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Options & the EBacc

Dear Parents/Carers

You will have recently received information regarding the forthcoming options fair and your child's subject choices for next year. The purpose of this communication is to provide some additional information about the EBacc or English Baccalaureate. We believe that this collection of subjects, described by the government as an 'ambitious curriculum', does provide students with a broad and challenging curriculum, and provides students with the right tools for entering an increasingly competitive employment market.

Unlike other schools we do not insist that all students take this pathway, as we do recognise that is not appropriate for all students. However, there is substantial evidence to suggest that students with a high prior attainment profile will enjoy success in these subject areas. Indeed, research suggests that students undertaking the Ebacc will be more successful in their outcomes. I have included below a link to the governments Ebacc webpage.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-baccalaureate-ebacc/english-baccalaureate-ebacc>

In order to fulfil the Ebacc requirements students will need to have successfully undertaken GCSE's in English literature and English language, Maths, at least two sciences (either the three separate Sciences or Combined Science), a language (either French or Spanish) **and** a humanities subject (either History or Geography).

Your child fits within the high prior attaining profile, mentioned earlier, and therefore we strongly recommend that they undertake the Ebacc pathway as described above by selecting the appropriate subjects. Members of the leadership will be available on the evening of the options fair, should you wish to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely

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