

5 ways to...

support your child during their subject taster lessons

Our pathways taster lessons are the perfect opportunity for your child to get a taste of what each subject might be like at Key Stage Four. They can ask teachers about each course and start to think about what subjects they will enjoy and be successful in. The timetable for taster lessons can be found on the school website.



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Encourage them to keep an open mind

Our taster lessons allow students the chance to get a taste of what a subject might be like at Key Stage Four. Encourage them to be open to every subject - it might be different to what they were expecting. Ask them: what was interesting about the subject? Do you think you will enjoy it?

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Encourage them to ask questions

Taster lessons provide the perfect opportunity to ask a subject specialist about a course and to experience what studying a subject might be like at Key Stage Four.

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Encourage them to find out as much information as possible

Ask them if they know how the course will be assessed, what topics are covered and what they might enjoy about each subject.

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Talk to them about what subjects they think they would be most successful in

Students may need to have a certain number of GCSEs at a specific grade to apply to sixth form. Higher GCSE grades may lead to better paid and advanced apprenticeships.

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Vocational subjects: talk to them about how they learn and their future aspirations

These work-related courses can be a good pathways choice if your child has a job sector in mind and would like to gain employability skills linked to a particular type of work. Vocational Qualifications offer a mix of practical and theory learning.