

## Pathways Factsheet

### What subjects must my child study?

All students must study:

- GCSE English
- GCSE English Literature
- GCSE Mathematics
- At least 2 GCSEs in Science
- Either GCSE Product Design **or** GCSE Art
- Religious Education - Core
- Physical Education - Core

### What about History and Geography?

- All students will continue with their study in either History and / or Geography
- Students can decide to continue with both History and Geography instead of an option choice.

### What about Modern Foreign Languages?

- The academy offers the opportunity to study GCSE Spanish in Y9.
- At the end of Y9, we will offer GCSEs in Urdu or Arabic.
- To study Arabic or Urdu students must first have passed a test proving they can speak read and write the language
- A very small number of students will follow a pathway that allows them to study GCSE ICT instead of Spanish.

### What choices are there?

- All students will choose between GCSE Product Design or GCSE Art
- Students whose current English level suggests they will not need extra help to take GCSE English and GCSE English Literature will make a further choice between:
  - GCSE Computer Science
  - GCSE Business Studies
  - GCSE Music
  - GCSE Religious Education
  - GCSE History.
  - GCSE Additional Maths

### What is the English Baccalaureate – Ebacc?

- **English Baccalaureate** is awarded to any students who achieve 5 GCSEs (A\* to C) in the following subjects:
  1. English
  2. Maths
  3. Science & Additional Science / Computer Science
  4. A Language
  5. A Humanity (History or Geography)
- The **English Baccalaureate** allows students to study a broad core of more traditional academic subjects which allows students to have a greater choice when applying for A levels thus enabling them to have the option to apply to leading universities.