



## **Guided Choice 2023-24 Information to Support Your Choices**

There are several questions that you need to consider when looking which subjects to choose:

### **Which subjects am I doing well in, and which ones do I enjoy?**

It is important that you can cope with the subjects that you choose as you are more likely to be successful in them. It is also important that you enjoy the subjects that you choose as students are always more successful when they enjoy what they are studying.

### **What are my target grades and how do I like to learn?**

Think about the way you learn and whether you prefer to study a subject which has controlled tests or practical assessments spread over the two years or one based only on exams. Your form tutor can help you with this.

### **Are my choices giving me a balanced education?**

A balanced range of courses at this stage will allow you to have a greater choice of post-16 pathways when you have completed them. Although many students do not know what they want to do at this stage, you need to try to make sure that you do not shut the door to career opportunities or college courses in the future.

### **What is E-Bacc?**

The English Baccalaureate (E-Bacc) is a combination of subjects that must be studied together at GCSE level at Grade 5 or above. It is not a qualification and it is not a subject. The combined subjects that must be studied are:

- English Language or English Literature
- Mathematics
- Trilogy Science (the compulsory course made up of dual award Science)
- Geography, History or Computer Science
- Spanish

The English Baccalaureate prepares students for an Academic KS5 Curriculum, in order to create options to attend the best Universities and so enable access to a professional life. Some universities (particularly those in the Russell Group) and some employers are also encouraging students to consider the subjects that make up the English Baccalaureate because the subjects support students in developing a broad set of skills that are useful in studying at a higher level or in employment.



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