Subject Selection Advice and Course Structure

Years 10-13



Introduction to Subject Selection

Making decisions about which qualification pathway to follow and selecting which subjects to take can be a challenge.

Students, ask yourself the following questions:

- Does it lead me in my preferred career direction?
- Will it keep my options open, or close them down? Remembering that it's best to study from a range of departments, keeping your options as broad as possible for as long as possible.
- Does it interest me?
- Will it challenge me enough, or be too easy?
- Where does it lead to in the senior school? See Course Structure.
- Will it give me course entry into the subjects I want to take in Years 12 and 13?
- Will it keep open the option of a University Entrance course in Year 13?

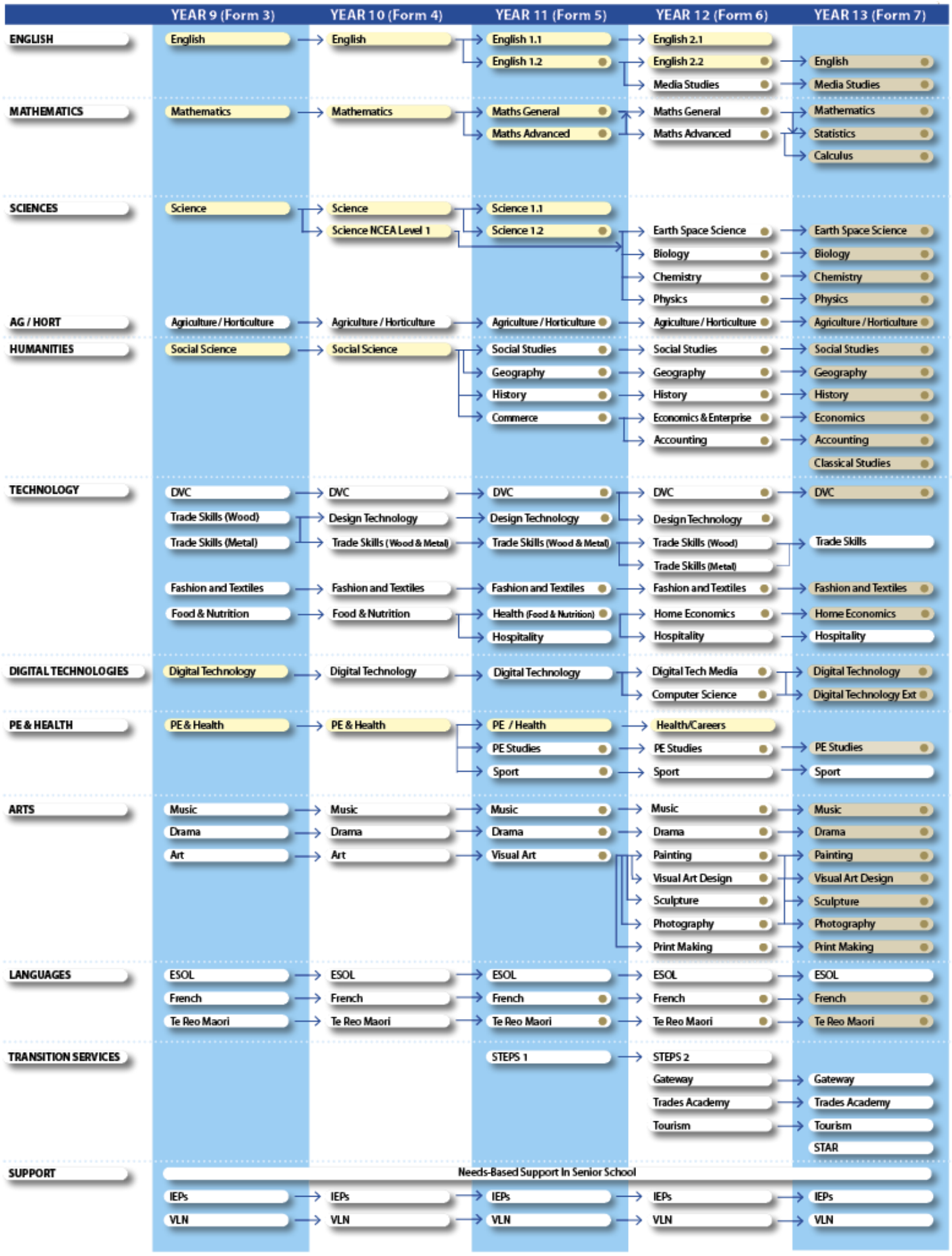
Parents, you may find the following helpful to your student:

- Discuss career aspirations, academic interest areas and planning for the future with your son/daughter.
- Use the "Where To?" diagrams in this guide to assist with seeing which careers different subjects may lead to in the future.
- The Course Structure in this guide shows the progression of each subject throughout the five years of high school.
- Read the subject information in this guide.
- Go to www.careers.govt.nz which holds a wealth of relevant information.
- Attend the Subject Selection Evening, Wednesday 9th September for current Year 10-12 students. You will have the opportunity to discuss individual subjects with teachers and Heads of Departments, as well as to discuss your student's combination of subjects with Deans and Senior Managers. You can attend at any time between 4.30pm and 6pm.

Parents and students are welcome to contact our Careers Department at any time to talk through any aspect of planning for a future career. You can email Kerri Rogers on 1kro@ths.school.nz.



Course Structure



ESOL: English as a Second Language
STEPS: Developing Life Skills
DVC: Design Visual Communication

STAR: Secondary Tertiary Alignment Resource *vocational courses)*
Trades Academy: 1 day a week at EIT or Primary ITO
IEPs: Individual Education Plans *(for students based in the Learning Support Centre)*
VLN: Virtual Learners Network for Distance Learning

Year 12 courses can be taken by Year 13 students seeking Level 2 credits

Where numbers are very small, students may be offered learning through VLN (Virtual Learning Network) or Te Kura Correspondence.

- Endorsable
- Compulsory
- Approved for University Entrance