

Pathway A: Stretch and Challenge

Overview	This pathway aims to stretch and challenge learners by raising their aspirations for academic achievement. The pathway enables our higher attaining pupils to access a challenging academic curriculum, allowing students to reach their full potential and open a range of opportunities beyond Maplewell.
Intent	A broad and balanced curriculum is designed to allow students to gain a breadth of knowledge and skills to support them on their next steps as confident and resilient members of the community. The curriculum on this pathway is designed to develop students' academic and employability skills that support future stability and sense of worth in adult life. The curriculum will focus on gaining life skills through meaningful experience, knowledge, skills and qualifications.
Implementation	On this pathway, teachers deliver a carefully crafted, knowledge-rich secondary curriculum adapted to the needs of each group. Lessons are delivered by subject-specialist teachers based in subject-specific classrooms. Pathway A students are our most academically able; in KS3 and KS4 in core subjects (Maths, English and Science), Pathway A students will access a full range of GCSEs – for example, English Literature and Language and Triple Science. Students on all pathways will be taught in mixed ability groups in foundation subjects. In Key Stage 4 students will choose 3 options that link to their interests, plans for further study or employability prospects; these options include GCSEs, BTEC qualifications and a range of Level 1 Vocational courses offered by different awarding bodies.
Impact	This pathway will enable students to apply a range of skills such as literacy and numeracy, communication and ICT to engage with the world around them by contributing to the local community through work or social enterprise activity. In Key stage 4 students should work towards a range of: - GCSE qualification in Maths, English and Science - BTECs, and Level 1-2 qualification.
Next steps	Students who follow this curriculum aim to move to a sixth form to study A-Levels or Level 3 qualifications after completing Y11. Students who require additional support with transition may undertake the College Pathway at Maplewell Post 16, utilising the opportunity to prepare for college applications, improve social skills and self-confidence and improve their Maths and English grades in order to secure a place on a course they want to study.