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Introduction

How do you choose the right subjects for Year 11 and 12? This is an important choice that will affect the next two years of your life, and quite possibly beyond this as well.

For some people, the choice is easy. Others will need some assistance. The purpose of this booklet is to guide you through 10 easy steps towards choosing the right subjects for you.

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STEP 1: Get informed

Before making any important choice, you should gather as much information as possible. For this reason, our first step in the subject selection process is to make sure that you know the different pathways and options available to you in Year 11 and 12.

You should take the time to read the following:

1. Pathways Information Booklet

Available at: <https://www.newman.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/Senior-Student-Pathways-Information-Booklet-for-2024.pdf>

This booklet explains things such as:

- ATAR Pathway
- General Pathway
- VET Certificates
- Work experience
- UniReady / UniPath

2. What Year 11 subjects are available?

You can see all the Year 11 subjects, with detailed descriptions and videos, at <https://handbook.newman.wa.edu.au/>

3. What are the prerequisites?

Available at <https://handbook.newman.wa.edu.au/> (on the Home page, click the link to 'Summary of Year 11, 2024 prerequisites').

Or the direct link is here: <https://www.newman.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2024-Year-11-Prerequisites-1.pdf>

You can use this to check that you meet the prerequisites for the various Year 11 subjects.

4. You can also check the Pathways section of the Newman College website for other information if you need to: <https://www.newman.wa.edu.au/careers-transition/>

STEP 2: Get a Unique Student Identifier

As you move into Year 11 and 12, you will need your own Unique Student Identifier (USI). You will be asked for your USI when you select your subjects for Year 11.

Also you will need a USI before you can enrol in University, TAFE, or an apprenticeship.

Obtaining a USI is free, quick and easy. However, you will need one of the following forms of identification with you:

Australian passport

non-Australian passport (with Australian visa)

Australian birth certificate

Australian driver's licence

Medicare card

Centrelink concession cards

Citizenship certificate

ImmiCard

When you're ready to start, visit <https://www.usi.gov.au/students/get-a-usi> to obtain your USI.

Once you have a USI, write it in the box below. You will be asked to enter your USI when you select your Year 11 subjects.

My USI is:

STEP 3: What are your interests and abilities?

By now, you will have studied most of your subjects for a few years and hopefully have an idea of your ability and interest in each subject. Usually, your subject choices for Year 11 will be subjects you are good at and / or enjoy, so thinking about this is a good place to begin.

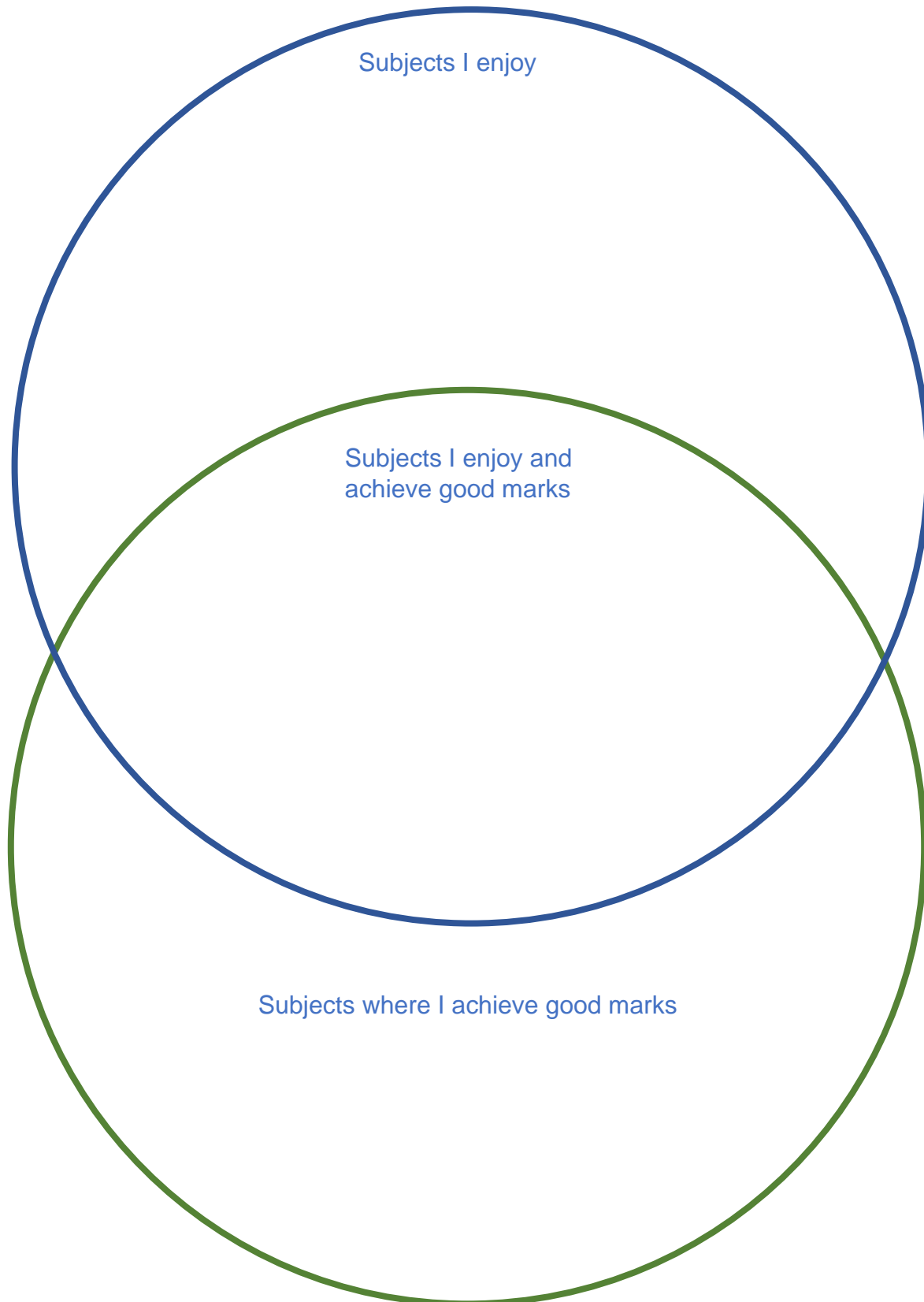
For each subject, place a tick (or type an x) in the appropriate column. At the end, you should have two ticks next to each subject.

	Tick one box below How much do you enjoy this subject?					Tick one box below Describe your ability / grades in this subject			
	A lot	Somewhat	Not really	Not at all		Excellent	Good	Below average	Poor
ARTS									
Dance									
Drama									
Music									
Visual Arts									
HUMANITIES									
Business and Economics									
Geography									
History									
Politics and Law									
LANGUAGES									
Italian									
MATHEMATICS									
Mathematics									
SCIENCE									
Biology									
Chemistry									
Earth / Environment									
Human Biology									
Physics									
Psychology									
PHYSICAL EDUCATION									
Sport / PE									
Outdoor Education									
TECHNOLOGY									
Children, Family and Community									
Foods									
Applied Information Technology									
Media									
Materials Design and Technology (Woodwork)									
Materials Design and Technology (Textiles)									
ENGLISH	Compulsory subjects in Year 11. Use the next column to help you select the right level of study.								
RELIGION									

Use your results on the previous page to complete the Venn Diagram below. Write down the subjects that you enjoy, or where you achieve well, or both.

Good subject choices for next year are likely to be those subjects where you have two ticks in the green columns above.

(If you are completing this booklet electronically, you might need to write this information using the space provided on the next page.)



If you are having trouble using the diagram, you can write your answers in the space below:

Another really good way to look at your interests and abilities is to do some career testing. Career testing sites take information like your values / interests / abilities / life plans and use this to determine some good career options for you.

The table below has some sites, with some comments about each one.

My Career Match

<https://www.mycareermatch.com.au/>

MyCareerMatch Career Profile matches a student's personality style to careers they would love. It delivers custom reports to each student in under 15 minutes.

Use the 'Career Profile' button.

At the end of the quiz you will be prompted to enter a password. The password is NWM:1498

The Careers Department

<https://www.thecareersdepartment.com/>

Year 10 students have been sent a registration link to this site.

When signed in, click 'Profile' and then 'Profiling' to begin.

Student Edge Career Matcher

<https://studentedge.org/career-life/career-matcher>

This site focuses on self-knowledge, careers, and pathways to careers.

Good Careers Guide

<https://www.goodcareersguide.com.au/aptitude-test/>

This site is simple to use and minimal text.

Skills Road

<https://skillsroad.com.au/careers/career-search>

You can explore 300+ careers and watch videos about each.

My Kids Career

<https://mykidscareer.com.au/values-assessment-introduction/>

This site focuses on your values and goals, and matches these to possible careers.

STEP 4: Let's look at your possible career path after school

Have you considered what you want to do after school? This does not have to be a specific career, but you might have some idea of whether you want to do further study, and if so, where you might do that study.

This simple survey will help you decide which school pathway you should take in Year 11 and 12. All you need to do is tick whatever option(s) apply to you in the blue box below.

The booklet **"Senior Student Pathways"** (which hopefully you read in Step 1 above) has information about the different pathways. You can find the booklet at:

<https://www.newman.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/Senior-Student-Pathways-Information-Booklet-for-2024.pdf>

	<i>Tick as many as apply to you</i>		ATAR Pathway	General Pathway + VET Certificate	General Pathway + work experience	General Pathway + UniReady / UniPath
After school I would like to...						
Get a job, because further study is not for me	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	X	X	Suitable	X
Do some on-the-job training in a hands-on career (For example: hairdressing, chef, bricklaying)	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	X	Suitable	Suitable	X
Take up an apprenticeship (For example: electrician, carpenter, plumber)	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	X	Suitable	Suitable	X
Go to TAFE and train for a practical career (For example: fashion design, computer repair, event planning, personal trainer)	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	X	Suitable	Suitable	X
Join a specialist institution like the military or the police	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Any pathway could be suitable; seek advice	Any pathway could be suitable; seek advice	Any pathway could be suitable; seek advice	Any pathway could be suitable; seek advice
Study at University for a professional career (For example: lawyer, doctor, architect, teacher, journalist, nurse, accountant)	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Suitable	Suitable, as long as you study a Certificate IV and English ATAR	X	Suitable

Have you thought about where your school subjects can take you?

The MyFuture website has a great collection of charts that show the different careers that can flow from each school subject.

For those people using the printed version of this booklet, you can find them here:

<https://myfuture.edu.au/bullseyes>

Otherwise, use the clickable links below to explore careers for different school subjects:

[Applied Information Technology](#)

[Biology](#)

[Business Management and Enterprise](#)

[Chemistry](#)

[Children Family and Community](#)

[Dance and Drama](#)

[Earth and Environmental Science](#)

[Economics](#)

[English](#)

[Food Science and Technology](#)

[Geography](#)

[History](#)

[Italian](#)

[Materials Design and Technology \(Textiles\)](#)

[Materials Design and Technology \(Wood\)](#)

[Mathematics](#)

[Media Production and Analysis](#)

[Music](#)

[Outdoor Education](#)

[Physical Education](#)

[Physical Education Studies](#)

[Physics](#)

[Politics and Law](#)

[Visual Art](#)



Next, we can look in further detail at some common questions about possible careers in the future.

Question: I want to know more about a particular job, for example, the pay level or the future demand for that job, or tasks associated with that job.

Answer: Go to <https://labourmarketinsights.gov.au/> and type in your job in the 'Occupations' tab. Then click 'Explore'. This website will tell you about pay levels and future demand and the day-to-day life of a person doing that job.

Question: I have a job in mind, but not sure what I have to study at TAFE / University to qualify for that job.

Answer: Go to <https://labourmarketinsights.gov.au/> and type in your job in the 'Occupations' tab.

- Click 'Explore'.
- Click on the correct job.
- Click 'Employment Pathways'.
- This will tell you the right course(s) to study to get this job.

STEP 5: Talk to your teachers

Your teachers are an excellent resource when thinking about your subjects for Years 11 and 12. Your teachers know the subjects available in their area, and they also have a good idea of your suitability for different subjects.

At this stage of the process, you should talk to as many teachers as possible about your proposed choices. The table below will assist you in preparing for these conversations.

First teacher I will talk to:	
Question I will ask:	
The answer I received was:	

Second teacher I will talk to:	
Question I will ask:	
The answer I received was:	

Third teacher I will talk to:	
Question I will ask:	
The answer I received was:	

STEP 6: Are you thinking of going to University?

Many students at Newman College aspire to University entry after school. Traditionally, University was only open to those students who undertook the ATAR Pathway and passed the necessary examinations. This is no longer the case.

School students can now enter University in three ways, which are outlined below.

University entry via ATAR Pathway

Students can study at least 4 ATAR subjects in Year 11, and at least 4 ATAR subjects in Year 12. They must also ensure that they pass any prerequisite subjects for desired University courses. School students can then use the ATAR generated from their ATAR subjects to enter University.

ATARs required for entry to University courses can be found here:

<https://www.tisc.edu.au/static/statistics/cutoff-rank/cutoff-index.tisc>

Prerequisite ATAR subjects for University courses can be found here:

<https://www.tisc.edu.au/static/guide/prerequisites-index.tisc>

University entry via Certificate IV + English ATAR

Students can study mostly General subjects in Year 11 and 12, possibly combined with 1-2 ATAR subjects if they require those ATAR subjects to meet a prerequisite for a University course. One of these ATAR subjects must be English ATAR. In addition, students can complete a Certificate IV qualification whilst at school. The combination of Certificate IV qualification and English ATAR will meet the minimum entry requirement for University.

You can check which Certificate IV qualifications are available to school students here (note that this list is from last year, but the qualifications don't change much from year to year):

<https://www.newman.wa.edu.au/careers-transition/#certificate-vet-qualifications>

University entry via UniReady / UniPath

Students can participate in the UniReady / UniPath Program in Year 12, combined with mostly General-level subjects (or 1-2 ATAR subjects if those ATAR subjects are required to meet a University prerequisite). Upon successful completion of one of these programs at the end of Year 12, students are awarded a nominal ATAR of 70 and can use this to apply to University.

You can find out more about UniReady and UniPath here:

<https://www.newman.wa.edu.au/careers-transition/#uniready-and-unipath-programs>

If you are thinking of going to University after school, you should be aware that many University courses require you to study certain ATAR subjects at school.

It is a good idea to check the list of University prerequisites before selecting your school subjects.

Keep in mind too that you don't have to take the ATAR Pathway in order to study some ATAR-level subjects. It is fine for General Pathway students to take 1 or 2 ATAR-level subjects, as long as:

1. You meet the Year 10 prerequisite for that subject; and
2. You genuinely need this subject for your study after school.

You can check the prerequisites for each University course here:

<https://www.tisc.edu.au/static/guide/prerequisites-index.tisc>

Here are some useful websites for those who need to find out some more information about entry to University. Check if your question appears below. If so, you will find the answer on the appropriate website.

Question: How can I search for all the courses at different Universities?

Answer: You can do a search here: <https://www.tisc.edu.au/course/course-list.tisc>
Or here to include interstate: <https://www.courseseecker.edu.au/>

And you can compare courses at different universities here:
<https://www.compared.edu.au>

Question: How can I find out what the ATAR score is likely to be for my desired University course?

Answer: You can check this at
<https://www.tisc.edu.au/static/statistics/cutoff-rank/cutoff-index.tisc>
It is only for previous years but will give you a guide.

Question: How do I know if I need to study a certain ATAR subject in Year 11 and 12, to meet a pre-requisite for a University course?

Answer: You can check them at
<https://www.tisc.edu.au/static/guide/prerequisites-index.tisc>

STEP 7: Are you thinking of going to TAFE or getting an apprenticeship / traineeship?

If this applies to you, you should be aware that some apprenticeships and TAFE courses require students to have a strong background in Mathematics. If you are thinking of:

- Entering an apprenticeship in the Electrical area; or
- Doing some TAFE study in areas like computing, drafting, surveying, accounting, finance, or engineering;

Then you should select Mathematics Applications ATAR as one of your Year 11 subjects. However, keep in mind that you must meet the Year 10 prerequisite to enter the Year 11 ATAR subject.

Question: Is there a place where I can search for all courses offered at TAFE?

Answer 1: Yes, you can use this site: <https://www.fulltimecourses.tafe.wa.edu.au/>

Answer 2: The Good Universities Guide covers most TAFE courses, but not all: <https://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/>

Question: I want to start an apprenticeship, how do I do this?

Answer: Firstly, you need to find an employer who is willing to employ you as an apprentice. Once you have done this, you can enrol in the training to become an apprentice.

You can leave school to take up an apprenticeship at any time during Year 11 or Year 12.

Many students choose to do their pre-apprenticeship course while still at school, and if interested in this you should enrol in the correct Certificate course (see Step 10 below)

Question: Can I get work experience in particular jobs, to see what they are like before committing to a career?

Answer: Yes, you can. Apply for the Work Experience program when it opens in Term 3 of Year 10.

STEP 8: Time to make some draft subject choices

On the next page, you will be asked to make some draft subject choices. Before you do this, please read through the following information as it will assist you in making a sensible selection.

If you need a reminder about what subjects are available and the prerequisites, you can find this information here: <https://handbook.newman.wa.edu.au/>.

I want to select...		Comment
6 ATAR subjects	0 General subjects	This is an acceptable combination, but students should be aware that the workload can be demanding. Carefully consider your ability to cope with this workload before proceeding.
5 ATAR subjects	1 General subject	This is a common combination, and many ATAR Pathway students find that this works well for them. Ensure that you are not too narrowly focussed on only List A or only List B subjects.
4 ATAR subjects	2 General subjects	The College does not allow this option. Your ATAR rank (which you will use to enter University at the end of Year 12) is based on your best 4 ATAR subjects. Selecting only 4 ATAR subjects leaves you with no 'safety net' in the ATAR examinations.
3 ATAR subjects	3 General subjects	This is not permitted. With fewer than 4 ATAR subjects, a student will not be using their ATAR for University entry. Also, a non-ATAR student is likely to undertake work experience and/or Certificate work which will affect your ability to be present at the College each school day.
2 ATAR subjects	4 General subjects	Permission may be granted if there is a demonstrated need to study the ATAR subjects, and the student meets the necessary prerequisites.
1 ATAR subject	5 General subjects	Permission may be granted if there is a demonstrated need to study the ATAR subject, and the student meets the necessary prerequisite.
0 ATAR subjects	6 General subjects	This is an acceptable combination for students who do not wish to study any ATAR subjects.
A VET Certificate Work Experience		Students will be given the opportunity to enrol in VET Certificates and Work Experience in Term 3, after the school subject selection process is finished.

After completing and reading the information above, you should be ready to make some draft subject choices for Year 11 next year. Use the grid below to make your **draft** choices.

DRAFT SUBJECT SELECTION LIST

NUMBER	SUBJECT
1	<p>Every student must study English. Which English course are you planning to choose?</p> <p>(For University-bound students, this must be English ATAR or Literature ATAR)</p> <p>_____</p>
2	<p>Every student must study Religion and Life. Which Religion and Life course are you planning to choose?</p> <p>_____</p>
3	<p>Every student must study a List B* subject. Which List B subject are you planning to choose?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>* Check the Year 11 2024 prerequisites list if unsure which subjects are List B subjects.</p>
4	<p>Subject 4: _____</p>
5	<p>Subject 5: _____</p>
6	<p>Subject 6: _____</p>
Reserve A	<p>First reserve subject: _____</p>
Reserve B	<p>Second reserve subject: _____</p>

STEP 9: Checklists

The most important thing at this point is how many ATAR-level subjects you plan to choose. Go back to your draft choices and count the number of ATAR subjects carefully.

[Please note from page 16 that you cannot choose 3 or 4 ATAR subjects]

How many ATAR subjects have you chosen?

5 or 6 ATAR → Complete the checklist in **Column A** below.

0, 1, or 2 ATAR → Complete the checklist in **Column B** below.

COLUMN A 5 or 6 ATAR subjects	COLUMN B 0, 1 or 2 ATAR subjects
<i>You must have all boxes ticked for your choices to be approved.</i>	<i>You must have all boxes ticked for your choices to be approved.</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Have you selected English ATAR or Literature ATAR ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Have you selected English ?
<input type="checkbox"/> Have you selected Religion and Life (either ATAR or General)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Have you selected Religion and Life General ?
<input type="checkbox"/> Have you selected a List B subject? Check the Year 11 2024 prerequisites list if unsure	<input type="checkbox"/> Have you selected a List B subject? Check the Year 11 2024 prerequisites list if unsure
<input type="checkbox"/> Make sure you have not selected Maths Applications ATAR and Maths Specialist ATAR together.	<input type="checkbox"/> I have read the section below (Step 10: TAFE and Work Experience)
<input type="checkbox"/> Do you understand that you must continue to study at least 4 ATAR subjects in Year 12, in order to attain an ATAR rank for University entry?	<input type="checkbox"/> I am aware that I have the option to participate in VET Certificates and Work Experience should I wish to.
<input type="checkbox"/> Do you understand that you must sit the ATAR examinations (at the end of Year 12) for each of your ATAR subjects, in order to receive a mark and grade for that subject?	<input type="checkbox"/> I am aware that VET Certificates and work experience will be arranged after the subject selection process is completed, and that VET Certificates and work experience are undertaken in addition to my 6 school-based subjects.

STEP 10: VET Certificates and Work Experience

NOTE: This section is only for students who used Column B as their checklist above.

Non-ATAR students have the option to participate in Work Experience during Year 11 and Year 12, and also have the option to undertake a VET Certificate to gain a work-related qualification.

Work Experience and VET Certificates **do not** form part of a student's subjects for Year 11 or 12. They are voluntary activities that are selected **in addition to** the student's 6 school-based subjects.

Information about applying for VET Certificates and Work Experience is provided to students after the subject selection process is complete (usually in Term 3 of Year 10).

Where to from here?

Please see below for the timeline of Year 10 subject selection:

Term 1, Week 8	Year 10 students were provided with the necessary prerequisites for Year 11 subjects, to allow them to set goals for their Semester 1 report. For reference, these can be located at: https://www.newman.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2024-Year-11-Prerequisites.pdf
Term 2, Week 2	<p>Year 10 students will receive their subject selection research booklets, and the Senior School Pathways Information Booklet, at an Assembly.</p> <p>Online subject selection handbook (https://handbook.newman.wa.edu.au/) will be available to students and families. Subject leaders will also speak to Year 10 students about options available in Year 11.</p> <p>Selected Year 11 and Year 12 students will speak to the Year 10 students to provide a student perspective on subjects and pathways.</p>
Term 2, Week 7-8	Year 10 Examinations.
Term 2, Week 9	<p>Wednesday 21 June:</p> <p>5.00pm: Year 10 Careers Expo</p> <p>5.45pm: Year 10 Parent Information Evening</p> <p>Compulsory events for all Year 10 students</p>
Term 2, Week 10	<p>Year 10 Semester 1 reports available to students and families.</p> <p>Students should have their draft Year 11 subject selections completed by this time.</p>
Term 3, Week 1	Students and families to meet with a senior member of the College staff to finalise and approve selections.
Term 3, Week 5	Information about enrolling in Work Experience and VET Certificates for 2024 will be provided to students and families.

Useful Links and Further information

Please see below for some useful links:

The Newman College Pathways page has lots of information about subject selection, prerequisites, work experience, TAFE, and UniReady / UniPath:

<https://www.newman.wa.edu.au/careers-transition>

Here is the link to the Subject Selection Handbook, which contains information about each subject offered in Year 11:

<https://handbook.newman.wa.edu.au/>

Here is the link to the Year 11, 2024 prerequisites:

<https://www.newman.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2024-Year-11-Prerequisites-1.pdf>

Parents and students can also contact one of the staff below:

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