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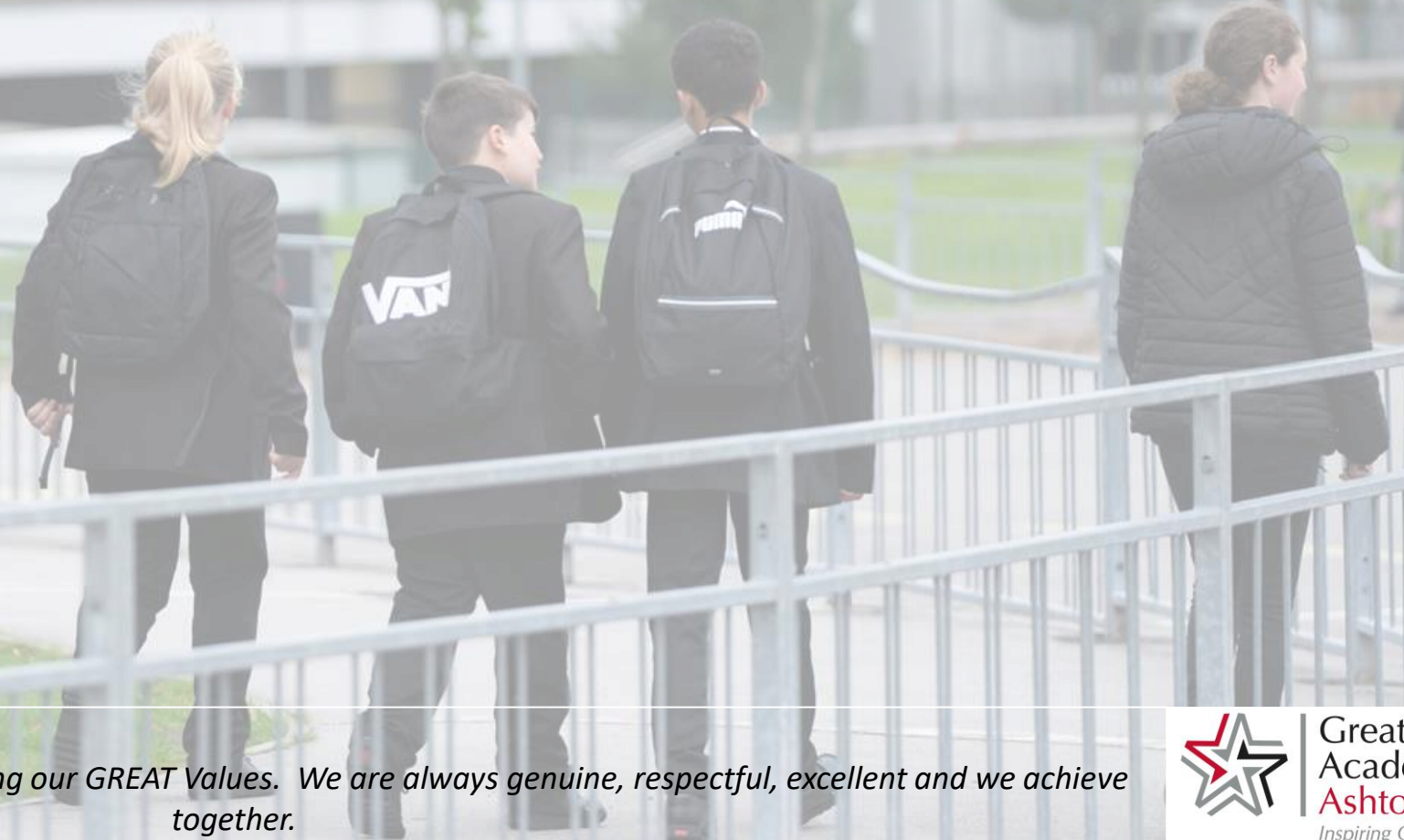
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Guided Pathways 2025



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The GAA Values

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GENUINE

We are honest, trustworthy and take responsibility for our actions. We are proud to be a member of GAA, we treat everyone with respect.



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GENUINE RESPECT EXCELLENCE ACHIEVE TOGETHER

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RESPECT

We use good manner and we treat everyone fairly and with kindness. We strive for excellence.



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EXCELLENCE

We are the best version of ourselves and have high expectations of each other. We work hard and respond positively to all challenges. We aim to achieve.



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ACHIEVE

We strive to fulfil our highest potential and we participate fully in Academy life together.



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TOGETHER

We are supportive of each other and celebrate our differences. We resolve any differences calmly, learning from them. Together we are GREAT.



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GAA Guided Pathways Booklet

- **Key Dates:**
 - **Thursday 6th March** – Year 9 Parents' Evening & Guided Pathways information
 - **W.C. 10th March** – Year 9 assemblies with presentations from each subject area
 - **Wednesday 19th March** – Guided Pathways selection form emailed to students
 - **Wednesday 23rd April** – Deadline for Options forms to be returned to school

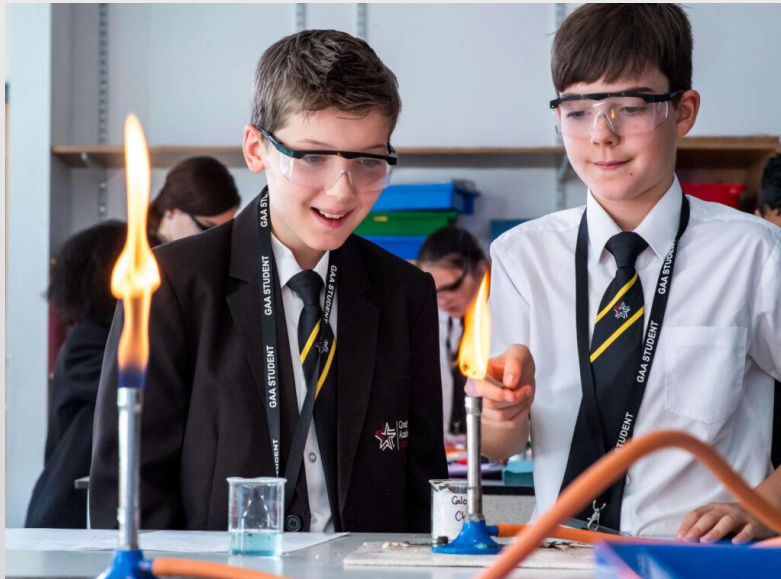


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Assessment in Reformed GCSEs

- The revised GCSEs and their exam papers are tougher and there is greater challenge for those students striving to achieve the highest grades.



Ofqual

New GCSE grading structure

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	
8	A*
7	A
6	B
5	
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
	G
U	U

GOOD PASS (DfE)
5 and above = top of C and above

AWARDING
4 and above = bottom of C and above



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Structure of the curriculum

The structure of the curriculum for Year 10 and 11 students has 2 distinct parts:

Part 1 - The core curriculum is compulsory for all students:

- English Language and English Literature.
- Mathematics.
- Science – students will be directed to one of two pathways in science depending on their performance in Year 9:
 - Triple Award Science: You can opt to take this via part two of the curriculum and via additional lessons; you will take three separate GCSEs in Science - one in each in Biology, Chemistry and Physics, **or**
 - Combined Science. This course is made up of separate Biology, Chemistry and Physics modules. A double grade from 9-9 to 1-1 will be awarded.
- Core Physical Education.
- Personal Values.

Part 2 - we offer different guided pathways to each student according to how well we feel they will achieve on the courses in that pathway.



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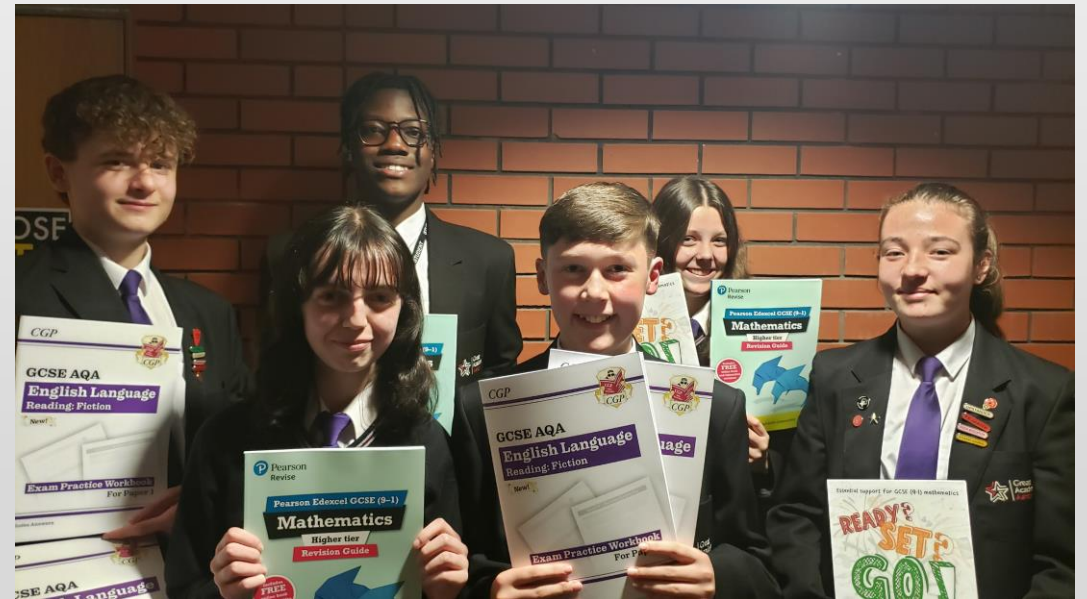
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Understanding EBacc



- The EBacc are a number of traditional academic subjects that the Department for Education believes will provide students with “a properly rounded academic education” and they are placing ever increasing importance upon students studying these subjects at Key Stage 4.

The subjects that make up the Ebacc are: English, Mathematics, at least two Sciences (including Computer Science), a Modern Language and a Humanities subject – either History or Geography.



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Understanding EBacc

The research found that students studying EBacc subjects for GCSE, were more likely to stay in education after 16.

The Centre for Longitudinal Studies.



EBACC FUTURE PROOFS YOUR CHILD'S PROSPECTS

While your child may not have decided on their future career path yet, choosing the EBacc at GCSE gives them access to a full range of employment options when they leave secondary school and the broad knowledge that employers are looking for. If they are thinking of going to university, the EBacc is also recommended by Britain's most prestigious universities.



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Understanding EBacc

Languages are an important part of EBacc. Studying a foreign language can be extremely rewarding and exciting. They provide an insight into other cultures and can open the door to travel and employment opportunities. They can also broaden pupils' horizons, helping them flourish in new environments.

If your child finds languages difficult, don't forget that they will have been studying them for much less time than their other subjects and, while it can be a challenge, learning a language will greatly enhance their future opportunities.

What's more, we know that employers value languages, as they are increasingly important to make sure we can compete in the global market. Because of this, languages are increasingly becoming a requirement for many graduate schemes, such as those offered by Lidl.

“Having language skills under your belt will help make you stand out from the crowd, whether you're applying for an entry level position, a management role or an internal transfer.”

Steve Cassidy, Senior Vice President & Managing Director, UK & Ireland, Hilton

The Russell Group has named languages as subjects that open doors to more degrees at universities.

(The Russell Group is a group of 24 universities with a shared focus on research and a reputation for academic achievement)

“Young people skilled in the languages of Europe, China and other key markets around the world, can look forward to exciting and rewarding careers.”

Dr Adam Marshall, Director General of the British Chambers of Commerce



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Purple Pathway - EBacc

All students in current G, and M, **MUST** follow this pathway.

Once the language and humanity subject have been selected then students must select **TWO** subjects from Block C & D. Students will also be required to select a reserve subject in case a subject cannot run.

Option A	Option B	Option C & Option D		
French	History	Triple Science	Citizenship	
		Computer Science	Dance	
	Geography	History	Design & Technology	
		Geography	Performing Arts/drama	
		Information Technology	Film Studies	
		Art, Craft & Design	GCSE Physical Education	
		Art & Design – photography	Religious Studies	
		Art & Design – textiles	Music	
		Hospitality & Catering	Business Studies	

Please note: only one of the Art & Design courses can be selected.

Some subjects have maximum class sizes for health and safety reasons and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.



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Blue Pathway

This pathway is for those students who wish to study a combination of subjects leading to the English Baccalaureate Certificate (EBacc).

Option A	Option B, C & D	
French	History	Citizenship
History	Geography	Dance
Geography	Information Technology	Design & Technology
	Art, Craft & Design	Performing Arts/drama
	Art & Design – photography	Film Studies
	Art & Design – textiles	GCSE Physical Education
	Hospitality & Catering	Religious Studies
	French	Music
		Business Studies

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Green Pathway

The green pathway is suitable for those students who feel they would benefit from additional lessons spent on the core English and Mathematics aspects of the curriculum. This intervention support will take up one of the four option choices – students will need to select **one** subject from Block A and **TWO** subjects from Block C & D.

The Duke of Edinburgh award is a non-examined qualification where students learn a range of vital life skills leading to a recognised Bronze/Silver/Gold award.

Option A	Option B, C & D	
Duke Of Edinburgh	History	Citizenship
	Geography	Dance
Step Up to English/Functional Maths	Information Technology	Design & Technology
	Art, Craft & Design	Performing Arts/drama
	Art & Design – photography	Film Studies
	Art & Design – textiles	GCSE Physical Education
	Hospitality & Catering	Religious Studies
	French	Music
		Business Studies

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What next?



- Guided pathways assemblies will commence next week to ensure every student understands what is involved in each subject so as they can make informed choices.
- The Guided Pathways Booklet contains detailed course information and the contact details for all staff in case of further queries.
- Please talk to our staff this evening for their specialist input about the best option choices for your child.
- All confirmations of selections will be communicated via letter/emails for final parental confirmation.



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