



Dear parent/carer,

KS4 Curriculum Pathways - Core Curriculum

All students at MKA follow the core curriculum. This consists of GCSE qualifications in English Language, English Literature, Mathematics and Combined Science (double award). All students also follow a non-examined curriculum in Physical Education and PSHE, including Religious Studies.

Students then follow a guided options pathway of Red, Orange, or Green, which are all made up of four options choices. The pathway choice is discussed with parents/carers and some flexibility is allowed.

Red (EBacc) Pathway – 1x Humanities 1x Language 2x Option (compulsory language)

Students on the Red Pathway follow our most academic curriculum which meets the criteria of the English Baccalaureate.

They make two guided choices:

1. Humanities choice of a GCSE in either History or Geography
2. A GCSE Modern Foreign language choice of either French or Spanish

Beyond these guided choices, students then select two further choices from the remaining options.

Orange (Core) Pathway – 1x Humanities 3x Option (non-compulsory language)

The majority of students will be recommended to follow the Orange Pathway.

They make one guided choice:

1. Humanities choice of a GCSE in either History or Geography

Beyond this guided choice, students then select *three further option choices* from the remaining options subjects.

Green (Access) Pathway – 3x Option 1x Access

Students on the Green Pathway follow an adapted curriculum designed to ensure they have the greatest success in their outcomes. They select three option choices with their fourth option assigned as Access. The Access option comprises of a curriculum of literacy, numeracy and ASDAN. If we believe the green pathway is right for a student, we will have arranged a meeting with family, to discuss this pathway in more detail.

The deadline for returning the completed options form is **Monday 17th March**.

Yours sincerely,

Josh Connolly, Vice Principal