

Curriculum at EGA

Key Stage 3: Years 7 and 8:

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

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

Key Stage 4: Years 9, 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 (in Year 9).

Personalisation:

Girls can also study up to **5 optional GCSEs**: one in Year 9, 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, Film Studies, Print and Photography and Psychology. Students can also follow the foundation learning pathway which enables them to take a variety of BTECs and alternative literacy and numeracy qualifications.

Benefits of our GCSE option model:

- Mixed option groups mean girls from year 9 to year 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 – but they will only be entered if they are ready;
- Higher proportions of students achieve the English Baccalaureate (strong passes in English, Maths, Science, a Modern Foreign Language and History or Geography);
- Girls can choose to spend more time studying for their core subjects or pursue more vocational routes instead of taking so many GCSE options.