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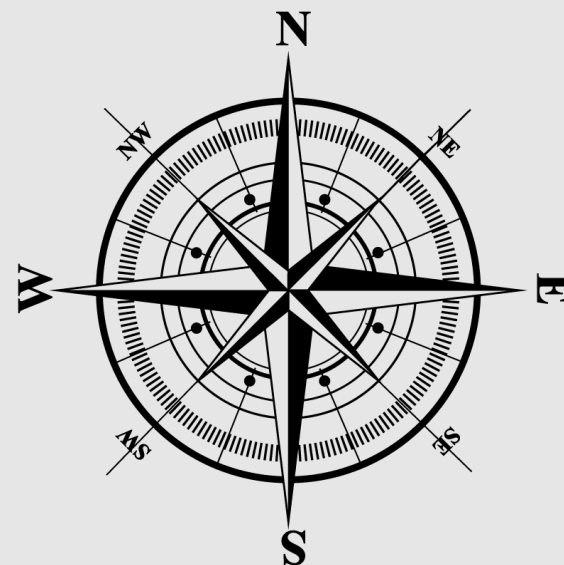
Guided Options 2024

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*Are You
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The Right
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Class of 2026

Welcome to Your Guided Options

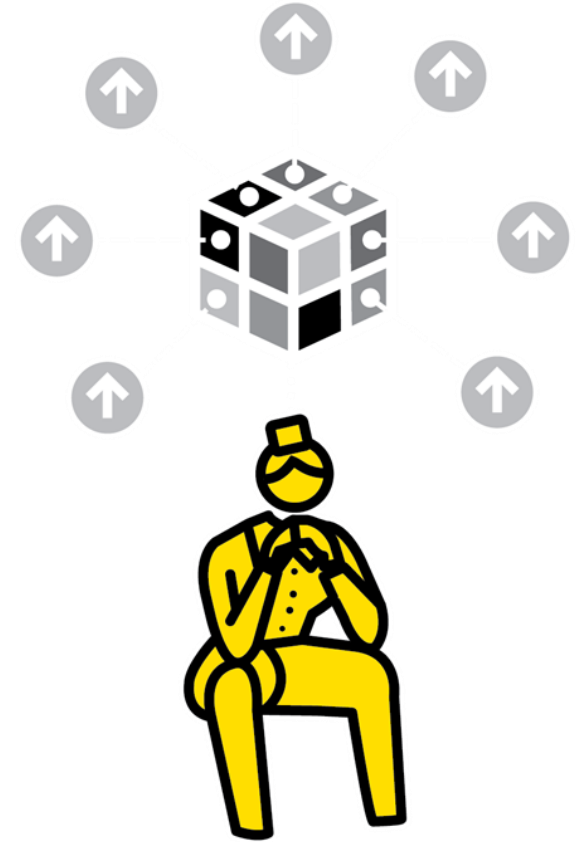


Your KS4 curriculum offer

- ✓ This options process is designed to provide you with information about the **core curriculum** (the subjects all students take) and to help you make **option choices** that are right for **you** and **your career** in the future.
- ✓ It is important that you take time to **think everything through very carefully**. You will be supported through this process by a sequence of events that are designed to help you make the best possible decisions for you as an individual.

How are my GCSE's graded?

- ✓ **All GCSE subjects** are now graded on a **9 to 1** scale (9 is the highest possible grade).
- ✓ **Vocational courses** are graded on a **Distinction*, Distinction, Merit and Pass** scale.



What's right for me? Think about

- ✓ Hobbies and interests
- ✓ Future career plans
- ✓ Academic strengths

KS4 Curriculum Pathways at EPHS

All students will study a **core curriculum** of the subjects outlined below.

- ✓ GCSE Mathematics
- ✓ GCSE English Language
- ✓ GCSE English Literature
- ✓ GCSE Science **Biology, Chemistry and Physics**
- ✓ Sports/Core PE
- ✓ Personal Social and Health Education **plus Careers Guidance**

- ✓ You will choose into either the **EBaac** or **Non Ebaac** pathway when choosing your additional subjects
- ✓ This is fully explained in the options booklet.
- ✓ All information can be found on the school website.
- ✓ There are a series of events designed to help you make the right choices for you.

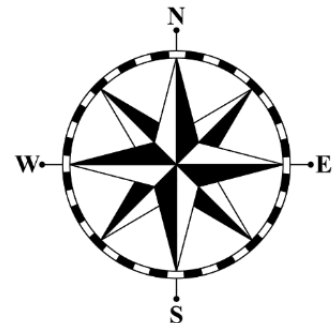
1st to 21st March:
Options weeks in
school

21st March:
Options Evening

22rd March–15th
April: Guided
Options Discussions
Parents/Students/
Teachers

Options forms
submitted by 17th
April

17th April–1st May:
1-1 Interviews &
finalised options
confirmed



What is the English Baccalaureate?



A student will be awarded the English Baccalaureate if they achieve a 5 (or more) in the following subjects

- ✓ English
- ✓ English Literature
- ✓ Mathematics
- ✓ History or Geography
- ✓ A modern foreign language (Spanish)
- ✓ Science- this can be either

Combined Science (2xGCSEs that cover the 3 main sciences, biology, chemistry and physics)

or

Separate Science (3xGCSE's in biology, physics, chemistry)



This pathway is recommended as it provides a broad range of skills and knowledge, is recognised across the country. It also prepares you well for A level and for University

This is NOT a separate qualification in it's own right, but is becoming more recognised, in the competitive world of work and in Further Education.

Aim High- Universities Across the Country



- ✓ There are about 300 Higher Education institutions in the UK and around 120 are allowed to call themselves universities.
- ✓ 24 of the best universities in the UK have formed the **Russell Group**.
- ✓ The Russell Group represents these leading universities. Last year around 100,000 students went to Russell Group Universities.
- ✓ Is this you?

We will guide you onto the right path for your career aspiration

You may not know what you want to do now.

That's ok too

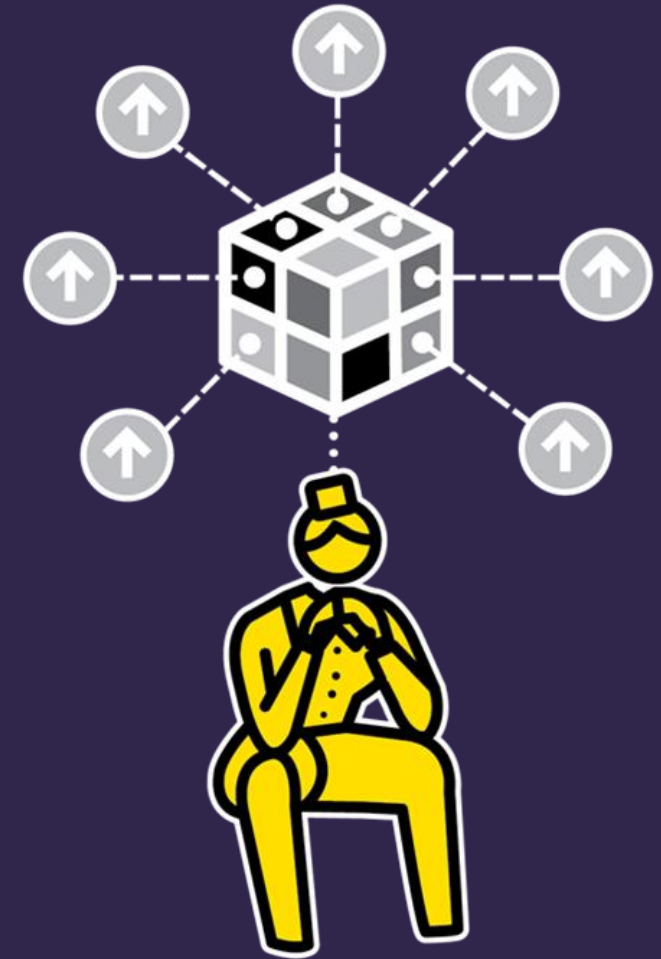


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The choices you make today will impact
the choices you have tomorrow...



- ✓ Work
- ✓ Apprenticeship
- ✓ 6th Form
- ✓ College
- ✓ Universities across the country



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Year 9 Guided Pathways

English Baccalaureate

Core

English Language
English Literature
Mathematics
Science
PE-(Core)
Personal Development (PSHE)

2 pathways



Non English Baccalaureate

Core

English Language
English Literature
Mathematics
Science
PE-(Core)
Personal Development (PSHE)

History or Geography

Decision 1

One or more from History/Geography
Spanish, Triple Science, Computer Science

Spanish

Decision 2

Option Choice

Triple Science or
1 x Option Choice

Decision 3

Option Choice

Reserve choices

Decision 4/5

Reserve choices

Route One-Open Pathway-Non Ebaac

Students will study a CORE curriculum from the subjects below

English

Maths

Science

Core PE

PSHE

Students will choose **ONE** from the subjects below

History

Geography

A Foreign
Language

Computer
Science

+

Any 2 other subjects
If students choose **Triple science** then this counts as an option

↓
Spanish

Route Two- EBaac Pathway-1

Students will study a curriculum from the subjects below

English

Maths

Combined
Science

Core PE

Personal
Development
(PSHE)

History or Geography



Spanish



Any other Option

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Route Two- Ebbac Pathway-2

Students will study a curriculum from the subjects below

English

Maths

Core PE

Personal
Development
(PSHE)

History or Geography



Spanish



Triple Science

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Subjects I Can Choose

Depending on the decisions you make, you may have 1 or 2 additional choices. You can choose from the following

Music, Food, Geography, History, Spanish,
Sports Studies, Drama, Art, Photography, Design & Technology,
Computer Science, Business Studies,
Health & Social Care, Religious Education,
Information Technology, Triple Science.

Options form

Ellesmere Park High School 2024- Option Choices Form

Student name Form group

There are 2 different pathways students can follow. **Students choose 3 option subjects in total.**

- **Full EBacc** – Choose **(History or Geography)** and **Spanish**, along with one other choice. **If you wish to do Triple Science**, then this is your remainder option.
- **Open Pathway** – Choose a minimum of **one purple option**, along with **two blue options**.
- Mark your choices clearly with a tick and then write underneath in the choices box.
- Students must choose a **first and second choice** or 'reserve options' from each block, in case of over/under subscriptions to options. Submit your form to Mrs Kavannagh/Mrs St John/Mrs Stapley by 17th April.

Block A	
Tripple Science	
History	
Spanish	
Geography	
Computer Science	
First choice	
Reserve choice	

Block B- Subjects with * are vocational qualifications			
Art		Business Studies *	
Computer Science		Design & Technology	
Drama (Performing Arts) *		Health & Social Care	
Geography		Food & Nutrition	
History		Information Technology *	
Photography		Music *	
Religious Education		Sports Studies *	
Tripple Science			
Spanish			
First choices			
1			
2			
Reserve Choice 1			
Reserve choice 2			

Tick here

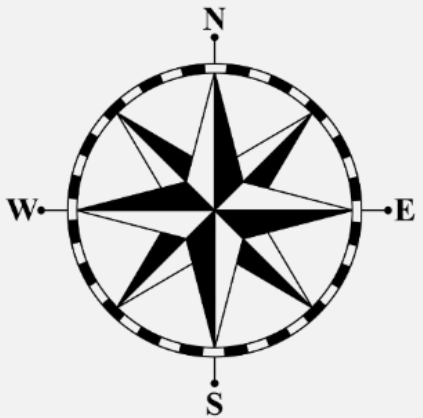
Also write here

I confirm that I have read through all the information given to me ahead of making my selections.

Student signature:

I can confirm I am aware of the options my child has selected for study at Key Stage 4 and have discussed these with them. Parent/Carer signature:

Next Steps-What Shall I do Now?



- ✓ Look at the options booklet and on the website under **curriculum**
- ✓ Look at subject presentations to take you through all the subjects offered at GCSE
- ✓ Talk to your subject teachers, to find out more during options
- ✓ There are some subjects you won't have experienced before
- ✓ Take your options form home and talk to your parents/carers
- ✓ Talk to Mrs St John, Mrs Stapley, Mrs Kavanagh, Mr Farmer and your subject teachers at any point during the options window
- ✓ You will have the opportunity to ask questions and arrange a 1-1 interview
- ✓ You have until April 17th to complete your form & return this to Mrs St John, Stapley
- ✓ Remember it is not easy to change your options.

Think carefully!

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Guided Options

Careers Guidance and Advice on Options

Year 9 students will be able to request a careers appointment with our Careers Advisor (Mr. Farmer) before making their final options selections to help inform and guide choices. Mr. Farmer will discuss any initial career plans with students, as well as post-16 routes and any potential links with GCSE subject choices. Students will be also able to book career guidance interviews during Year 10 and Year 11 in school to support their career planning. Should any Year 9 student wish to book a careers appointment with Mr. Farmer, they can do so by asking their form teacher or Head of Year.

Mr Farmer is also available to speak with parents and carers should you require any advice regarding the options choices and future routes of study; he can be contacted in school by phone or via email:

simon.farmer@consilium-at.com

We also encourage students to explore careers further using our online careers platform "Xello" which allows students to explore which careers or job sectors may link well to their own personality, skills and learning needs. All students have access to Xello, Mr. Farmer can provide login details if needed.

Ellesmere Park High School also works with 'Pathways' a careers platform that can help students find careers that may interest them in the future, including how these careers are achieved. Pathways resources are available via the school website and Mr. Farmer

Additional websites supporting option choices:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zrjh92p>

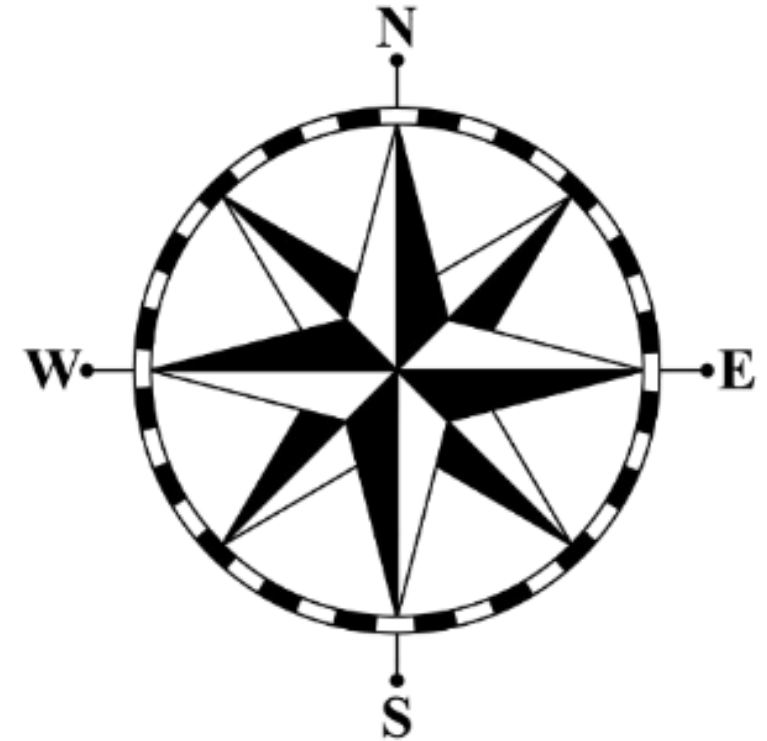
<https://icould.com/stories/choosing-your-gcse-options/>

<https://successatschool.org/advisedetails/508/What-are-my-GCSE-options%3F>

<https://www.theuniguide.co.uk/advice/gcse-choices-university/how-important-are-my-gcse-grades>



Careers Advice?



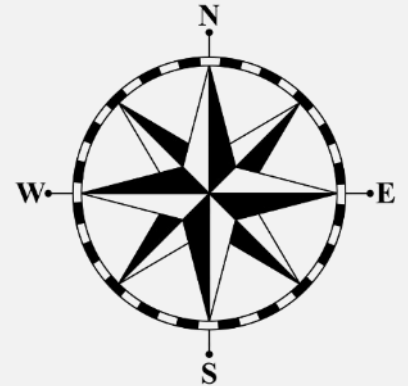
Are You Travelling In The Right Direction?



Follow the instructions to complete the form as well as speaking to Mrs St John, Mrs Stapley and your subject teachers.

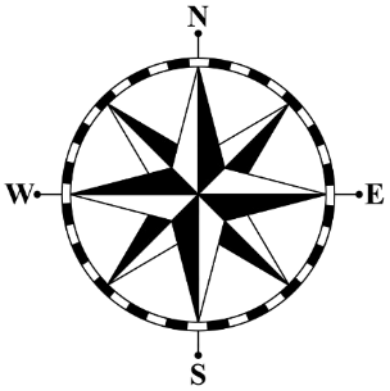
Hand the completed form to Mrs St John, Mrs Stapley on B floor near to Mr Ross office , or to Mrs Kavanagh by 17th April or before

Options will be subject to student numbers.



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Need More Guidance?



For more information or
a specific query, contact
Mrs St John
Now enjoy talking to our amazing
teachers