



Brighton Hill Community School

Making success inevitable

Guided Choices at Brighton Hill Community School



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Aims of the presentation



- To help you understand the Guided Choices process and pathways so that you can support your child



What are pathways?



- Each pathway is a group of subjects that we suggest

Each pathway there are:

• some 'core', *compulsory* subjects

- some specialism subjects you can *choose*

- We will *recommend* that your child follows one of 3 pathways:
 - Ebacc Pathway
 - Open Options Pathway
 - Access Pathway
- Based on:
 - Current progress grades
 - Attitude to learning grades
 - Key stage 2 data
 - Our knowledge of *your child*

The *Ebacc* Pathway



- English language and literature
- Maths
- Science (combined or triple)
- French or Spanish
- History or Geography
- TWO further specialism subjects

What is the English Baccalaureate?



- The English Baccalaureate (Ebacc) is a **performance measure** for schools, not a qualification
- The Ebacc is a set of subjects at GCSE that **keeps young people's options open** for **further study** and **future careers**.
- Sutton Trust research reveals that studying the EBacc can help **improve** a young person's **performance** in **English** and **maths**.

The *Open Options* Pathway

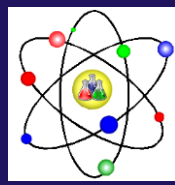


- Removes the requirement for students to study French/Spanish AND History/Geography
 - English language and literature
 - Maths
 - Science (combined or triple)
 - History, Geography, French OR Spanish
 - THREE further specialism subjects

The Access Pathway

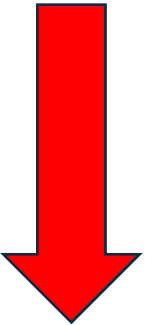


- Tailored pathway to provide support and meet students' needs
 - English language and literature
 - Maths
 - Science
 - History, Geography, French or Spanish
 - Curriculum Access (1 option block)
 - Year 9: English / Maths / Achieve Award
 - Year 10/11: English
 - TWO further specialism subjects



- Separate letter of recommendation (as well as pathways letter)
 - Excellent progress
 - Resilience and aptitude
 - Considering Science at A level

- **This would take up one of the specialism subject choices**



W	X	Y	Z
Business	Business	Design & Technology	Curriculum Access*
Drama	Dance	Fine Art	Business
Fine Art	Design & Technology	French	Drama
GCSE PE**	Food Preparation &	Geography	Fine Art
Geography	Nutrition	History	Food Preparation &
History	French	Information	Nutrition
Media Studies	Geography	Technologies	Geography
Religious Studies	History	Music	History
Photography	PE: Health & Fitness	Spanish	Media Studies
Health & Social	NCFE**	Computer Science	Spanish
Care	Computer Science	Travel and Tourism	Triple Science*
	Latin		

Key Stage 4 Curriculum Time at BHCS



1	2	English (2)	4	5
6	7	Maths	9	10
11	12	Geog/His/Fr/Sp		
Science (2 or 3 with GC block)		18	19	20
21	22	GC1	GC2	GC3
26	PE 27	28	29	30

Choosing specialism subjects



Discourage your child from choosing specialism subjects because:

- Their friends have chosen it
- They think it will be easy
- They think it's a good option for a boy/girl
- Someone else thinks that it's a good idea
- They like the teacher they have now
- They are influenced by your likes and dislikes of particular subjects

Choosing specialism subjects



Encourage your child to...

- Think about which subjects they are good at, as this may lead to their best final results in Year 11
- Consider taking the subjects that interest them the most, as they will study them for up to 3 years
- Find out which subjects may help them with their future career

Guided Choices Process



Before Easter: Guided choices booklet, pathway letter and Triple Science recommendation (if applicable) in Tutor

6 April: Guided Choices Information Evening to discuss what subjects at KS4 involve.

27 April (A) and 4 May (B): Parents' evening to discuss progress in subjects and suitability for KS4 study

26 April - 6 May: Optional tutor appointments to discuss Guided Choices

13 May: Deadline for completion of online form. We will speak to you individually if, for any reason, you need to pick another course



Thank-you!