



**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 your child studies. There are two ways there are:
 - Some are '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)
- 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

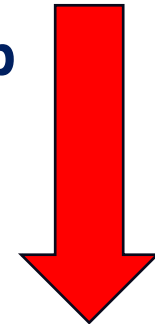
- Removes the requirement for students to study French/Spanish AND History/Geography
 - English language and literature
 - Maths
 - Science (combined or triple)
 - History, Geography, French OR Spanish
 - THREE further specialism subjects

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

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 Mrs Hallum Barnard 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.

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 & Nutrition	Geography	Fine Art
PE: Cambridge National	French	History	Food Preparation & Nutrition
Sport Science**	Geography	Information Technologies	Geography
Geography	History	Music	History
History	PE: Cambridge National Sport	Spanish	Media Studies
Media Studies	Science**	Computer Science	Spanish
Religious Studies	GCSE PE**	Travel and Tourism	Triple Science*
Health & Social Care	Computer Science		
	Photography		

Key Stage 4 Curriculum time at BHCS

1	2	English (2)	4	5	Average 9 GCSEs
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	28	29	30	
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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

29 March: Guided Choices Information Evening to discuss what subjects at KS4 involve.

26 April (A) and 3 May (B): Parents' evening to discuss progress in subjects and suitability for KS4 study

24 April - 5 May: Optional tutor appointments to discuss Guided Choices

12 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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