



**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 your child studies
- In each pathway there are:
 - some 'core', *compulsory* subjects
 - some specialism subjects you can *choose*

Pathways

- 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)
- Latin, 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 Latin/French/Spanish AND History/Geography
 - English language and literature
 - Maths
 - Science (combined or triple)
 - History, Geography, Latin, 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, Latin, French or Spanish
 - Curriculum Access (1 option block)
 - Year 9: English / Maths / Achieve Award
 - Year 10: Achieve Award / English
 - Year 11: English
 - TWO further specialism subjects

Specialism subjects

- Students will choose one subject from each column
- This is a preference and not a guarantee they'll be allocated that subject
- Unless you hear from us in the summer term, you can assume we've allocated your child their preferences.

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Specialism subjects – History and Geography

Either History or Geography must be selected from one of the columns.

Students can decide to study both History AND Geography.

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Specialism subjects - PE

All students study the same PE curriculum in year 9.

As students start year 10, a recommendation will be made to identify whether a student should study the GCSE option or the Cambridge National award in sports science.

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Specialism subjects - MFL

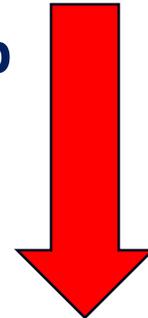
Students can only select the language they are currently studying:

French OR Spanish. They are unable to select a new language.

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Triple Science

- 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



Please email or contact Mrs Humphreys or Mr McCulley to be put on the waiting list if you have not been offered a place on the Triple Science course and would like to do it.

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|--|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Business | Business | Design and Technology | Curriculum Access* |
| Drama | Design and Technology | Fine Art | Business |
| Photography | Food Technology | French | Food Technology |
| GCSE PE /PE: Cambridge national sports science | French | Geography | Citizenship |
| Geography | Geography | History | Religious Studies |
| History | History | Computer Science | Travel and Tourism |
| Media studies | GCSE PE | Music | Dance |
| Film studies | /PE: Cambridge National | Spanish | Spanish |
| Health and Social Care | Sport Science ** | Psychology | Triple Science* |
| Latin | Photography | | IT (Information Technology) |

Key Stage 4 Curriculum time at BHCS

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|----|----|--------------------------------|-----|-----|
| 1 | 2 | English (2) | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | Maths | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | Geog/His/Lat/Fr/Sp | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | Science (2 or 3 with GC block) | 18 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | GC1 | GC2 | GC3 |
| 26 | PE | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| | | | 30 | |

Average 9 GCSEs

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 stereotypically 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) handed out in Tutor (sent home if absent)

2nd April: Guided Choices Information Evening to discuss what subjects at KS4 involve.

30th April (A) and 7th May (B): Parents' evening to discuss progress in subjects and suitability for KS4 study

Optional tutor appointments to discuss Guided Choices

14th May: Deadline for completion of online form. We will speak to you individually if, for any reason, you need to pick another course. No news is good news!



Thank-you!



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