

# Guided Pathways Year 8 into 9/10/11

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# Curriculum Intent

What are we trying to achieve for our students through the curriculum at Outwood Academy Carlton?





**“Students first: Raising  
Standards and  
transforming lives.”**

Martyn Oliver  
Chief Executive  
Outwood Grange Academies Trust

# “Students first”

We believe that every child can succeed when provided with a caring, inclusive environment where they have access to a curriculum that empowers them with knowledge, experience and entitlement. Our high quality curriculum enables a breadth of experience for our students, valuing every child so that they engage in their schooling and reach their potential.

The power of our inclusive curriculum rests in our determination that all of our students be creative, well-rounded and responsible citizens who fulfil their potential and play a positive role in society.

For young people attending Outwood Academy Carlton we provide an educational experience that ensures accessibility, knowledge, responsibility and enjoyment.

# Our Curriculum

- Broad and balanced
- Innovative and knowledge enabling – guided choices e.g. 1 x EBacc
- Focus on the basics of English and maths
- Entitlement for students to study the full EBacc

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# Curriculum Implementation

How are we going to achieve our curriculum intent for students at Outwood Academy Carlton?



# The Year 9 to 11 Curriculum

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|                 | Year 9  | Year 10  | Year 11  |
|-----------------|---|--|--|
| Core            | English 5 hours<br>Maths 4 hours<br>Science 4 hours<br>PE 1 hours<br>RE/Life 1 hour<br>Digital Literacy 1 hour  | English 5 hours<br>Maths 4 hours<br>Science 4 hours<br>PE 1 hour<br>RE/Life 1 hour | English 5 hours<br>Maths 4 hours<br>Science 6 hours<br>PE 1 hour   |
| Guided Pathways | <p>Students can choose <b>three</b> subjects from a list of courses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EBacc subjects will be completed at the end of Year 11 and given 3 hours per week in Year 9, 2 hours per week in Year 10 and 3 hours per week in Year 11</li> <li>- Other subjects will be completed at the end of Year 10 and given 3 hours per week in Year 9 and 4 hours per week in Year 10</li> </ul> <p>The expectation is that all students will study at least one EBacc subject in Year 9/10/11; and that many will study for the Full EBacc (1x MFL and 1x Humanity).</p> |  | <p>In Year 11 students will choose subjects to fill up to 6 hours of Guided Pathway time.</p> <p>Depending how many EBacc subjects a student is studying in Year 9, they will have either 3 or 6 hours of Guided Pathway time available in Year 11.</p> <p>This time could be used to pick up a new subject or consolidate performance in the key subjects of English and maths.</p> |

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# The Guided Pathways Subjects

- Course choices which are personal to each student
- There will be a mixture of GCSE and other approved courses (e.g. BTEC Tech Award)
- Choose 3 subjects which students start in Year 9; some will complete in Year 10 and some will continue into Year 11
- The academy will offer information, advice and guidance to help students choose the courses that are right for them



# GCSEs and BTEC Tech Awards

- **GCSE** courses tend to be assessed with a final (terminal) exam – which carries a significant weighting in the overall grade
- **BTEC Tech Award** (and other vocational courses e.g. Cambridge Nationals) tend to be assessed with ongoing portfolio work and a smaller exam element

# Year 9

- Digital Literacy
  - To focus on ICT skills which can be used in other areas and subjects
  - Focus on 'Office' applications such as Word/PowerPoint/Excel
  - Work with Google Docs and Google Classroom

# Guided Pathways Subjects

GCSE Art and Design  
(Graphics and Photography)

GCSE Art and Design (Fine  
Art)

Vocational Award in  
Hospitality and Catering

GCSE Computer Science

BTEC Tech Award in  
Performing Arts (Dance)

BTEC Tech Award in  
Engineering

**GCSE History**

**GCSE Geography**

**GCSE French**

BTEC Tech Award in  
Health and Social Care

BTEC Tech Award in  
Creative Media Production

BTEC Tech Award in Music  
Practice

**GCSE Spanish**

BTEC Tech Award in Sport,  
Activity and Fitness

# What will it look like?

There are three types of pathway:

- Students choosing one **EBacc** subject and two **other** subjects to start in Year 9
- Students choosing two **EBacc** subjects and one **other** subject to start in Year 9
- Students choosing three **EBacc** subjects and no **other** subjects to start in Year 9

## Students choosing one EBacc subject and two other subjects to start in Year 9

|         | A                       | B                       | C                       |
|---------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Year 9  | 3 hrs.                  | Other Subject<br>3 hrs. | Other Subject<br>3 hrs. |
| Year 10 | EBacc Subject<br>2 hrs. | Other Subject<br>4 hrs. | Other Subject<br>4 hrs. |
| Year 11 | EBacc Subject<br>3 hrs. | 3 hrs.                  | 3 hrs.                  |

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## Students choosing two EBacc subjects and one other subject to start in Year 9

|         | A      | B      | C      |
|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| Year 9  | 3 hrs. | 3 hrs. | 3 hrs. |
| Year 10 | 2 hrs. | 2 hrs. | 4 hrs. |
| Year 11 | 3 hrs. | 3 hrs. | 3 hrs. |

EBacc Subject (vertical text on the left side of the table)

EBacc Subject (vertical text on the right side of the table)

Other Subject (vertical red text on the right side of the table)

2 hrs. (highlighted in a blue box in the Year 10, Column B cell)

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## Students choosing three EBacc subjects

|         | A                       | B                                 | C                                 |
|---------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Year 9  | 3 hrs.                  | 3 hrs.                            | 3 hrs.                            |
| Year 10 | 2 hrs.<br>EBacc Subject | 2 hrs.<br>2 hrs.<br>EBacc Subject | 2 hrs.<br>2 hrs.<br>EBacc Subject |
| Year 11 | 3 hrs.                  | 3 hrs.                            | 3 hrs.                            |

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# What opportunities does this KS4 curriculum offer?

- Flexibility to take new subjects in Year 11
- As a default, 4 (in some cases 5) choices over three years
- Digital Literacy
- Chance to use Guided Pathway time to boost grades in core subjects



# Making Your Choices

**Year 8 → 9 Guided Pathway Choices**  
**COURSES STARTING IN SEPTEMBER 2020**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Choosing three subjects**

We will try to give you your first **three** choices. However, we cannot guarantee that all first choices will be possible, so you **must** nominate **two reserve choices**. Please **number** your choices in order of preference (1,2,3,4,5). **Failure to preference five choices will result in this form being null and void; and we will make your choices for you.**

**FULL EBACC**  
 Based on your KS2 results and your attainment at KS3 so far, we believe you **may** want to study for the full EBacc. If this is the case, please choose an MFL for your Preference 1 and a Humanity for your Preference 2.

| Preference 1 from here (EBacc) | Preference 2,3,4,5 from here (All subjects) |  |                                    |
|--------------------------------|---|--|------------------------------------|
| <b>Humanities EBacc</b>        | History (GCSE)                              |  | Health & Social (Tech <u>Awd</u> ) |
| History (GCSE)                 | Geography (GCSE)                            |  | ICT (BTEC)                         |
| Geography (GCSE)               | French (GCSE)                               |  | Music (GCSE)                       |
| <b>MFL EBacc</b>               | German - beginners (GCSE)                   |  | Computer Science (GCSE)            |
| French (GCSE)                  | Spanish (GCSE)                              |  | Art & Design (GCSE)                |
| German - beginners (GCSE)      | Spanish – beginners (GCSE)                  |  | Product Design (GCSE)              |
| Spanish (GCSE)                 | Graphics (GCSE)                             |  |                                    |
| Spanish – beginners (GCSE)     |   |  |                                    |
|                                |   |  |                                    |
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|                                |   |  |                                    |
|                                |   |  |                                    |

Every effort will be made by the academy to accommodate students' subject choices. However, the academy reserves the right to establish courses based on the resources available.

**Two** reserve choices are needed  
**One** EBacc subject is needed  
 Only making choices for Year 8 into Year 9  
**Must** be signed and dated by student and parent

Student's signature: ..... Parent/carer's signature: .....

# Who can help ?

- Teachers at Guided Pathways Evening
- Subject Staff
- VMG Mentor
- Older students in a mentor group
- Learning Manager
- Parents/Carers
- Careers Inc.
- Make use of Praising Stars© predictions

# To summarise...

- Three Guided Pathway course choices to start in Year 9 with some to complete in Year 10 and some to complete in Year 11; at least one of: history, geography, Spanish, French,
- We believe many students will want to study for the Full EBacc
- For the majority of students, chance to choose at least one further subject in Year 10 and/or 11
- Plan course choices for Year 9 – these should be the main Guided Pathway subjects a student wants to study; view Year 11 as a bonus year
- **We are only collecting choices for Year 9 now**



# Curriculum Impact

Begin with the end  
in mind...

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# Timeline

Choices need to be made by  
**20<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

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