

Year 9 Pathways - Information, Advice and Guidance

At St Cuthbert Mayne, we offer three Learning Pathways as outlined below:

Pathway 1 - English Baccalaureate (EBacc)

The EBacc is a set of subjects at GCSE that keeps young people's options open for further study and future careers. Students following the EBacc pathway must study the following subjects:

- English Language and Literature
- Maths
- At least two sciences (Double Award, Triple Science, Computer Science)
- Geography or History
- French

Why should my child follow the EBacc Learning Pathway?

The EBacc is made up of the subjects which are considered essential to many degrees and opens up many more routes into higher and further education, whether this be undergraduate degree courses, apprenticeship degrees and apprenticeships or even the world of work.

A study by the University College London's Institute of Education shows that studying subjects included in the EBacc provides students with greater opportunities in further education and increases the likelihood that a student will stay on in full-time education. The Sutton Trust's research reveals that studying the EBacc can help improve a young person's performance in English and Maths.

If you and your child decide that the EBacc learning pathway is the right pathway then please see the table below which outlines the subjects they will need to pick.

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
French	Geography or History	Free choice*

Pathway 2 - Open Choice

All students must choose three option subjects to study at Key Stage 4. Students following the Open Pathway must ensure that when making their subject choices they follow the table below. These choices will make sure students have a broad and balanced curriculum, which will allow them to progress onto sixth form studies or apprenticeships at 16, and potentially on to university and higher level apprenticeships at 18.

Option 1: Ebacc Subject <i>Students must pick one subject from this box</i>	Option 2	Option 3
French Geography History Computer Science** <i>**Please check with Mrs Gowers that this is a suitable option for your child.</i>	Free Choice*	Free Choice*



**Please see our Pathways Booklet for a list of subjects offered. Please note that depending on staffing and student preference, not all subjects will run.*

Pathway 3 - Support

This pathway is for selected students only, Mrs Toohey, Assistant Headteacher and SENDCO will contact parents directly if this is a pathway suitable for your child.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor in the first instance or Miss Hawkins, Head of Year 9.

Please see the link below to our electronic Pathways Booklet for your information.

<https://www.st-cuthbertmayne.co.uk/pathways>

