

Key Stage 4

Guided Pathways

Year 8 into 9

Mrs Carroll
Assistant Principal – Deep Experience

“Students first”

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

High quality outcomes for all students

“Students first”

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

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

GCSE Art and Design

Cambridge National Child Development

Technical Award in Enterprise

GCSE German (EBacc)

GCSE Geography (Ebacc)

GCSE History (EBacc)

Vocational Award Hospitality and Catering

BTEC Sport

What is the difference between GCSE and non GCSE subjects such as BTEC ?

- GCSE courses tend to be assessed with a final 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 'strong' grade
- For current Year 8 students, all GCSE 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*	

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

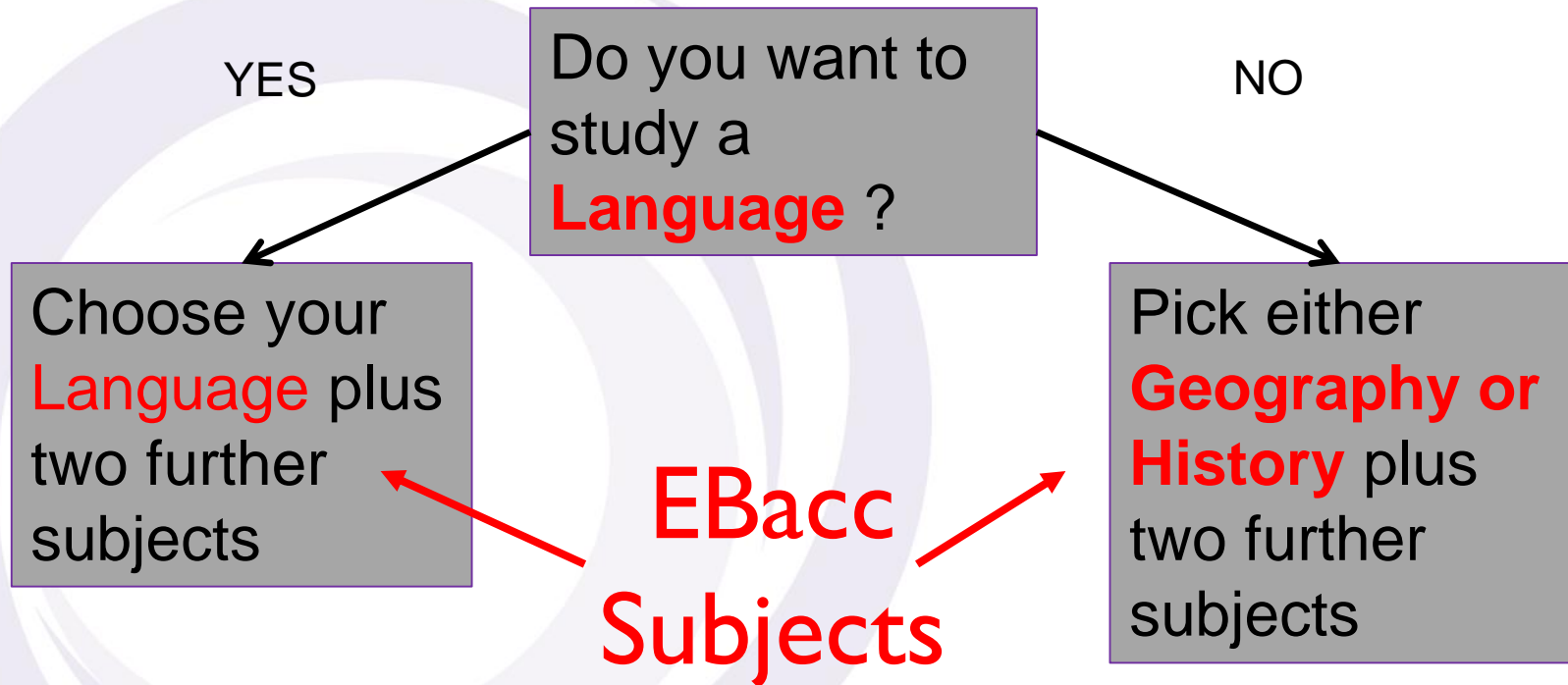


Points to consider.....

Begin with the end in mind !

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

Who can help ?

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

Key Stage 4 : Year 8 → 9 Guided Pathway Choices

COURSES STARTING IN SEPTEMBER 2018

Student Name: _____

VMG: _____

FULL EBACC

Based on your KS2 results and your performance at KS3 so far, we believe you may want to study for the full EBacc. If this is the case, please choose an MFL for your Preference 1 and a Humanity for your Preference 2.

CHOOSING TWO COURSES PLUS OPTION MATHS

We will try to give you your first **two** 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). **Failure to preference four choices will result in this form being null and void; and we will make your choices for you.**

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

*** Preference 1 for all students must be from the EBacc list ***

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

MFL EBacc subjects	Art & Design (GCSE)			
German (GCSE)	Child Development (Cam Nat)			
	Enterprise (Tech Award)			
	Hospitality and Catering (Award)			
Humanities EBacc subjects	Sport (BTEC)			
History (GCSE)				
Geography (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:

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO MRS CARROLL
ON OR BEFORE WEDNESDAY 24 JANUARY 2018**

**** Please note: we cannot guarantee any option choices for students who return their forms after this deadline ****

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 10 and/or 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 9/10 now

Deadline

**Wednesday 24
January 2018**