

The Gainsborough Academy Curriculum Options 2022-23



“STRIVING TO GIVE OUR STUDENTS THE BEST POSSIBLE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES”



Options and Opportunities

“We want to send every young person into the world able and qualified to play their full part in it.”

Strengths

Enjoyment

Ambitions



OPTIONS PROCESS

STAGE 1 -YEAR 9

The subjects you will be choosing now are the foundation subjects for your option choices in Year 10/11.



TIMELY CHOICES

Make your own informed choices around your strengths, interests and your desires for the next stage of education and employment.



SEQUENCING & LEARNING OVER TIME

Foundation year that builds on the skills and knowledge from Year 7 and Year 8 and prepares students for GCSE

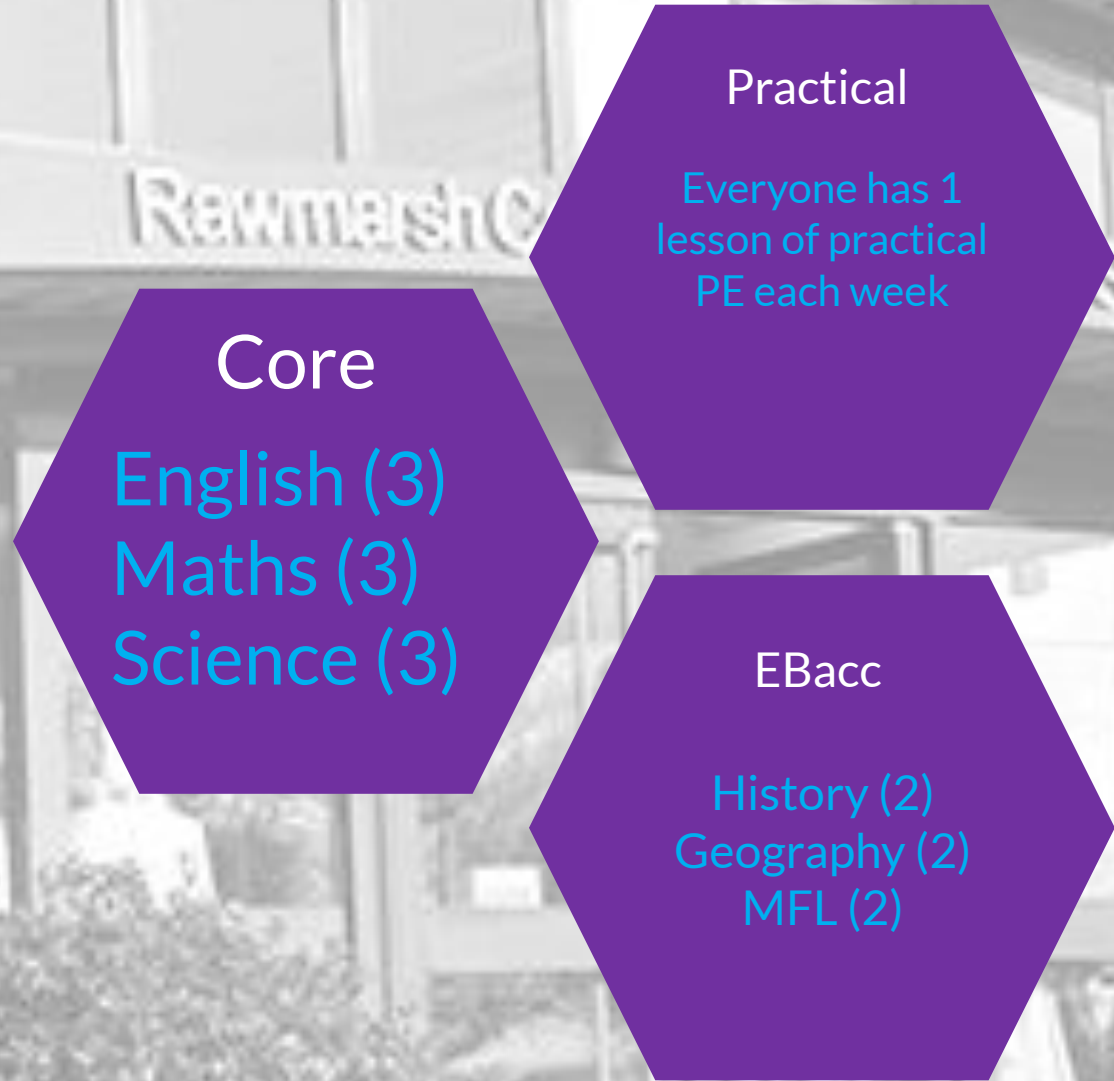
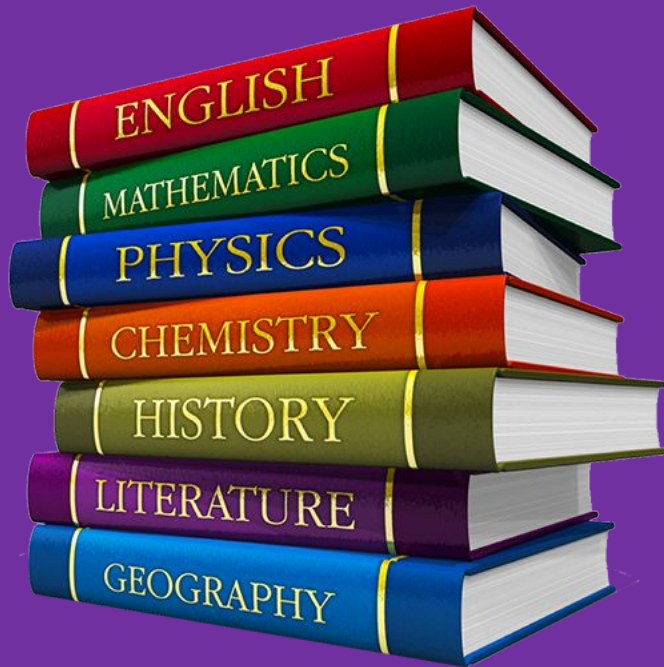


KNOW MORE, REMEMBER MORE

Embed transferable and bespoke skills needed for the more challenging subject content at GCSE.

The subjects everyone takes in Year 9

The Core Curriculum



WHAT SUBJECTS CAN I CHOOSE IN YEAR 9



Strengths

Enjoyment

Ambitions

Suites	Subject
Art/Food	Fine Art
	Hospitality
ICT	ICT
	Business Studies
Design Technology	Construction
	Engineering
	Product Design
Health Science	Childcare
	Health and Social Care
Political Science	Citizenship
	Religious Studies
Performing Arts	Drama
	Music
PE	Sport Studies
	Duke of Edinburgh
	Dance
MFL	French
	Spanish



Choose your faculties in order of preference

Suite	OPTIONS CHOICE	
Art/Food	FIRST CHOICE	
ICT		
Design Tech	SECOND CHOICE	
Health Science		
Political Science	THIRD CHOICE	
Performing Arts		
PE	FOURTH CHOICE	



Then you must choose either French or Spanish

OPTIONS PROCESS

STAGE 2 –YEAR 10

In February 2024, you will be asked to make your second ‘specialised choices’ to continue studying in Year 10 and Year 11.



INFORMED CHOICES

Having experienced your foundation subjects you will now decide upon your GCSE curriculum



EMBEDDED KNOWLEDGE

Personalise your curriculum with the subjects you want, and are ready to take further



EXAM READY

Demonstrate what you know and can do to ensure you are ready for the wider world

GCSE Curriculum Choices – Options 1 & 2 - EBacc

Geography	EBACC Choice	Two subject choices <u>For example</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• History• Spanish
History		
French		
Spanish		



GCSE Curriculum Choices – Options 3 & 4 - Open

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	Hospitality
ICT	ICT
	Business Studies
Design Technology	Construction
	Engineering
	Product Design
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WHAT WILL YOUR QUALIFICATIONS LOOK LIKE

MAKING ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Remember – not all students will study a language and may decide to choose another option they covered in their personalised curriculum in Year 9.

Below is an example of what the qualifications would look like if you made the same choices as the example.



CORE

GCSE English Language
GCSE English Literature
GCSE Maths



EBacc

GCSE Science
(Combined – 2 GCSEs)
GCSE History
GCSE Spanish



OPEN

BTEC ICT
GCSE RE

Prioritise your future

What do I need to be a...?

To get into..... you usually need Degree (or equivalent), A-levels (or equivalent), along with five GCSEs (grades 9-4), including English language, maths and at least one science.

- **CONSTRUCTION**

Employers will look for a good standard of education that often includes GCSE in (grades 9-4) in English and Maths. Previous experience in construction and design and technology is advisable.

- **POLICE OFFICER**

2 or more GCSEs at grades 9 to 3 for a Level 2 training course such as Public Services.
4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 for a Level 3 training course.

- **ENGINEER**

5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including Maths, Science and English Language

- **FORENSIC SCIENTIST**

5 GCSEs at grade 9 to 4 including Maths, Science and English. This is in addition to 3 A-Level qualifications.

- **NURSERY WORKER**

Good level of Maths and Literacy. This may need evidencing through GCSE qualifications.
Childcare qualification through an NVQ or BTEC

Making choices

Do's

Do choose subjects that:

- You enjoy
- You understand what it entails
- You understand how it is assessed
- You have a natural talent for
- You have an aptitude for
- Matches your personality
- Matches your learning style
- Matches your ambitions and goals

Don'ts

Don't choose subjects because:

- You like the teacher
- Your friends are doing it
- Your parents want you to
- It is the easy option

How you are graded

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

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

AWARDING
4 and above = bottom of C and above





THE PROCESS

How we support your decisions



Assembly

Thursday 12th 9am



Careers Workshops

Lessons delivered in your PSHE lessons



Options Evening

Tuesday 17th January – 3 main assemblies at 5pm, 5:30pm or 6pm.
Followed by open sessions with subject staff to discuss subjects in more detail



Choices

You must confirm your choices by Friday 27th January



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