

RP/TE/da/Year 9 Options

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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 Options

The curriculum pupils' study in Key Stage 4 is of utmost importance. We have developed an EBacc driven curriculum which ensures that our pupils will not be held back by the subjects they study at GCSE. This ties into the Department of Education directive that schools are to have the EBacc at the heart of their curriculum by 2025.

Research has proven that studying subjects included in the EBacc provides pupils with greater opportunities in further education and increases the likelihood that a pupil will stay on in full time education. Studying the EBacc can also improve a pupil's performance in English and Mathematics.

To achieve the EBacc, pupils must study at least 7 GCSEs in these five areas: English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Combined Science or Triple Science, History or Geography and a Modern Foreign Language.

The study of a modern foreign language is extremely beneficial because it will give our pupils a competitive edge. It will provide an insight into other cultures and can open the door to travel and employment opportunities. The study of a language also broadens pupils' horizons, helping them flourish in new environments. Therefore, the majority of pupils will complete the EBacc pathway.

Further information can be accessed via the link below:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/761031/DfE_EBacc_Leaflet.pdf

Key dates for the options process are outlined below:

- In the week commencing 8th April 2024, your child will receive an introductory assembly about Year 10 Pathways.
- The Key Stage 4 booklet will be available on the academy website from the 10th April 2024. This will give an overview of all courses available.
- Week commencing 15th April they will receive presentations from each Head of Faculty to outline the course content and assessment methods for each subject that they could choose. In addition, subject video presentations will be available on the school website for pupils, parents and carers.
- On the 22nd April 2024, pupils will be sent a link to an online form where they will make their choice between History or Geography and their choice of one additional subject. Pupils will be expected to indicate their 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice of additional subject and whilst we endeavour to provide pupils with their first choice, we cannot guarantee that this will always be possible.
- We require all pupils to complete the online form by Tuesday 30th April 2024.



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Please note that some subjects will not be able to run should the number of pupils who choose this be too low.

Confirmed subject choices will be communicated with parents and carers during the summer term 2024.

Should you have any further queries in relation to the above, please contact Mr Evers (Deputy Headteacher) at postbox@bloxwichacademy.co.uk or call 01922 710257.

Yours sincerely



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