



Learning in England ∞ English Baccalaureate

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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

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Must my child gain the EBacc?

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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.
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