

Windsor Girls' School Key Stage 4 Curriculum

At Key Stage 4, all students will study the following core curriculum:

- **English**
All students will study English Language and English Literature.
- **Mathematics**
- **Science** – there are three Science courses currently run across Years 10 and 11. Subject teachers will provide appropriate guidance to students on the course which will best suit their needs. The courses run in Science are:
 - Triple Science where students study for a separate GCSE in Biology, Chemistry and Physics. This leads to three independent GCSE qualifications
 - Double (Trilogy or Synergy) where students will achieve two GCSEs by Year 11.
 - BTEC Level 2 Qualification
- **Physical Education** - 3/4 hours per fortnight
- **ICT** - Some students will follow a vocational ICT course. Other students will access and develop ICT skills across the curriculum
- **Philosophy and Ethics.**

Options

Students opt to follow up to 4 additional courses at GCSE. The option choices provide broad curriculum choices. It is the expectation that the majority of students will choose a language and a humanity. Students receive appropriate guidance to support them with their choices.

This includes:

- Options Evening
- Career surveys
- Learning to Work lessons
- Assemblies
- Focus day activities
- Subject teacher guidance

The Key Stage 4 curriculum is based on academic courses and is supplemented by appropriate vocational courses.

Banding and Setting

There are two bands in Years 10 and 11 for the core curriculum, an upper band and a lower band. Setting is based on prior attainment across Year 9

Students are setted independently within the bands in English, Mathematics and Science.