



QUEEN'S PARK HIGH SCHOOL

Friday 17th January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

We invite you to attend our options evening, known at QPHS as Guided Choices evening on **Thursday 30th January 2025**. The event will begin at 4.30pm with a presentation in the main hall.

Year 9 students have the opportunity to select a range of subjects to study in Year 10 and 11. These decisions are very important and we want to ensure that students are guided to make the right choices for them and their future. To help students in their decision making process, after the presentation in the hall, families will have the opportunity to speak to different subject teachers about their curriculum offer. Your child will be choosing four subject options to study at GCSE. On the evening, you will be provided with an options booklet which will include information about each subject as well as the form which will be used for you and your child to make their selections.

At Queen's Park High School, we believe the curriculum supports all learners and everything we do encompasses our school values of 'Inspiring Individuals, Empowering Minds, Defining Futures'. Whilst we encourage students to choose subjects which cater to their potential and immerse themselves in areas of the curriculum which they are most passionate about, we strongly recommend students to follow the English Baccalaureate (EBacc) route although this is not compulsory. The EBacc is comprised of the following subjects:

- Maths (Compulsory)
- English Language/Literature (Compulsory)
- Science (Compulsory Combined or Triple as 1 option)
- History or Geography (1 option – at least one of these subjects is compulsory)
- French or Spanish (1 option)

The EBacc is a set of subjects at GCSE with a broad range of skills which are considered essential in many degrees and therefore opens up lots of doors for further study. Research by the Centre for Longitudinal Studies has shown that students following the EBacc route are more likely to stay in education after the age of 16, moving on to university and apprenticeships. Every child should still experience a high-quality arts and cultural education and with students choosing four different options, they can choose further option subjects which they are passionate about.

We aim to offer a bespoke curriculum for each student, however Queen's Park High School reserves the right to make the final decision about the most appropriate Key Stage 4 curriculum on an individual basis.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to school to consider the next steps in their education with us at Queen's Park High School.

Yours faithfully,

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