curriculum is designed to provide a range of Learning Pathways to enable every student to tailor their programme to their strengths, interests and future aspirations.

Choosing these options can be daunting, but the timeline outlined this evening is the start of a supportive process where every student can continue in a broad and balanced education.

An explanation of all the qualifications and the option blocks are found later in this booklet.

Tonight is the start of the decision making process and is part of the advice available from:



## The Learning Pathways Programme

Our Learning Pathways have been carefully constructed to respond to the needs, talents and aspirations of every student at Downend School.

All students will follow the statutory national curriculum consisting of compulsory subjects at examination and non- examination level. In addition to this students will follow one of three Personalised Learning Pathways:

### Yellow Pathway

### Blue Pathway

### Red Pathway

*Please note: Details about the courses are subject to change. Where some options are under subscribed the School reserves the right to withdraw them from the timetable. Whilst we make every effort to meet student needs the School cannot guarantee that a particular course will run.*

### Yellow Pathway

This Pathway has been designed for students who are predicted GCSE grade 4 or above in English and Mathematics, and are working at Level 5 or above across the rest of the curriculum, and at 5a or above in French. If you wish to opt for Triple Science, you will need to be predicted grade 6 or above in Science. If you wish to opt for Engineering, you will need to be predicted grade 5 or above in Mathematics.

### Blue Pathway

This Pathway has been designed for students predicted GCSE grade 3 or 4 in English and Mathematics, and are working at Level 4 or 5 across the curriculum. If you wish to opt for Engineering, you will need to be predicted grade 5 or above in Mathematics.

### Red Pathway

This Pathway has been designed for students requiring specialist provision.

Students will be individually invited to be part of the Red Pathway provision.

## TIMESCALE FOR DECISIONS

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|------------------------|--|
| Week beginning xxx     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 9 Assembly: Pathways Process</li></ul>                            |
| Thursday 23 March 2017 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pathways Information Evening</li></ul>                                 |
| xxx                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Individual Staff/Pathway Consultation Days (Academic Review)</li></ul> |

It is intended that the completed options forms are submitted at the time of your individual appointments on xx.

*These appointments can be made on our online booking system (booking opens Monday, 13 March)*