



YEAR 9 OPTIONS

2021

THE ENGLISH BACCALAUREATE

The government, employers and universities have recognised that, while it is important to offer students a curriculum which meets their needs and interests, it is also crucial that doors are not closed off to them in terms of future progression.

The Russell Group of top universities has identified “facilitating subjects” at A Level i.e. subjects which are most likely to be required or preferred for entry to degree courses and ones that will keep the most options open. These “English Baccalaureate” (Ebacc) subjects are:

1. English Language
2. Mathematics
3. Sciences
4. Geography and History
5. Languages

WHO IS IN THE RUSSELL GROUP?

 <p>The University of Sheffield.</p>	 <p>LSE THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE</p>	 <p>UNIVERSITY of York</p>	 <p>Imperial College London</p>	 <p>UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL</p>	 <p>University of Glasgow</p>
 <p>UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM</p>	 <p>University of BRISTOL</p>	 <p>MANCHESTER 1824 The University of Manchester</p>	 <p>Queen Mary University of London</p>	 <p>UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE</p>	 <p>University of Nottingham UK CHINA MALAYSIA</p>
 <p>Newcastle University</p>	 <p>THE UNIVERSITY of EDINBURGH</p>	 <p>KING'S College LONDON</p>	 <p>UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD</p>	 <p>UCL</p>	 <p>UNIVERSITY OF EXETER</p>
 <p>QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY BELFAST</p>	 <p>UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS</p>	 <p>WARWICK THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK</p>	 <p>CARDIFF UNIVERSITY PRIFYSGOL CAERDYDD</p>	 <p>Durham University</p>	 <p>UNIVERSITY OF Southampton</p>

IN KEY STAGE 4 EVERYONE WILL STUDY

English Language GCSE

And choose 4 additional Options

English Literature GCSE

Mathematics GCSE

Combined Science (2GCSEs)

Plus a Core Curriculum of PE, Citizenship,
RE, RSE

TO ACHIEVE THE EBACC AWARD YOU NEED TO CHOOSE...

1. French
2. Geography or History
3. Any other two Subjects from:
 - Art
 - Catering & Hospitality
 - Citizenship
 - Computer Science
 - Drama
 - Enterprise & Marketing
 - iMedia
 - Music
 - PE
 - Resistant Materials

HELP YOUR CHILD MAKE THE BEST GCSE CHOICES

You and your child may currently be considering, with advice from their school, what GCSE subjects they should take next year.

The Department for Education recommends these core subjects, which make up the English Baccalaureate (EBacc), and help keep options for young people open:

- English language and English literature
- Maths
- Science
 - Combined science or 3 single sciences from Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Computer science
- History or Geography
- A language
 - Ancient or modern

WHAT IS THE EBACC?

The EBacc is not a qualification in its own right – it's a combination of GCSE subjects, including a language, that offer an important range of knowledge and skills to young people.

EBACC FUTURE PROOFS YOUR CHILD'S PROSPECTS

While your child may not have decided on their future career path yet, choosing the EBacc at GCSE gives them access to a full range of employment options when they leave secondary school and the broad knowledge that employers are looking for.

If they are thinking of going to university, the EBacc is also recommended by Britain's most prestigious universities.



The research found that students studying EBacc subjects for GCSE, were more likely to stay in education after 16.

The Centre for Longitudinal Studies,
August 2017

TO MAXIMISE YOUR ACHIEVEMENT 8 SCORE, YOU NEED TO CHOOSE...

1. At least one from Computer Science or French or Geography or History
2. Up to other three Subjects from:
 - Art
 - Catering & Hospitality
 - Citizenship
 - Drama
 - Enterprise & Marketing
 - iMedia
 - Music
 - PE
 - Resistant Materials

FOR EXAMPLE

Year 9 Options 2021-23

First Look January 2021

Select 4 subjects that you might select to study, if you had to make the decision today.

Indicate how sure you are, by choosing each subject with a letter:

D for Definite

Or

P for Probable

Or

M for Maybe

Plus one **R** for a Reserve subject

<u>EBacc</u> Subjects	
French	D
Geography	D
History	M
Computer Science	

Other Subjects	
Art	
Catering & Hospitality	
Citizenship	
Drama	R
Enterprise & Marketing	
<u>iMedia</u>	
Music	P
PE	
Resistant Materials	

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WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Read through the option subject brochure

Complete and return your First Look option form

Attend the Online Subject Parents' Evening on the 11th February

Options Subject Video available 25th February

Options interview Online with Mrs Walker, Mr Smith or Mr Prendiville 2nd & 3rd March

Options Choice Deadline 18th March