



# Clacton County High School

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Dear Parents/Carers

## Year 9 – Pathways – Next Steps

As you will be aware, during the spring term of last year, current year 9 students were given some flexibility for their final year of KS3 (Year 9). Disruption to their education over the past two academic years has limited their experience within many subjects and providing this flexibility has proved extremely popular and beneficial.

Originally, we were looking to finalise GCSE subjects in January/February 2022 for year 9, however we have decided to continue with this broader curriculum offer until the end of the current academic year.

### **Next steps**

In late spring/early summer of 2022, you and your child will be asked to confirm their KS4 choices being studied in line with the school offering an ambitious curriculum to all students; these will then become their KS4 programme of study as they begin year 10 in September 2022.

To help inform and support you and your child with the next steps process, your child will continue to receive mentoring and careers guidance in school and families can access careers advice at home via the [CCHS Careers Hub](#) available on the student tab on the school's website.

The final curriculum offer will be made up of the core subjects, EBacc option subjects and another option; the aim is for each student to access a full range of subjects to ensure there is breadth and balance to their choices whilst fulfilling any future career aspirations. There may be an opportunity to study an additional area of the curriculum after school should they choose to do so.

**Core subjects** are compulsory for all students. These are English literature, English language, mathematics, science and in support of their physical and mental development, physical education delivered through the Sport BTEC qualification.

**EBacc** (English Baccalaureate) is a recognised combination of subjects which supports students to study an ambitious, broad and balanced curriculum involving specific GCSE content. These qualifications are considered essential by many employers, apprenticeship providers and universities. To fulfill the EBacc, students must study English, mathematics, science, Spanish (or another modern foreign language) and either geography or history. Students already following Pathway A will be expected to complete the full EBacc curriculum.

**Other optional subjects** include a wide range of GCSE and GCSE equivalent vocational subjects. This option will provide the opportunity for students to develop other skills and knowledge relating to areas that they have a particular interest and/or aptitude in, and which will complement the next steps of their educational futures or career pathways. We also offer a large enrichment programme which complements the curriculum where students have an opportunity to gain additional awards such as Duke of Edinburgh, LAMDA, Arts Awards.

We will continue to update you as we progress through this academic year. As a school, we are committed to working in partnership with all our parents/carers to ensure each individual child fulfils their potential through ensuring they keep as many doors open as possible for their future career choices. If you would like any advice or further information on the next steps process, please do not hesitate to contact me via [admin@cchs.school](mailto:admin@cchs.school)

Yours sincerely

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