

# Year 9>10 Pathways



**KEY STAGE FOUR  
PATHWAY  
INFORMATION**

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From Year 10 you will join Key Stage 4; what you learn will be tested in exams at the end of Year 11.

**In Year 10 and 11 some subjects are optional.**

The school will make recommendations about what subjects you would be best suited to choose.

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# Which are compulsory and which are option subjects?

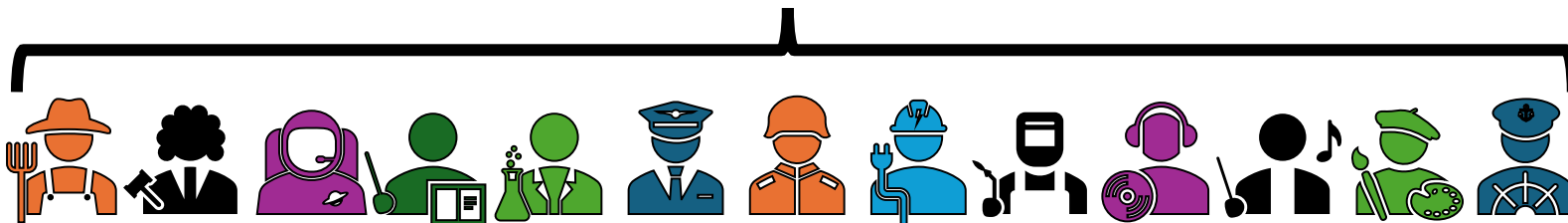
Compulsory GCSEs	Option Subject GCSEs	
English	History	Geography
Science	French	Spanish
Maths	Computer Science	Creative iMedia
PE (Core)	PE	
Religious Studies	Art	Drama
	Music	Photography
	Business	Media
	Design & Technology	Food Preparation

# What pathways are there?

Triple Science or Computer Science Pathway	EBACC (English Baccalaureate) Pathway	Open Pathway	Alternative Pathway
<p><i>Highly</i> challenging route.</p> <p>Selected students will be able to choose one or both of these subjects within the EBACC pathway.</p>	<p>Academic study in traditional subjects keeps your future options open.</p> <p><i>French or Spanish and History or Geography.</i></p>	<p>Open choice from most subjects to broaden your education; both academic and practical.</p>	<p>Work-related learning options: <i>Preparation for Work; Social &amp; Independent Skills; Home Cooking; Construction.</i></p>



**Our broad and balanced subject offer ensures bright futures for all Wexham students.**



# What is the English Baccalaureate?

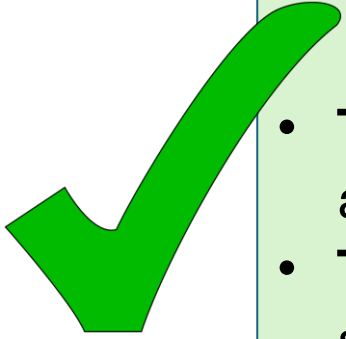
**A hallmark of academic success.**

- If you achieve GCSE Grade 5 in these subjects you will also achieve the English Baccalaureate:



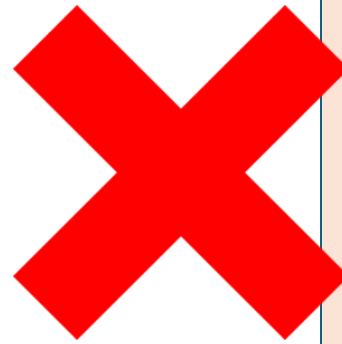
- The Government have set a target that nearly all students should study for the EBACC qualification.
- Nationally, only 17% of students achieve the EBACC qualification.
- Students who achieve this qualification will have the necessary foundation to apply to Russell Group Universities.

# Choose subjects for which you will achieve the best GCSE grades.



## DO:

- **Think** about what interests you and what you are good at.
- **Think** about what you might study at Wexham Sixth Form in Year 12 & 13.
- **Think** about what degree at university you might like to study.
- **Think** about what job or career you might like to pursue in future.



## DON'T:

- **Pick** subjects based on the teachers – they may not teach you next year.
- **Pick** what your friends are choosing – they may not be in your class anyway.
- **Pick** subjects without having read the Pathways Subject pages.

# Where can we get help and advice?



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Your teachers will recommend your suitability to study their subject further.

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**Save the Date! – Year 9 Pathway’s Afternoon**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

**4:00pm – 6:00pm**

Parents and/or students can drop-in during this time to speak to a member of the Inclusion or Senior Team and we can advise you on the best subject choices for your child. You may complete and submit the pathways form with us then.

➤ **Final deadline for all subject choices: 12<sup>th</sup> May**