

ETHOS OF EXCELLENCE

WE STRIVE TO BE THE BEST WE CAN BE.

WE SHOW RESILIENCE.

WE ARE SUPPORTIVE.

WE RESPECT INDIVIDUALITY.

WE ARE POLITE, FAIR AND HONEST.

WE HAVE A LOVE OF LEARNING.

Welcome to George Spencer Academy

Guided Pathways Evening, 27th November 2019



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1. Introduction to Guided Pathways

- Guided Pathways, not 'Options';
- Supporting students in making the best choices, both now and in the longer term;
- A broad and balanced range of subjects;
- Access to GSA Sixth Form courses, college, Higher Education and the workplace.



2. Making informed choices

DO	DO NOT
Choose subjects you enjoy and that you are good at	Choose subjects because your friend is choosing them
Think about A-levels, Higher Education and career prospects	Choose subjects because you like the teacher
Keep your options open by choosing a broad range of subjects	Choose subjects for novelty value
Listen to the advice you are given	Fret



3. The Y10/11 curriculum

Core subjects All students study these courses	Option subjects (3 x 2.5 hours per week)			
	EBacc GCSE subjects	Other GCSE subjects		Vocational subjects
English (5 hours per week)	French	Art	Media/Film Studies	Children's Play & Development
Maths (5 hours per week)	Spanish	Business Studies	Music	Hospitality and Catering
Separate Science (6 hours per week)*	Geography	Design Technology	Philosophy & Ethics	Health & Social Care
PE (1 hour per week)	History	Drama	Photography	ICT / Creative Media
* Some students will study Combined Science in 5 hours per week and have extra support in English or Maths.	Computing	Food & Nutrition	Physical Education	Travel & Tourism
		Psychology		Creative/ Performing Arts

G-route students

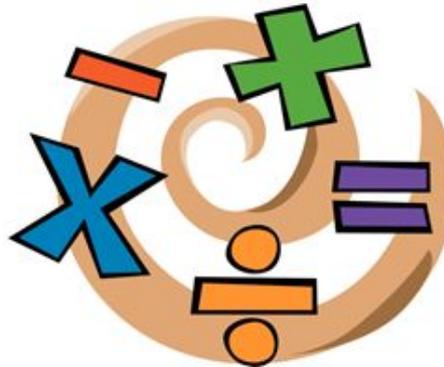
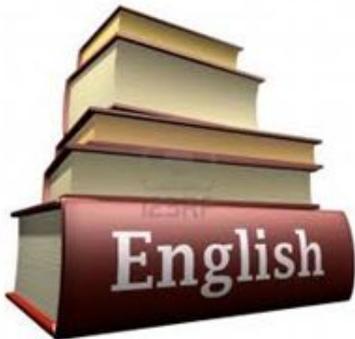
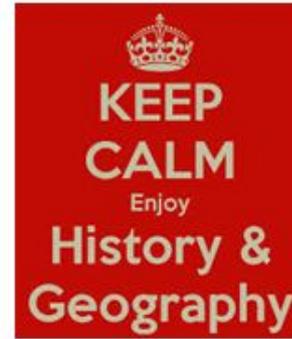
Students are required to study **at least one** of the EBacc subjects.

It is recommended that students study:

- A Language;
- Geography or History.

You cannot study both Creative Media and Media Studies.

4. The EBacc- a good starting point



5. Looking to the future

The impact of undergraduate degrees on early-career earnings

Research report

November 2018

Chris Belfield, Jack Britton, Franz Buscha, Lorraine Dearden, Matt Dickson, Laura van der Erve, Luke Sibieta, Anna Vignoles, Ian Walker and Yu Zhu

Institute for Fiscal Studies

Those who attend HE earn a lot more on average than those who do not.

At age 29 the average man who attended HE earns around 25% more than the average man (with five A*-C GCSEs) who did not.

For women the gap is more than 50%.

'Facilitating subjects' at A-level for Russell Group universities: English Literature, Maths/ Further Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, French, Spanish, Geography and History.



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6. Other points to be aware of

- We aim for all students to get a place on their three preferred courses. Occasionally, this is not possible and a reserve choice will be allocated. You will be informed;
- Some students may receive guidance on adjusting their preferences to better suit their strengths. You will be informed;
- Most students complete all three of their options courses in Year 10 and 11. In some cases, it is more appropriate for students to complete fewer courses and to focus more on the core subjects. You will be informed;
- Students will either study Separate Science in six hours per week, or Combined Science in five hours and spend extra time on their English and Maths. A decision will be made on this for each student at the end of Year 9, based on their assessment data in all of the core subjects. You will be informed.

7. Making your choices

GSA Year 9 Guided Pathways 2018-19

Please only complete and submit this form once. If you wish to make changes after submission, please contact pallen@george-spencer.notts.sch.uk

***Required**

What is your son / daughter's surname? *

Your answer _____

What is your son / daughter's first name? *

Your answer _____

Which form group is he / she in? *

Choose ▾

Name of the parent/carer completing this form *

Your answer _____

Which route is he / she on? (This information can be found on the front page of your options booklet) *

Choose ▾



8. Timeline- what next?

Wednesday
27/11/19-
Pathways
Evening

Tuesday
10/12/19-
Taster Day

Weds 29/1/20
(P) and Thurs
6/2/20 (S)-
Parents'
Evenings

Friday
14/2/20-
deadline for
choices

- All options subjects are available for you to visit tonight in the Hall;
- The core subjects and the Sixth Form are also represented;
- Students will make their Taster choices on Friday this week.



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