

The Curriculum

Key Stage 3: Years 7, 8 and 9

All girls study a broad and enriching curriculum that enables them to build their core knowledge and skills, as well as discovering new interests:

English	Music	History	PE
Maths	Dance	Geography	RE
Science	Art	Drama	Food Technology
French or Spanish	Textiles	Computer Science	S/PSHE

Key Stage 4: Years 10 and 11

All students work towards GCSEs in the core curriculum subjects of:

- English language and English literature;
- mathematics;
- biology, chemistry and physics separately OR combined science;
- French or Spanish (the GCSE is taken in Year 9)

Students also continue to study PE, RE and S/PSHE (non-examined).

Personalisation

Girls can also study up to **4 optional GCSEs**: two in Year 10 and two in Year 11. All subjects studied at KS3 are available as GCSE options, plus we offer additional GCSE only subjects including economics, sociology, media studies, business studies and psychology. Students can also follow the foundation learning pathway which enables them to take a variety of BTECs and literacy and numeracy qualifications.

Benefits of our GCSE option model:

- Mixed option groups mean girls from year 10 and 11 work together and act as role models and mentors to each other;
- Students with a range of interests and strengths can study a wider range of subjects than is possible in many schools;
- Girls learn valuable lessons from their experience of taking some exams in year 9 and 10, which ultimately pays off in year 11;
- Higher proportions of students achieve the English Baccalaureate (strong passes in English, maths, science, a modern foreign language and history or geography);
- All students are encouraged to take a creative subject;
- Girls can choose to spend more time studying for their core subjects or pursue more vocational routes instead of taking so many GCSE options.