St Mary's Catholic High School, Leyland
EBacc Information

As a school, we make sure that pupils and parents are fully aware of the benefits of the EBacc, as well as the government's target. However, our Options programme is overwhelmingly geared towards securing the most appropriate Key Stage 4 pathway for each individual pupil.

The EBacc is made up of the subjects which are considered essential to many degrees and open up lots of doors.

Research shows that a pupil's socio-economic background impacts the subjects they choose at GCSE, and that this determines their opportunities beyond school. A study by the UCL Institute of Education shows that studying subjects included in the EBacc provides students with greater opportunities in further education and increases the likelihood that a pupil will stay on in full-time education. Sutton Trust research reveals that studying the EBacc can help improve a young person's performance in English and Maths.

The EBacc is a set of subjects at GCSE that keeps young people's options open for further study and future careers. The EBacc is:

- English Language and Literature
- Mathematics
- The Sciences
- Geography or History
- A language

Subjects

English: To count towards the English part of the EBacc, pupils need to take both English Literature and English Language GCSE exams.

Science: Pupils need to take one of the following options:

- GCSE combined science – pupils take 2 GCSEs that cover the 3 main sciences, Biology, Chemistry and Physics
- 3 single sciences at GCSE – pupils choose 3 subjects from Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Computer science

Languages: Taking any ancient or modern foreign language GCSE counts towards the languages part of the EBacc.