



# Y9 Partnership Evening

**October 2023**

# What is a Partnership Evening ?

**It is about us working together...**

**It is about us being clear on the goals...**

**It is about us both taking responsibility for success...**

**It is about us both getting your child in the top 75.9%...**



**And Year 9 are a great Year Group... 😊**

# Getting Serious...

Progression through school runs through fine - though blink and you miss it - but we are now heading to the business end of things...

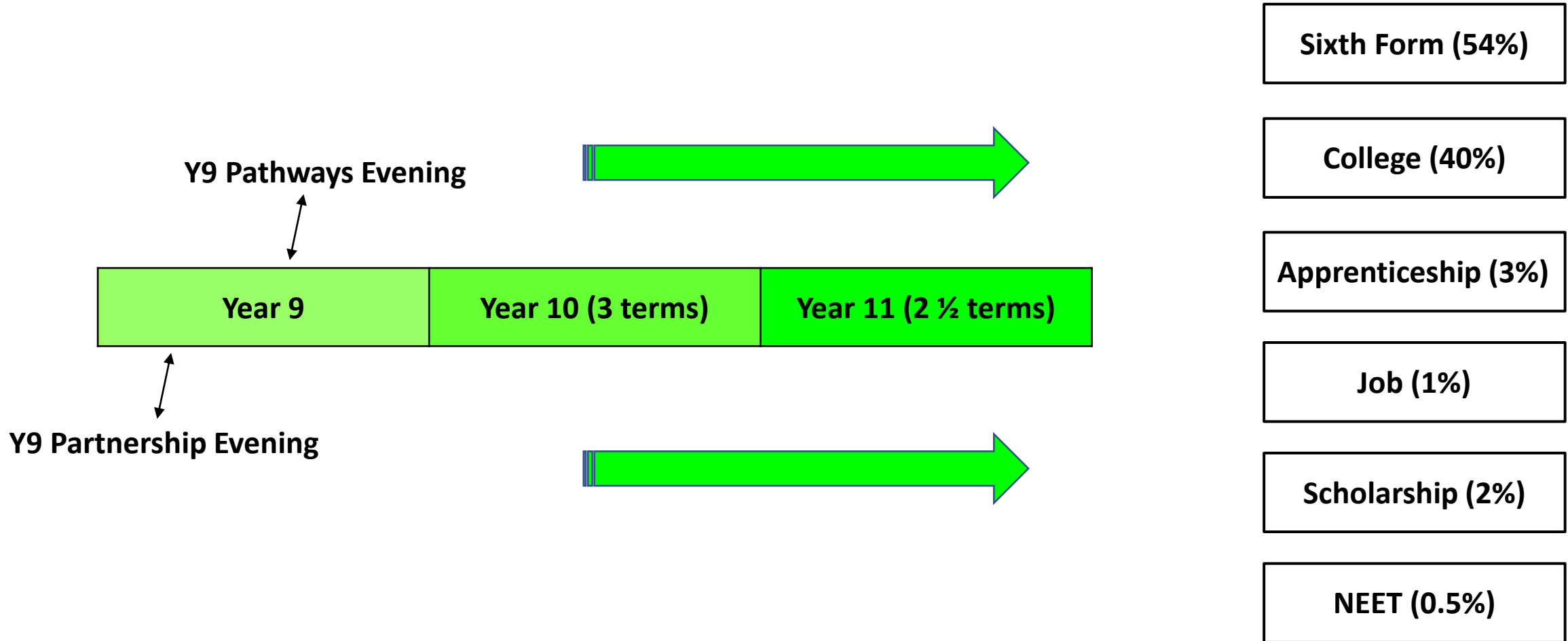
You are now pretty much half-way through... Almost closer to the end than the beginning...

The big decisions on Sixth Form, apprenticeships, jobs, universities will hugely stem from the next few months...

The teams, the shows, the trips, the friends continue but they are fading little by little as the BIG exams loom closer...



# Deciding the Future...



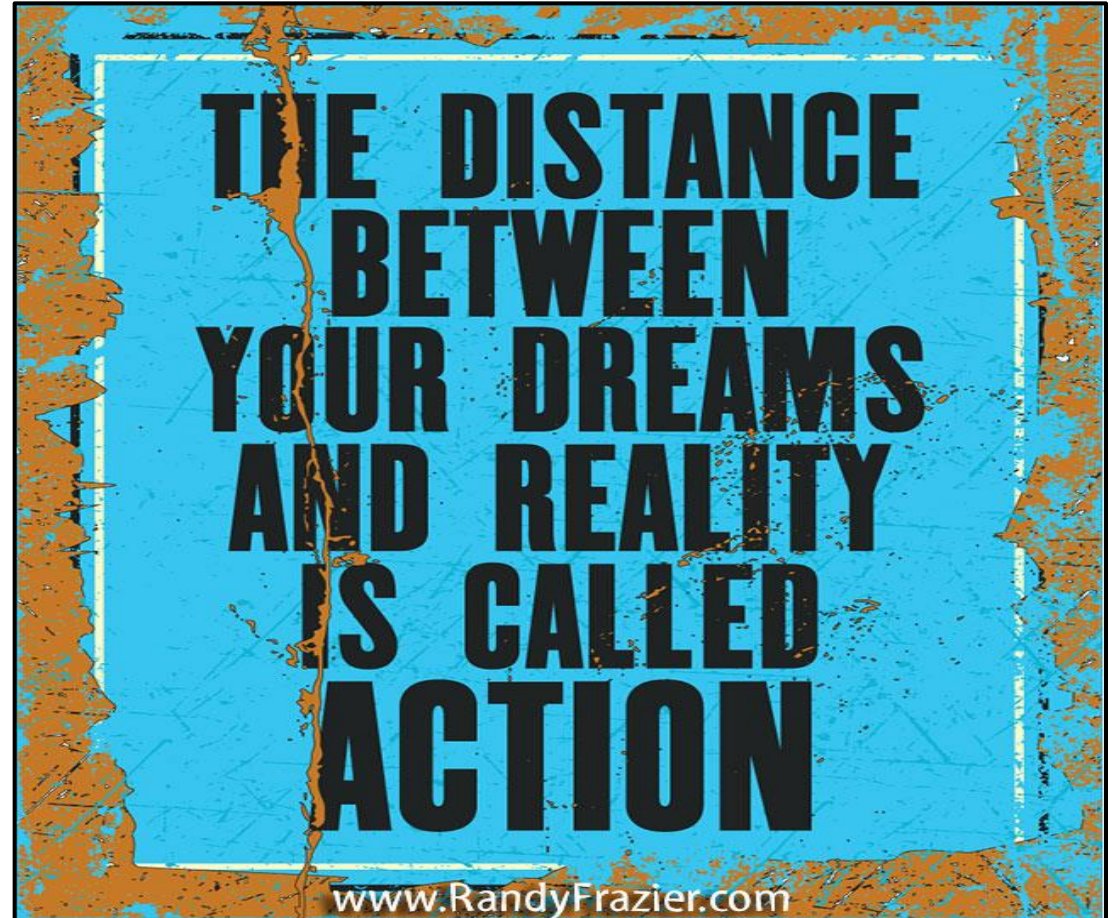
# Meeting Some Dreams & Some Realities...

We are now at the stage where children's dreams and goals are beginning to meet reality...

Already we are spotting pathways... destinations... opportunities... barriers... facing each of your children...

Big plans can be achieved by they need big actions too - and we need to work together to make dreams work...

So let's meet some dreamers...



# Becca - Wants to be a Vet...





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This has been a **long-term dream** - **home is like a zoo** - hugely passionate...

**Grades are too low...** Targets suggest not possible...

Needs **8s and 9s** in everything

Will do EBacc route... Won't have Triple Science as an option... **Parents will be unrealistic...**

Entry data says **she is better at creative subjects** that analysis subjects...

Is a vet possible ? Highly unlikely...

Veterinary nurse ? Be a vet or loves animals ? See Sports...

Subject	Target	Current
English	7	6+
Maths	6	6
Science	66	55
History	6	6
Geography	6	6
French	5	5+
Art	6	5+
Drama	L2D	L2D
ICT	L2M	L2M
RE	6	5+

# Jack - Wants an Engineering Apprenticeship...





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Talked to parents about it... Researched it... Wants to get **into the workplace**...

**Grades are strong...** Targets suggest possible...

Needs 8s and 9s in everything - getting there...

**Will do EBacc route...** Won't have Triple Science as an option...

Entry data says he is very strong - especially in Maths...

**Is apprenticeship right route at 16 ? Aiming too low ?**

Science needs to step up... **Sixth Form then university or degree apprenticeship ?**

Subject	Target	Current
English	8	7
Maths	9	8
Science	99	87
History	8	7
Geography	8	8
French	7	6
Art	8	8+
Drama	L2M	L2D
ICT	L2D	L2D
RE	7	7+

# Ryan - Loves Catering Course...



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Hasn't spoken to parents... Likes doing the lesson in school... Has a sister who is doing the **Hospitality & Catering** course in Year 10...

**Grades are struggling...** engagement can be an issue... **attendance is below 90%...**

Will not be doing French later - **support needed in Year 10-11...** We'll help him...

Entry data says he **will struggle for Grade 4s...**

**Apprenticeship is an option** - needs one that leads to an open career...

Will need that **4 in English & Maths else re-takes...**  
Has to be college - Level 1, Level 2

Subject	Target	Current
English	4	4
Maths	4	3
Science	44	33
History	4	3
Geography	4	4
French	3	2
Art	4	5
Drama	L2M	L2P
ICT	L2M	L2P
RE	4	3

# Abbi - Wants to go to The Friary Sixth Form...



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Working hard at school and doing well... Enjoys it and wants to stay... Good group of friends who want to stay too...

Is doing brilliantly - progress is massive - but won't get 6s and 7s for A-Levels... Is on **Foundation Papers** (1-5 NOT 4-9)

Was an August baby but is zooming up - real credit...

Sixth Form would be largely vocational - but she says she loves Maths, Biology and Geography...

Sixth Form is a goer - she'll likely be A-Level, BTEC BTEC... **Maths & Biology are a total 'no'...**

Subject	Target	Current
English	4	5
Maths	3	5
Science	33	55
History	4	5
Geography	4	4+
French	3	4+
Art	4	5
Drama	L2M	L2M
ICT	L2M	L2P
RE	4	5



# Doors Opening & Closing...

There is a lot going on here...

Year 9 does not seem to be such a crunch point - and of course in some ways it isn't - but there are a lot of markers being laid down...

How do you know your child is going to be heading off in the right direction ?



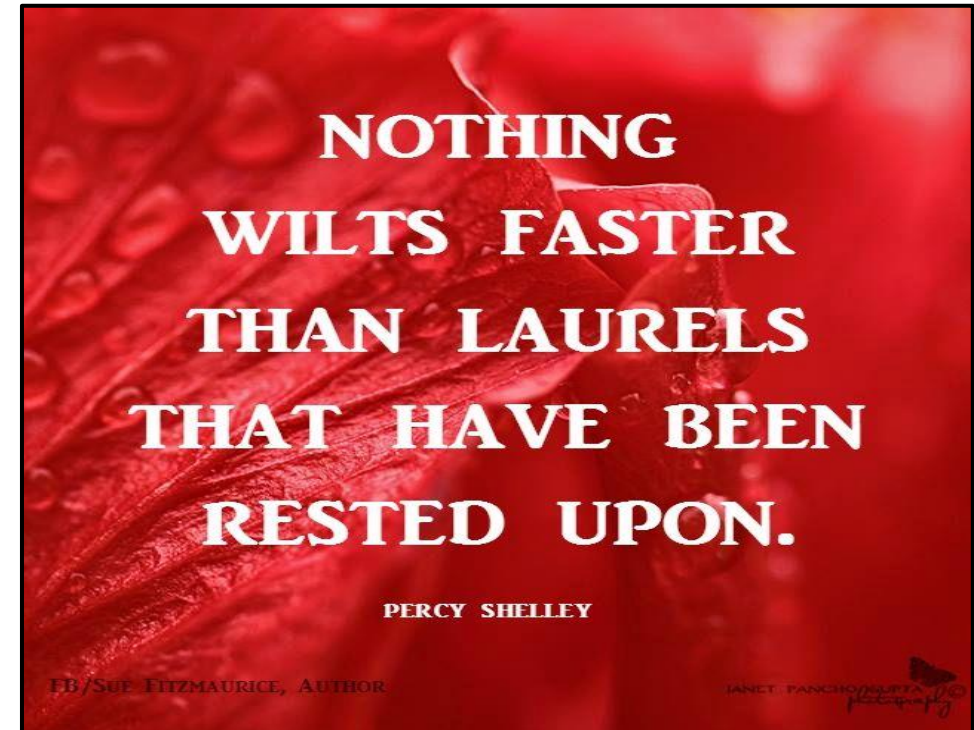
# Comfort 1 - DfE Performance Tables

Last week the DfE Performance Tables came out...

Our school was the best performing school in Staffordshire - same as 2022 and 2019...

We do not get everything right - **you will know that** - but we get a lot right and that should be some comfort...

And we have used the Performance Tables to work out what we need to get better on...



# Comfort 2 - Target Grades

These grades are a great guide to you in terms of where your child is heading...

They are based on the expectations the government have of your child...

They stem from the Y6 SATs results (or in your case CATs) your child got and say what your child should (statistically) get by the end of Year 11.

It is vital you understand what these mean for your child - that you understand their trajectory...

Subject	KS4 Target
English Language	5.80
English Literature	5.87
French	4.65
Health & Social Care	L2D
History	5.02
Hospitality & Catering	L2D
Mathematics	5.29
Religious Education	5.52
Science: Combined Trilogy	10.08

# What are the Grades for the Next Steps ?

## **A-Levels:**

You need at least a 6 to go on to do an A-Level.

A 6 would suggest a C/D at A-Level.

Universities now have to look at GCSEs.

## **Level 3 Vocational in Sixth Form:**

You need at least a 5 / Pass to go on to do a 'Sixth Form Vocational.

## **Level 3 Vocational in College:**

You would need at least a 4 in English & Maths - plus three other subjects.

## **Higher Level Apprenticeship:**

You usually would need to have done Sixth Form and grades will be checked.

## **Lower Level Apprenticeship:**

You would need at least a 4 in English & Maths.

## **Entry / Level 1 / Level 2 College Course:**

You would need at least a 4 in English & Maths - if not, then you retake them.

# Comfort 3 - Plan of Year

**The course of this year is mapped out to set your child up so they are primed to go in Year 10...**

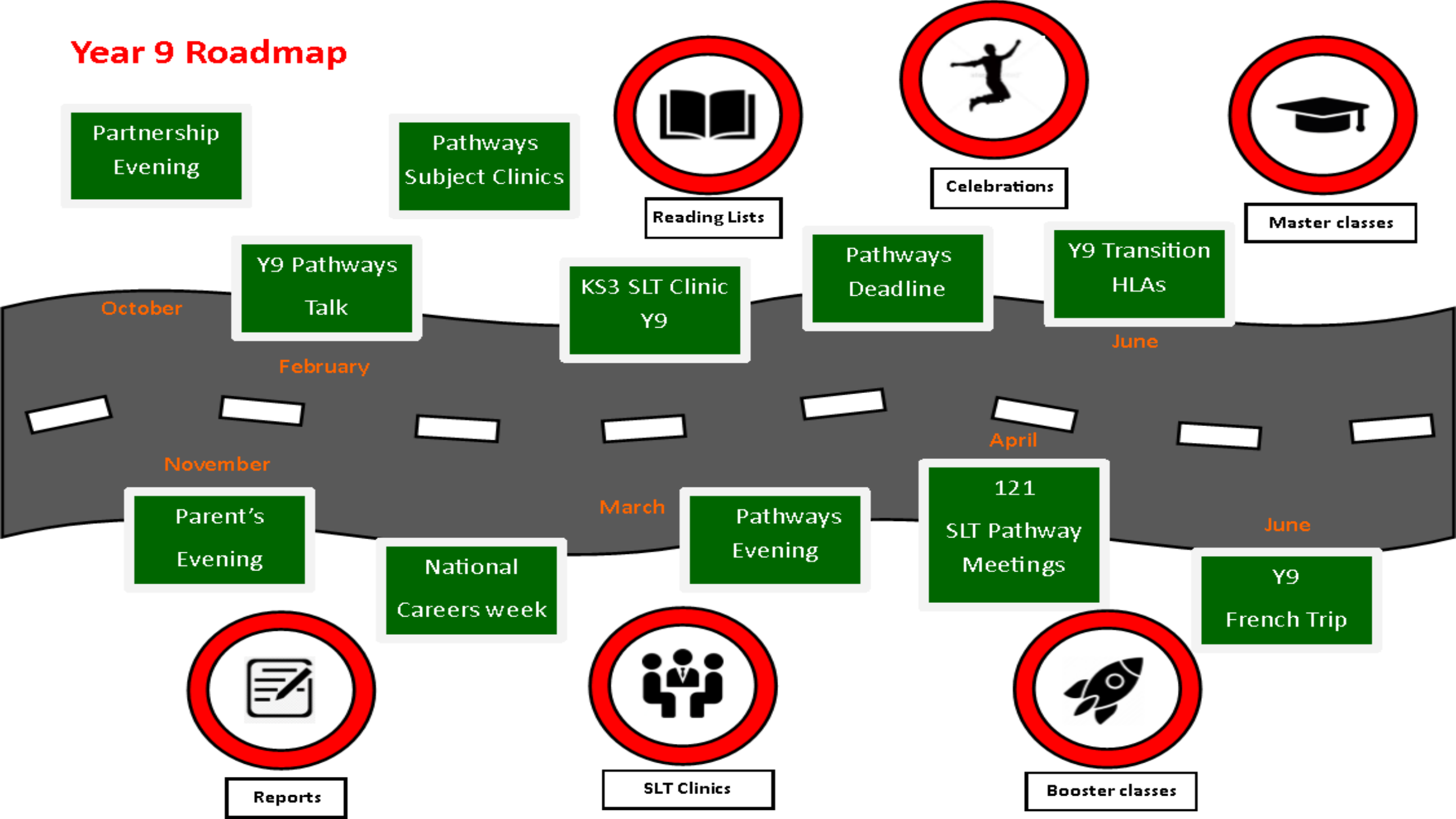
**We make sure they are set up with every chance to succeed... So trust us on that...**

**And we usually deliver... or at least we did with 75.9% in Summer 2023....**





# Year 9 Roadmap



# Comfort 4 - Pathways Evening...

The Pathways Evening takes place on Thursday 7 March... and this is where your child picks their subjects for Summer 2026...

Their 'Pathway' menu will depend on where we judge their prospects.

**We do not set children up to fail.**

It is like a doctor diagnosing a treatment...

Or a lawyer determining a course of action...

<b>GOLD</b>	<b>BLUE</b>
<b>RED</b>	<b>PURPLE</b>

**We are making final decisions on Pathways now - and it is our decision.**

**Children do not leave here with nothing because we make choices that guarantee this.**

# Non-Negotiables on Pathways...

GCSE English Language

GCSE English Literature

GCSE Maths

GCSE Science (Combined) (x2)

GCSE History / GCSE Geography

GCSE French

Core PE

Core ICT



The current extras depend on your Pathway...

## GCSEs...

Triple Science... RE... Art... Music... Film Studies... PE...

## Vocational...

Health & Social Care... Engineering... Hospitality & Catering... Enterprise... Sport... Digital Media... Drama...

## Learning Hub...

Professional Qualifications...

# English and Maths...

It is so important to do well in these subjects. Everything your child learns now is in preparation for studying GCSEs.

Revise, practice, respond to feedback and make progress.

Develop reading skills, learn, expand knowledge, improve creativity and be able to step back and relax.

A solid grounding in these subjects will support progress across all subjects.



# A Word on Languages...

Studying a language will enable your child to demonstrate breadth of study.

Socially and culturally it is important.

Learning a language can be hard, but gaining a qualification in a language can help to show adaptability and resilience.

Top universities and apprenticeships value a qualification in languages.

Around 70% will do French - and we get superb results...





# And the Basics Apply...

The obvious applies...

Attendance...

Parental Engagement...

Punctuality...

Behaviour...

Aspirations...

Parental Dialogue...

Out-of-School Life...

Moving School...



Summer 2022 saw 148 out of 195 (75.9%)  
make good progress...

**The Bottom 5 for Progress =  
School Refuser / Home Issues... Criminality  
/ Home Issues... Attendance / Home  
Issues... Attendance / DV... Social Care...**

# What Do You Need To Do ?

1. Understand **where your child sits...**
2. **Talk** them **up** to do well in **school...**
3. Get them **into school...**
4. Go with the **Pathways...**
5. Walk and talk **destinations...**



# Opportunities Aren't Forever...



NOTHING  
IS MORE  
EXPENSIVE  
THAN A MISSED  
OPPORTUNITY.

# Break-Out Sessions...

Break-Out Session 1: 6.30pm to 6.45pm

Break-Out Session 2: 6.45pm to 7.00pm

## GCSE Geography & History

Mr Gisborne (Head of Geography)

Mr Rivers-Boyce (Head of History)

Venue: G2

## Supporting Your Child in the Community

Ms Walsh (Assistant Headteacher)

Venue: Sixth Form

## Study Skills

Ms Oldfield

Venue: Library

## Future Pathways

Mrs Barratt (Assistant Headteacher)

Venue: G7

