

Key Stage 4 Guided Pathways Year 8 into 9

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“Students first:
Raising standards
and transforming lives.”

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The focus of our curriculum has always been and will continue to be :

High quality outcomes for all students

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- Broad and balanced curriculum
- Innovative and knowledge rich
- Focus on the basics of English and Maths
- Entitlement for students to study the full EBacc

The New KS4 Curriculum

The timetable week contains 25 x 1 hour periods; plus, Vertical Mentor Group time.
This 25 period week is split into compulsory Core subjects and Guided Pathway subjects.

	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Core	English 5 hrs Maths 4 hrs Science 4 hrs PE 2 hrs RE/LIFE 1 hr	English 5 hrs Maths 4 hrs Science 4 hrs PE 1 hr RE/LIFE 1 hr	English 5 hrs Maths 4 hrs Science 6 hrs PE 1 hr
Guided Pathways	<p>Students can choose <u>three subjects</u> from a list of courses. >> <u>EBacc subjects</u> (see list below / over page) will be completed at the end of year 11 and given <u>3 hrs per week in year 9, 2 hrs per week in year 10 and 3 hrs per week in year 11.</u> >> <u>Non-EBacc subjects</u> will be completed at the end of year 10 and given <u>3 hrs per week in year 9 and 4 hrs per week in year 10.</u></p> <p>The expectation is that all students will study at least one EBacc subject in year 9/10/11; and that many will study for the full EBacc (1x MFL and 1x Humanity).</p>		<p>In <u>year 11</u> students will choose subjects to fill <u>up to 6 hrs of Guided Pathway time.</u></p> <p>Depending how many EBacc subjects a student is studying in year 9, they will have either 3 or 6 hrs of Guided Pathway time available in year 11 (see below).</p> <p>This time could be used to pick up a new subject or consolidate performance in the key subjects of English and maths.</p>

What are the Guided Pathway Subjects ?

- Course choices which are personal to each student
- There will be a mixture of GCSE and other approved courses (eg BTEC)
- Choose 3 subjects which students start in Year 9; some will complete in Year 10 and some will continue into Year 11
- The Academy will offer information, advice and guidance to help students choose the courses that are right for them

What is the difference between GCSE and (eg) BTEC ?

- GCSE courses tend to be assessed with a final (terminal) exam – which carries a significant weighting in the overall grade
- BTEC (and other vocational courses eg Cambridge Nationals) tend to be assessed with ongoing portfolio work and a smaller exam element

GCSEs are being reformed

- They will be graded 9-1 instead of A*-G (with 9 being the highest grade)
- They are being phased in over the next few years
- A GCSE grade C+ is/was classed as a 'good' grade; a grade 5+ will be classed as a 'good' grade
- For current Year 8 students, GCSEs in all subjects will be 9-1

New GCSE Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Current GCSE Grade	G	F	E	D	C	B	A	A*	

OCR Level 1/2 **GCSE** (9-1) in Computer Science

Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 **GCSE** (9-1) in Business

AQA Level 1/Level 2 **GCSE** (9-1) in German

AQA Level 1/Level 2 **GCSE** (9-1) in French

AQA Level 1/Level 2 **GCSE** (9-1) in Geography

Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 **GCSE** (9-1) in History

AQA Level 1/Level 2 **GCSE** (9-1) in Religious Studies Specification A

AQA Level 1/Level 2 **GCSE** (9-1) in Art and Design

AQA Level 1/Level 2 **GCSE** (9-1) in Art and Design (Photography)

Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 **Tech Award** in Performing Arts (**Acting**)

Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 **First Award** in Music

AQA Level 1/Level 2 **GCSE** (9-1) in Spanish

AQA Level 1/Level 2 **GCSE** (9-1) in Design and Technology

WJEC Level 1/2 **Vocational Award** in Hospitality and Catering (Specification A)

Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 **Tech Award** in Health and Social Care

Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 **First Award** in Sport

WJEC Eduqas Level 1/Level 2 **GCSE** (9-1) in Media Studies

OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge **National Certificate** in Information Technologies

What will it look like ?

It's pretty complicated but students will basically be one of three sorts of student:

- Students choosing one EBacc subject and two non-EBacc subjects to start in Year 9
- Students choosing two EBacc subjects and one non-EBacc subject to start in Year 9
- Students choosing three EBacc subjects and no non-EBacc subjects to start in Year 9

Students choosing one EBacc subject and two non-EBacc subjects to start in Year 9

	EBacc Non-EBacc Non-EBacc	A	B	C
Year 9		3	3	3
Year 10		4	4	2
Year 11		3	3	3

Students choosing two EBacc subjects and one non-EBacc subject to start in Year 9

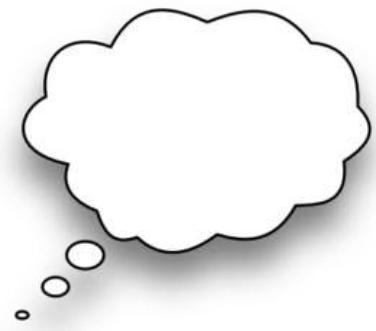
	A	B	C
EBacc Non-EBacc EBacc			
Year 9	3	3	3
Year 10	4	2	2
Year 11	3	3	3

Students choosing three EBacc subjects

	A	B	C
EBacc EBacc EBacc			
Year 9	3	3	3
Year 10	2	4	2
Year 11	3	3	3

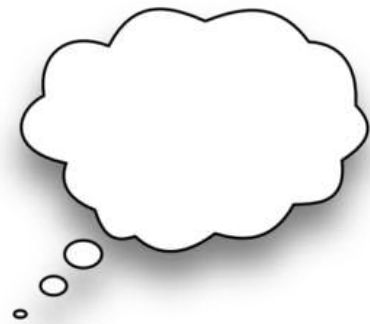
What opportunities does this KS4 curriculum offer?

- Flexibility to take new subjects in Year 11
- As a default, 4 (in some cases 5) choices over three years
- Learning over time for Guided Pathway courses in Years 9, 10 (& 11) to promote best possible outcomes for students
- Chance to use Guided Pathway time to boost grades in core subjects



Points to consider.....

Begin with the end in mind !



Points to consider.....

Full English Baccalaureate (Full EBacc)

GCSE English

GCSE Maths

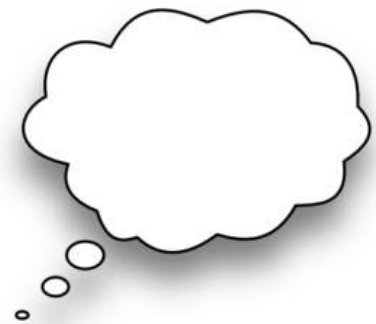
GCSE Science × 2

Humanities – GCSE History or Geography

Language – GCSE French, German or Spanish

GCSE grades at 5+

The full EBacc is highly valued by the universities widely regarded as the top universities (Russell Group)



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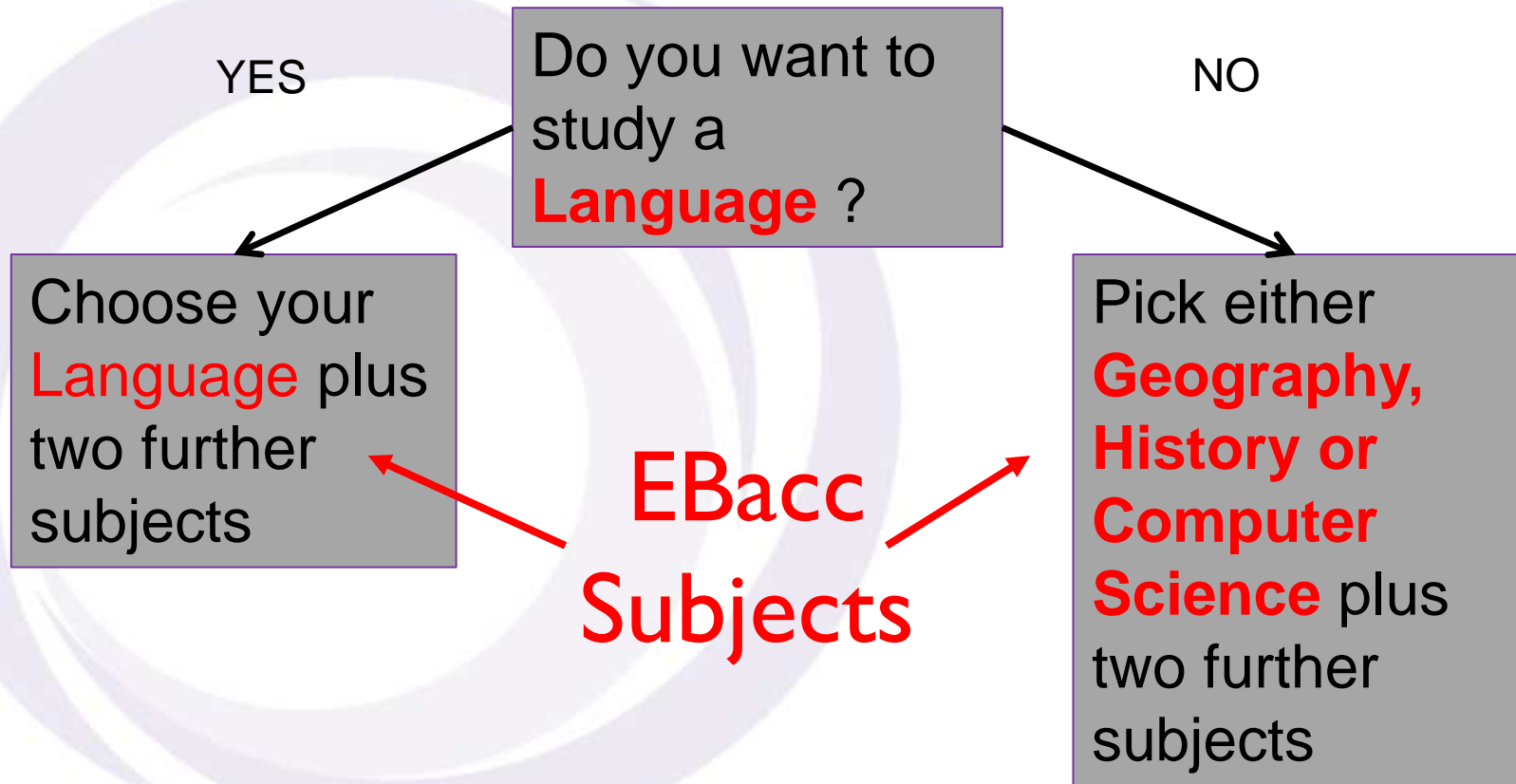
Level 2 Threshold Measure

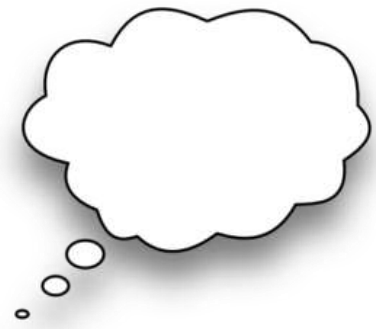
“Attainment 8”

Bucket	Slot	Subject	Detail
1	1	English	Compulsory – these double count in a student’s Attainment 8 score
	2	Maths	
2	3	EBacc 1	EBacc subjects – GCSEs in Sciences, including Computer Science; Geography/History; MFL
	4	EBacc 2	
	5	EBacc 3	
3	6	Other 1	Approved vocational, further EBacc subjects, other GCSE subjects
	7	Other 2	
	8	Other 3	

IAG – Choosing your EBacc subject(s)

To support good achievement in the Level 2 Threshold Measure, follow this guide when choosing options for **Year 9**:

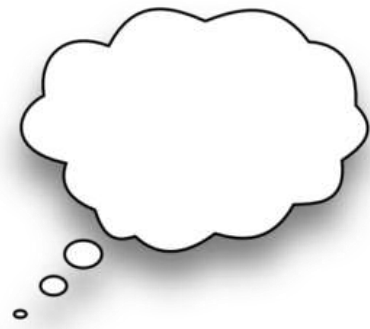




Points to consider.....

Option English / Option Maths

- Evidence, across all our schools, points to the positive impact of Option English and Maths
- Year 9 and 10 = Option Maths
- Year 11 = Option Maths and/or Option English



Points to consider.....

Raised Participation Age:

Children should be in education or training until the end of the academic year when they are 18

Key Stage 4 : Year 8 → 9 Guided Pathway Choices

COURSES STARTING IN SEPTEMBER 2017

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

FULL EBACC

Based on your KS2 results and your performance at KS3 so far, we believe you will want to study for the full EBacc. Please follow the guidance below.

CHOOSING THREE COURSES

We will try to give you your first **three** choices. However, we cannot guarantee that all first choices will be possible, so you **must** nominate **two reserve choices**. Please **number** your choices in order of preference (1,2,3,4,5). **Failure to preference five choices will result in this form being null and void; and we will make your choices for you.**

Please number 1,2,3,4,5 (in order of preference) – 4 & 5 are reserve choices

*** Preference 1 will be from the MFL EBacc list and Preference 2 will be from the Humanities EBacc list ***

Other choices, as well as Preference 1 and 2, can be from the EBacc list

MFL EBacc subjects	Health and Social Care (BTEC)	PE (GCSE)	
French (GCSE)	ICT (BTEC)	Applied Business (GCSE)	
German (GCSE)	Music (GCSE)	Child Development (GCSE)	
Spanish (GCSE)	Art & Design (GCSE)		
Humanities EBacc subjects	Product Design (GCSE)		
History (GCSE)	Textiles Technology (GCSE)	Complete with your list	
Geography (GCSE)	Catering (GCSE)		
Other EBacc subjects			
Computing (GCSE)			

Every effort will be made by the academy to accommodate students' course choices. However, the academy reserves the right to establish courses based on the resources available.

Student's signature: Parent/carer's signature:

Who can help ?

- Subject staff at Guided Pathways Evening and over the next few weeks
- VMG Mentor
- Older students in a mentor group
- Learning Manager
- Parents
- Friends – but beware of the dark side!
- Make use of Praising Stars[©] predictions

To summarise

- Three Guided Pathway course choices to start in Year 9 with some to complete in Year 10 and some to complete in Year 11; at least one EBacc subject
- We believe many students will want to study for the full EBacc
- For the majority of students, at least one further subject in Year 11
- Plan course choices for Year 9 – these should be the main Guided Pathway subjects a student wants to study; view Year 11 as a bonus year
- We are only collecting choices for Year 9 now

Deadline

2nd February 2018

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