



Astrea Academy Trust
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Ernulf
Academy

YEAR 9 PATHWAYS 2023

Welcome to the Year 9 Pathways Information Evening 2023

1. Introduction to the Pathways Process

Mr G Lewis (Vice Principal)

2. Qualifications and Assessment

Mr M Neesam (Principal)

3. Important Advice and Support

Mr N Schleising (Director of Key Stage)

Pathways 2023 Important Dates

24 February onwards

Assembly and subject presentations

2 March

Pathways Evening

7 and 9 March

Year 9 Parents Consultation Evening

Friday 24 March

Deadline for completing online Pathways Form

Our courses

All pupils will follow an ambitious curriculum that provides them with the core knowledge they need for success in education and in later life. We seek to develop the whole person and the talents of each individual and to allow pupils to become active and economically self-sufficient citizens.

All pupils will follow a core curriculum of:

- English Language and English Literature
- Mathematics
- Science, including Biology, Chemistry and Physics
- Physical Education (PE)
- Personal Development (PD)
- Religious Education (RE)
- History or Geography

Our courses

In addition to the core curriculum, most pupils will study **French or Spanish**.

All pupils will express a preference to continue to study at least one of the following subjects:

- Art
- Business Studies
- Design Technology
- Drama
- Media Studies
- Music
- GCSE PE

Please note:

It may not be possible to run all subjects, so pupils are also asked to make a reserve preference

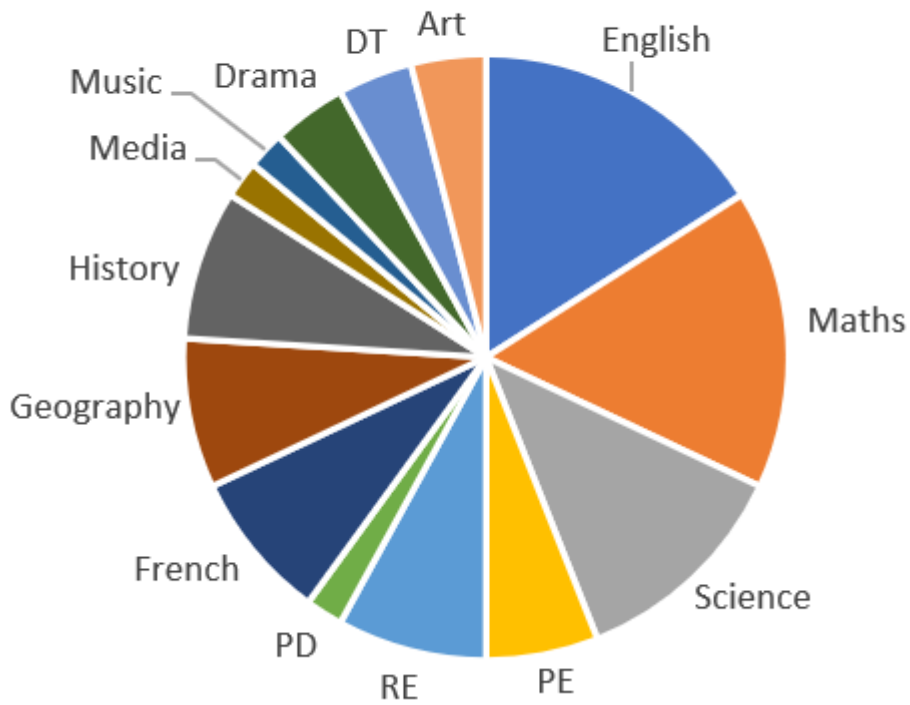
Our extra curricular offer

In addition to pupils' main curriculum, Ernulf Academy continues to expand our extra curricular offer. Alongside their traditional subjects, pupils will also be able to choose from opportunities such as:

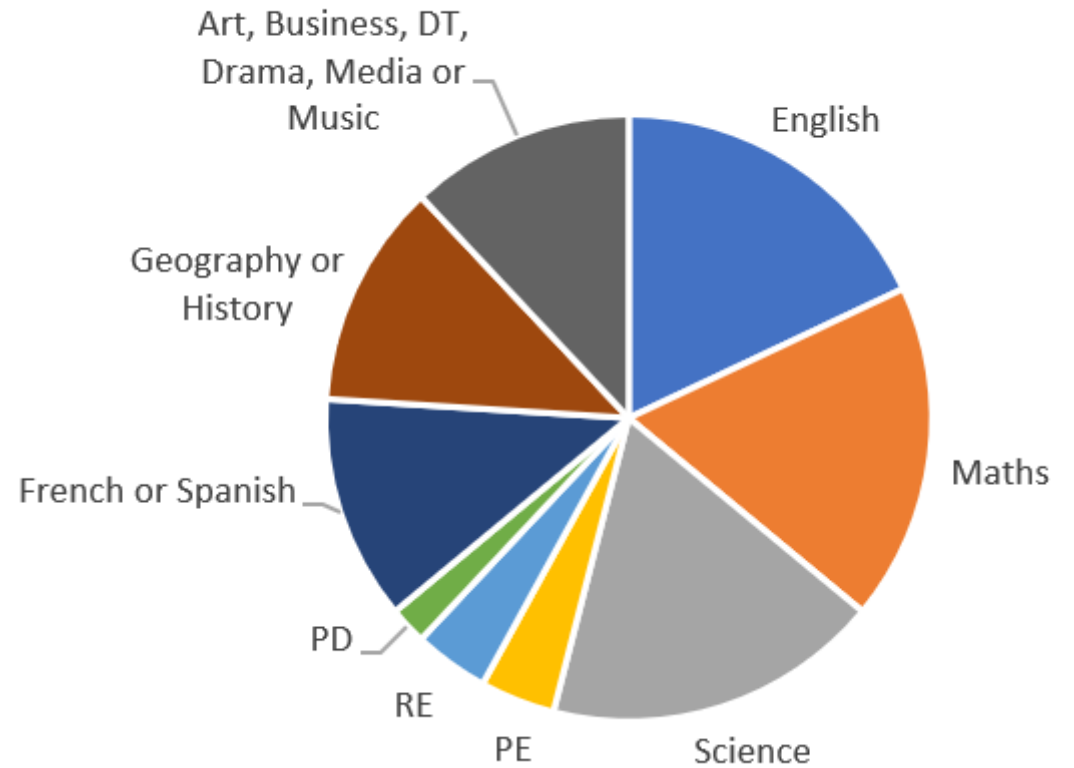
- Sports clubs: Trampolining, gymnastics, football, rugby, badminton
- Sports Leaders Award
- Fine Art Club
- Drama Club
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- History Film Club
- Eco Club
- Maths Challenge
- The Tenner Challenge
- Cooking Club
- Debating Club
- Pupil Magazine
- Raspberry Pi programming
- Study Support
- Sparx Maths
- Homework Club

What is the same and what is different?

Year 9



Year 10



Core Subjects

English
Mathematics
Science

Core PE
Core RE*
Core PD

Red Route

Humanities
Geography or History

MFL
(highly recommended)
French or Spanish

1 further choice

Blue Route

Humanities
Geography or
History

2 further choices

*Some pupils will
choose to complete the
GSCE (Short Course) in
RE

Confirming Pathway Preferences

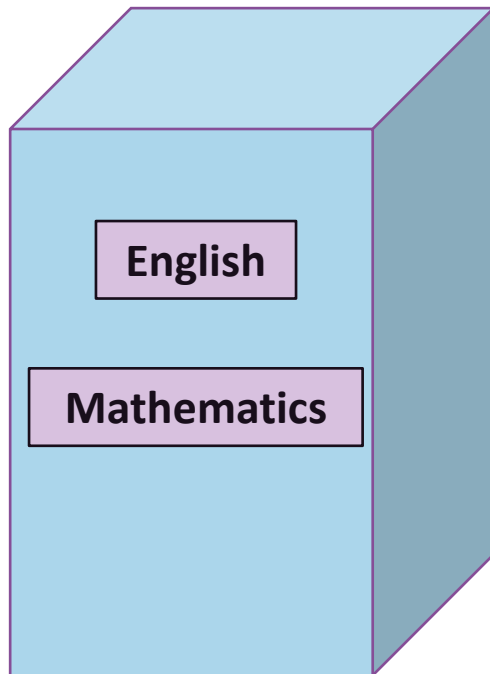
All pupils will have received an email to their school accounts with a link to our Pathways Form. This will be completed electronically via Microsoft Teams, using pupil's school accounts.

Pupil emails will contain a link to their recommended pathway. *Please only use the link that has been sent to you!*

All Pathways Forms must be completed by Friday 24 March. Early responses are very much appreciated!

The Attainment 8 Buckets

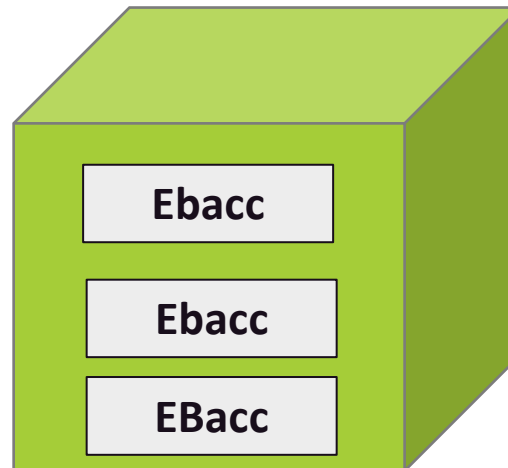
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Bucket 1

- One slot for English, double weighted
- One for maths, double weighted

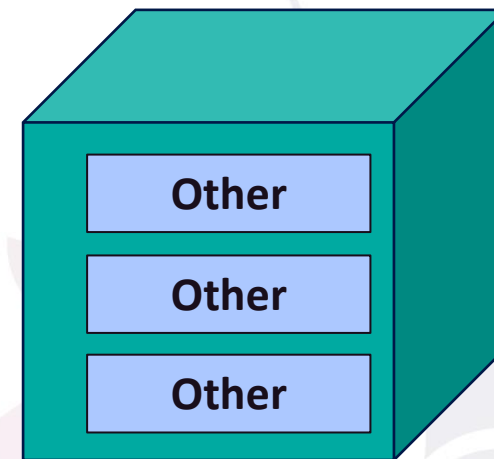
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Bucket 2

- Three Ebacc qualifications: Sciences, geography, history and languages

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Bucket 3

- Three “other” subjects
- English Literature
- Any remaining Ebacc qualifications
- Other approved qualifications

The English Baccalaureate (Ebacc)

The Ebacc is a set of ‘preferred’ subjects designed to keep pupils’ options open for further study and careers.

What do I need to qualify for the Ebacc?

English, Mathematics and Science, Modern Foreign Language and a Humanities (History or Geography)

Subjects included in the Ebacc provide pupils with greater opportunities in further education and increases the likelihood of staying in full time education.

What grades will pupils receive?

How are they graded?

GCSE grades range between 9-1

4 or above is considered a standard pass

5 or above is considered a strong pass

Strong passes are usually required for further study in that subject area at Post 16, for example A Levels.

GCSEs are Level 2 qualifications. They prepare pupils for the next steps of their education. A Levels are Level 3 qualifications.

Old grades	New grades
A*	9
A	8
B	7
C	6
	5 STRONG PASS
	4 STANDARD PASS
D	3
E	2
F	1
G	1
U	U

Pathways – Top Tips

When considering the pathway that is **right for you**, there are a number of factors that you should consider whilst making these decisions.

What should influence your choices?

- ✓ Talent
- ✓ Enjoyment
- ✓ Intrigued
- ✓ Recommendations
- ✓ Performance from KS3
- ✓ Future career

What should not influence your choices?

- ✗ Friends
- ✗ Brothers/sisters
- ✗ Teacher preference
- ✗ Assumptions made from KS3
- ✗ It's easy

Pathways – Teacher Support

You are likely to have lots of questions, do not let these go unanswered!

This is for your future so make sure you take your time and get it right.

Best way to gather information...

- Tonight – Subject Information
 - Speak to your subject teachers and our heads of department
 - Parent Consultation Evening on Tuesday 7 and Thursday 9 March
- Contact: form tutors, teachers, Miss Bowring, Mr Schleising, Mr Lewis, Mr Neesam

Pathways – Future Study and Career Path

You are still young, not everyone will know exactly what they want to do or where they want to go. KS4 is the foundation to the next chapter of your educational journey.

Future Study

- College
- 6th Form
- University
- Apprenticeship

Career Paths

- Apprenticeship
- Employment

Next steps

- Speak to the subject teachers here tonight
- Speak to your child about the subjects they think they will enjoy and be really successful in
- Read through the subject information on our website and watch the videos for each subject
- Speak to your child's teachers about their suitability for a particular subject at our Parents' Consultation Evening next week
- Fill in the pathways form with your child before Friday 24 March

Subject locations

General enquiries - **PA**

GCSE Media – **Media Classroom**

GCSE History + GCSE Geography
+ Core Religious Education **M3**

GCSE French + GCSE Spanish – **M2**

GCSE Business Studies – **M2**

GCSE PE + Core Physical Education – **S9**

GCSE Science Combined and Triple – **S11**

GCSE Design Technology – **DT2**

GCSE Drama + GCSE Music – **Drama Studio**

GCSE English Language and GCSE English
Literature + GCSE Mathematics + Core Personal
Development – **Library**

GCSE Art and Design – **A4**