



Learning in England ∞ English Baccalaureate

11 > What is the EBacc?

The EBacc refers to the grades and combination of subjects that the Government thinks is important for young people to achieve at GCSE.

It includes five subject areas:

1. English Language and Literature
2. Maths
3. The Sciences
4. Geography or History
5. A Language

In order to be awarded the English Baccalaureate, you need to achieve a Grade 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 in **each** subject, of these subject areas.

The EBacc gives an indication that a school is providing a good education across a range of subjects. It must be good for their reputation, if they have a large number of children gaining the EBacc.

“It is nice to have, but not essential for going to University. It provides a sort of shorthand. So, I achieved 9s for English Language and Literature, 7s for Maths and the Sciences, 9 for History and 5 for French. As I needed 5 or above in French to go to UCL to read Dentistry, that was lucky! But I could have applied to other universities, where a Language at GCSE was not required.”¹

Contact us at Paths to Learning by emailing or Skyping felicity.gunn@pathstolearning.com or by booking a call through our website at www.pathstolearning.com.

∞ Q ∞

Must my child gain the EBacc?

∞ A ∞

No, but if he does, it shows he is an all-rounder to a good level.

¹ Ellie, GCSE pupil, after she had her results.