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Year 9 choices- a guide for parents and students



Year 9 choices

There are three routes in our guided choices programme:

- A) The triple science Ebacc route – students who show excellent progress and attitudes in science and MFL are offered this pathway. These students are selected by the relevant department(s) based on the latest progress data. **This route is invitation only.**
- B) The Ebacc route – students who show excellent progress and attitudes in the full suite of Ebacc subjects are offered this route. These students are selected by the relevant department(s) based on the latest progress data. **This route is invitation only.**
- C) The main route – this is for most of the students in the year group. Students choose from a range of qualifications

Year 9 options

- The compulsory or 'core' curriculum
- All students in the country must study the following subjects:
- Maths
- English Literature and Language
- Science (2 x GCSE, Triple pathway 3 x GCSE)
- PE (you must do PE, but you do not have to sit a qualification if you don't want to)
- CORE (including all mandatory PSHE and RSE)



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- The English Baccalaureate (Ebacc)
- We want all students to have a broad and balanced curriculum. Therefore, students must take an 'Ebacc' subject.
- This is chosen from:
 - Geography
 - History
 - French
 - Computer Science (your teacher must recommend you for this course)

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- The Full English Baccalaureate (Ebacc)
- In addition to the core curriculum offered at OSWB a student is considered to be a **FULL** Ebacc student if they take:
 - A modern foreign language **and**
 - A humanity (History or Geography)

This suite of subjects is highly prized by top universities and competitive apprenticeships so we will be recommending that suitable students study the full suite described above.



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- Your child will receive an options form tailored to their individual needs and prior attainment. A 'how to' guide for filling these forms in can be found on this area of the site. Please check the route to identify the right guide.
- As an academy, we are always striving to improve our offer so we will be making some curriculum changes for next year so that we increase the number of options available. This will result in more free choice for all our students.

Free choices

- Do not choose a subject you have already chosen for your Ebacc choice (e.g., French)

Some subjects cannot be taken together (as they are too similar)

- You can choose Art **or** Textiles (**not both**)
- HSC **or** Childcare (**not both**)
- ICT **or** Computer science (**not both**)
- You can only choose **one** PE option from GCSE PE, Btec sport and Btec Dance
- However, students **CAN** take both engineering qualifications if they wish.

2023 options and parents evening

- Parents evening is on Thursday March 2nd from 4-7pm
- You will have the chance to talk to your child's subject teachers before your child chooses their options.
- I will be available all evening if you have any specific questions about the options process. You may also give in completed options forms to me on the night.

Any questions?

- Please email me at sking@oswba.co.uk if you have any further questions.