



GCSE Curriculum Information and Guidance Evening



Devonport High School for Girls

Mr Thomas
Deputy Head Teacher

Aims of the evening

Outline the Key Stage 4 curriculum programme

Explain what is meant by the 'core' and 'option' curriculum

Provide information to help students make their choices

Outline the options process

Highlight key dates

Provide opportunity to visit subjects and ask questions



The Key Stage 4 Curriculum at DHSG

At the heart is a strong academic core

A broad and balanced curriculum

Opportunities to enrich the curriculum through engaging and challenging educational experiences

Extended breadth and depth of study

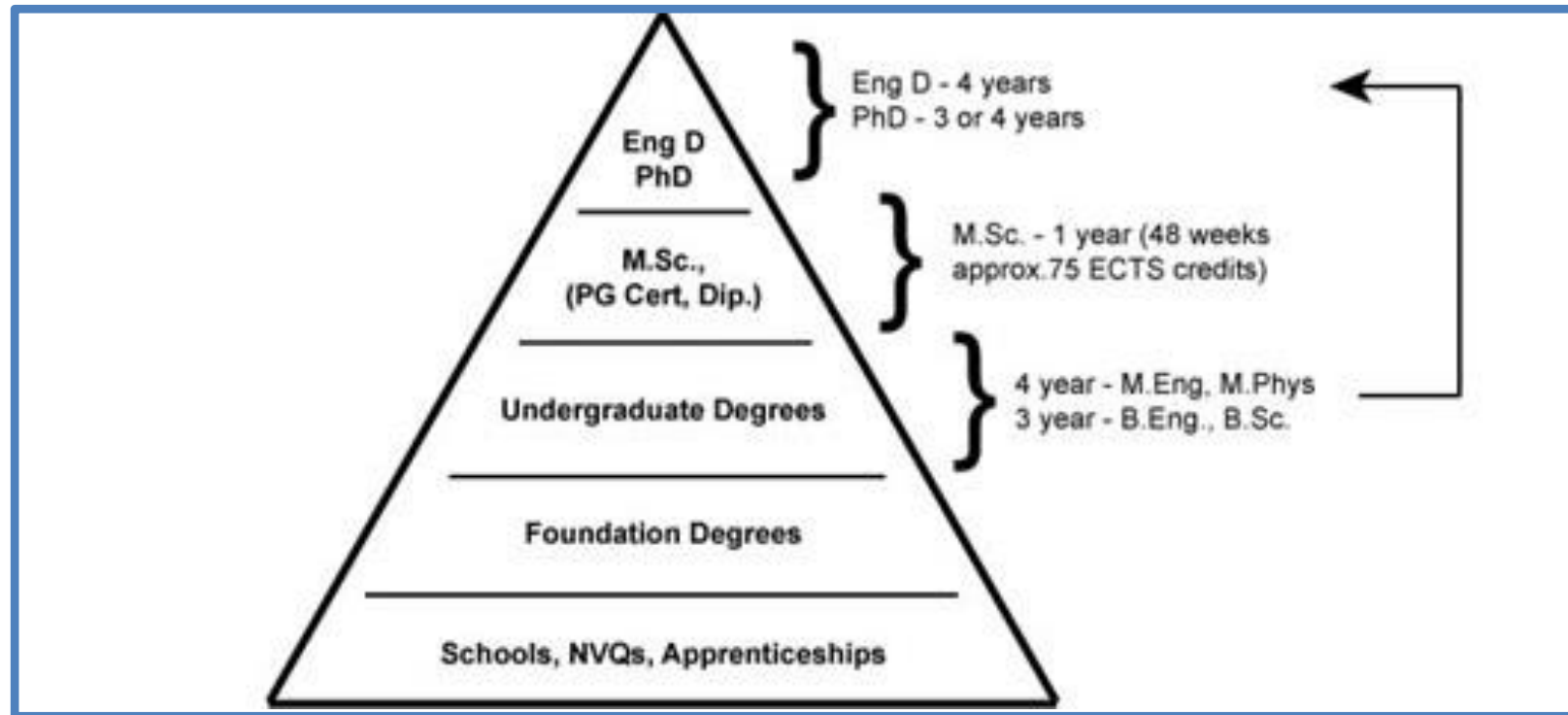
Increased opportunities for tailoring the curriculum



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Breadth of study

10 GCSEs gives students a broad curriculum base and allows them access to A levels, apprenticeships and courses in Higher and Further Education.



Strong academic core



The English Baccalaureate:

- ✓ English Language / Literature
- ✓ Mathematics
- ✓ Science × 2
- ✓ MFL
- ✓ Geography or History

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Core Curriculum

Core PE

Social Studies (RS & Citizenship)

Personal, social, health, economic education

Careers including work experience for all



Core Subjects

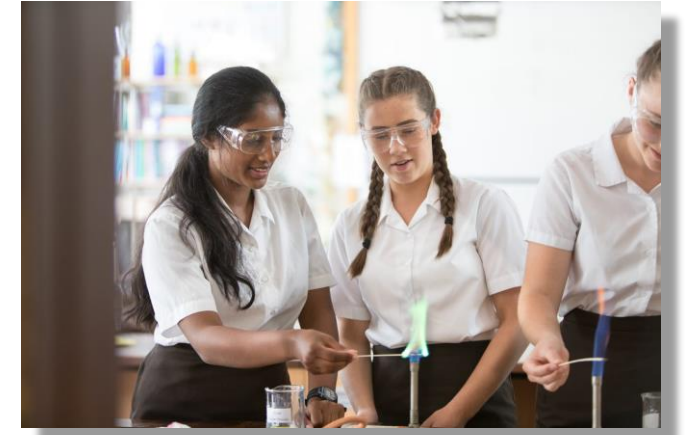
Mathematics

English Language

English Literature



Core Subjects



Science EITHER

Combined science? 2 GCSEs

Separate sciences? 3 GCSEs



Core Subjects

A Foreign Language

French

Spanish

German

Latin

Chinese

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Core Subjects

Either

Geography

or

History

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Non Core / Option Subjects

Another language (up to two)
Geography and History

Or any subjects from the
following.....



Non Core / Option Subjects

Art and Design: Fine Art*
Art and Design: Textiles Design*
Business
Computer Science
Drama
Food Preparation and Nutrition
Music
Physical Education
Religious Studies



Extended Curriculum

- ✓ Enrichment days
- ✓ Enterprise days and competitions
- ✓ Duke of Edinburgh Award
- ✓ Ten Tors
- ✓ Sports Leadership
- ✓ Musical concerts
- ✓ Drama production
- ✓ STEM activities including university visits and competitions
- ✓ Maths Challenge
- ✓ Outdoor Education
- ✓ Sports Clubs
- ✓ Young Chef Team Challenge
- ✓ Student Leadership opportunities
- ✓ Lunchtime clubs and societies
- ✓ International projects
- ✓ Environmental and political opportunities
- ✓ Work experience placements
- ✓ Community and charity work



Choosing Your Non Compulsory Options

Consider any longer term aims:

- ✓ Career ideas
- ✓ University degree
- ✓ A Level study



NB: It is very unlikely that a decision now will close a door to your future so do not panic!

Choosing a subject

DO'S

- Interest and ability
- Future pathways – is GCSE required for A Level study or beyond
- Skills?
- Check content
- Not sure? The way our curriculum has been designed guarantees that it is broad & balanced

DON'TS

- Teacher
- Perceived easy option
- Subjects you really struggle with
- Subjects you do not enjoy
- Study a subject based on your friends' choices



GCSE Options Form 2022

Subject	Choice (✓)
Combined Sciences (2 GCSEs)	✓
Separate Sciences (3 GCSEs)	

We have considered carefully student preferences in creating the option blocks. However, it is really important that you inform us if you are unable to achieve your preferred combination of subjects (please detail in the box below if this applies to you).

Mr Thomas will meet with individual students (who have raised a query in the box below) having reviewed all option forms following the submission date.

A	B	C	D	E
*Art & Design: Fine Art	*Art & Design: Fine Art	Business	*Art & Design: Textile Design	Chinese
Drama	Drama	Computer science	Business	French
Geography	Geography	Geography	Food Preparation and Nutrition	German
Music	History	History	Religious Studies	Latin
Religious Studies	Physical Education	Spanish	Separate science	Spanish
Separate science				Separate science
Choice: <i>Geography</i>	Choice: <i>Fine art</i>	Choice: <i>History</i>	Choice: <i>Religious Studies</i>	Choice: <i>French</i>

*My preferred options
were*

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Choice: <i>Geography</i>	Choice: <i>History</i>	Choice: <i>Computing</i>	Choice: <i>Separate science</i>	Choice: <i>Spanish</i>

Please return this options form to Mr Thomas via school office by 3.35pm Friday 11th March.



Careers

Mr Lamb
Assistant Head Teacher



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2nd March 2022
GCSE Options Evening

9th March 2022
Parents'/Carers' Evening

11th March 2022
Option Form Deadline

