



Year 9

Options Information 2020

Option Information

Exams and Assessment

Most exams will be taken at the end of the two-year course rather than on completion of modules.

There will be fewer 'bite-sized' questions and more essay-style questions.

The content will be more challenging than KS3, with more substantial texts in English Literature and a number of new topics in Mathematics.

Coursework and controlled assessment have disappeared from most subjects, apart from vocational subjects where work is broken down into modules.

New GCSE grades explained

9	A*
8	A
7	
6	B
5 (strong pass)	C
4 (standard pass)	
3	D
2	E
1	F
	G
U	U

EBacc

The EBacc is not a qualification in its own right – it's a combination of GCSE subjects. The school offers all students the opportunity to study the EBacc subjects. Students who wish to progress to university may wish to consider taking a language with the options this year being French and Spanish.

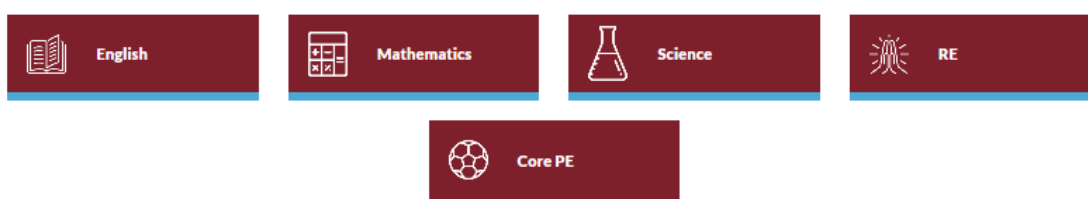
The subjects that make up the EBacc are:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Humanities (History or Geography)
- Modern Foreign Language (French or Spanish)

Option Subjects

The school website has information about each of the subjects and a course description. You will also be able to see the content of the course and the topics that will be covered, how the course will be assessed and what careers and further study the subjects can lead to. **Core PE is taken by all students but is not formally assessed.**

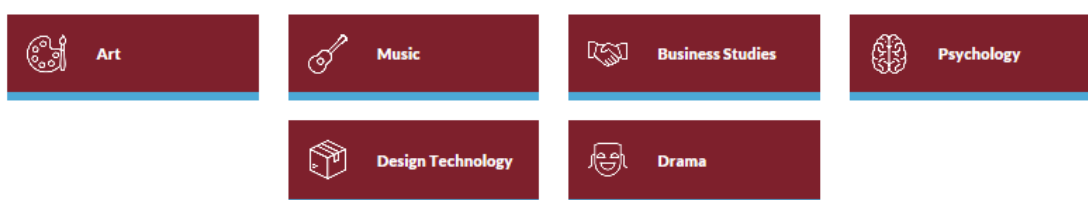
Core Subjects



EBACC



GCSE Subjects



Vocational Subjects



Use this link to access the information.

<https://www.holyfamilyschool.uk/ks4-curriculum-and-choices/>

Options Form

Please fully complete the options form that you have received. The form is electronic and should be returned by email to options@holyfamilyschool.uk. Below is an explanation of how to do this.

The Holy Family Catholic School



OPTIONS FORM 2020 – 2021

NAME:

FORM:

Core Subjects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religious Studies • English Language • Combined Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathematics • English Literature
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← All students study these subjects.

HUMANITIES	
Geography	<input type="checkbox"/>
History	<input type="checkbox"/>

← Pick one

To achieve the EBACC qualification students must study: one Modern Foreign Language subject and one Humanities subject. If you wish to follow the EBACC route please select the appropriate Language as Choice 1 or 2 from the list below.

Please choose a first choice, and a second choice from the list below by checking the boxes under first choice or second choice in each block. **DO NOT** choose the same subject in both blocks.

BLOCK A	1 st Choice	2 nd Choice	BLOCK B	1 st Choice	2 nd Choice
Art	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Business	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Business	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	French	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drama	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Health & Social	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
French	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	ICT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ICT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Design Technology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Psychology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spanish	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Spanish	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BTEC Sport	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	BTEC Sport	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

← Block A pick a 1st choice and a 2nd choice.

← Block B pick a 1st choice and a 2nd choice.

Please return this form by email to options@holyfamilyschool.uk by Thursday, 7 May 2020

I confirm as parent/carer of..... that I support these choices that have been made (please tick the box) ☐

← Inset the name of the student and tick the box.

If you have any questions or need assistance/advice when choosing your options, please get in touch at the following email. We will try and reply within 48 hours.

options@holyfamilyschool.uk

Deadline

Please return your options form to options@holyfamilyschool.uk by Thursday, 7 May 2020.

We will be in touch to confirm your choices when we have received all student responses and have allocated places to the subjects.