

Full EBACC FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Q. What is the full EBacc?

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- English (Language or Literature)
- Mathematics
- Science x 2
- History or Geography
- A foreign language (e.g. French, German or Spanish)

Q. Why is the Full EBacc important - what is it?

A. The full EBacc is a range of subjects. It is important because it provides a broad education that allows you to go on to study anything in the future. Most of your peers across the country will be studying a full EBacc, so it is important that you are not disadvantaged. The full EBacc may open doors in the future e.g. to certain universities; the subjects within the full EBacc if taken at A Level are called 'facilitating' subjects and can lead to good jobs.

Q. What's the difference between an EBacc subject and the full EBacc?

A. Everybody has to study an EBacc subject. These are history, geography, MFL and computer science. The full EBacc is a set of qualifications (maths, English, science, a humanities and a language).

Q. How many subjects do you have to do for full EBacc?

A. English, maths, science, 1 humanities and 1 foreign language.

Q. How many subjects do you have to choose?

A. Generally 3, but if you have been identified for option/extra maths to help you secure a grade 5, then you can do this plus 2 other subjects. There may be a possibility of picking up another subject in Year 11.

Q. Do you have to choose a language? What languages are to choose from?

A. To achieve a full EBacc you have to choose a language. We do German at Outwood Academy Bishopsgarth.

Q. What are your other options if you don't want to do EBacc?

A. All students have to take at least one EBacc subject. All the subjects available to you will be in your 'Guided Pathways' booklet, that just before Christmas.

Q. Does every school do this?

A. Many students across the country will be studying the full EBacc. You will may be competing for university places and jobs against people with the full EBacc.

Q. If you know you aren't going to university, do you have to study the full EBacc?

A. You might think that you aren't going to university at the moment, but we want to keep all possible doors open to you. Even if you don't go to university, the subjects in the full EBacc are subjects that colleges, employers and apprenticeship providers look for.

Q. What grades do you need to pass full EBacc?

A. Grade 5 in each of the EBacc subjects.

Q. Instead of a language, could somebody choose history and geography?

A. Everybody has to study at least one EBacc subject. In order to achieve a full EBacc, you have to do history or geography AND a language, but if you want to, it may be possible to study history, geography and a language.

Q. Would it make a difference to our GCSEs if we don't do full EBacc?

A. If you don't end up taking the full EBacc, you can still come out of school with a high quality, broad range of qualifications.

Q. If you are predicted high grades in EBacc subjects but don't want to choose those can you pick different options?

A. If you are identified as someone who should study the full EBacc, then we strongly advise that you do, as you will be competing for college and university places with people who probably will have the full EBacc.

Q. If you do the full EBacc, does it help you to get into sixth forms and universities?

A. Yes.

Q. What do you do if you pick the full EBacc thinking you want to do one thing, but when you grow up you want to do something else? For example, wanting to be a teacher now, but change your mind to be a doctor? Would the full EBacc be wasted?

A. Absolutely not. It will be useful for you whichever path you choose to go down.

Q. What do I choose if I think I'm going to get better grades in other subjects than EBacc subjects?

A. This is a really difficult decision, as the full EBacc is important, but so is getting the best possible grades. There is a careful balance to get.

'I am in no doubt that studying the EBacc subjects up to the age of 16 is right for most pupils. I am committed to unlocking the potential of all pupils regardless of their background.'

Rt. Hon Justine Greening MP, Secretary of State for Education