



Middle Years Curriculum Information and Guidance Evening



Devonport High School for Girls



The Middle School 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

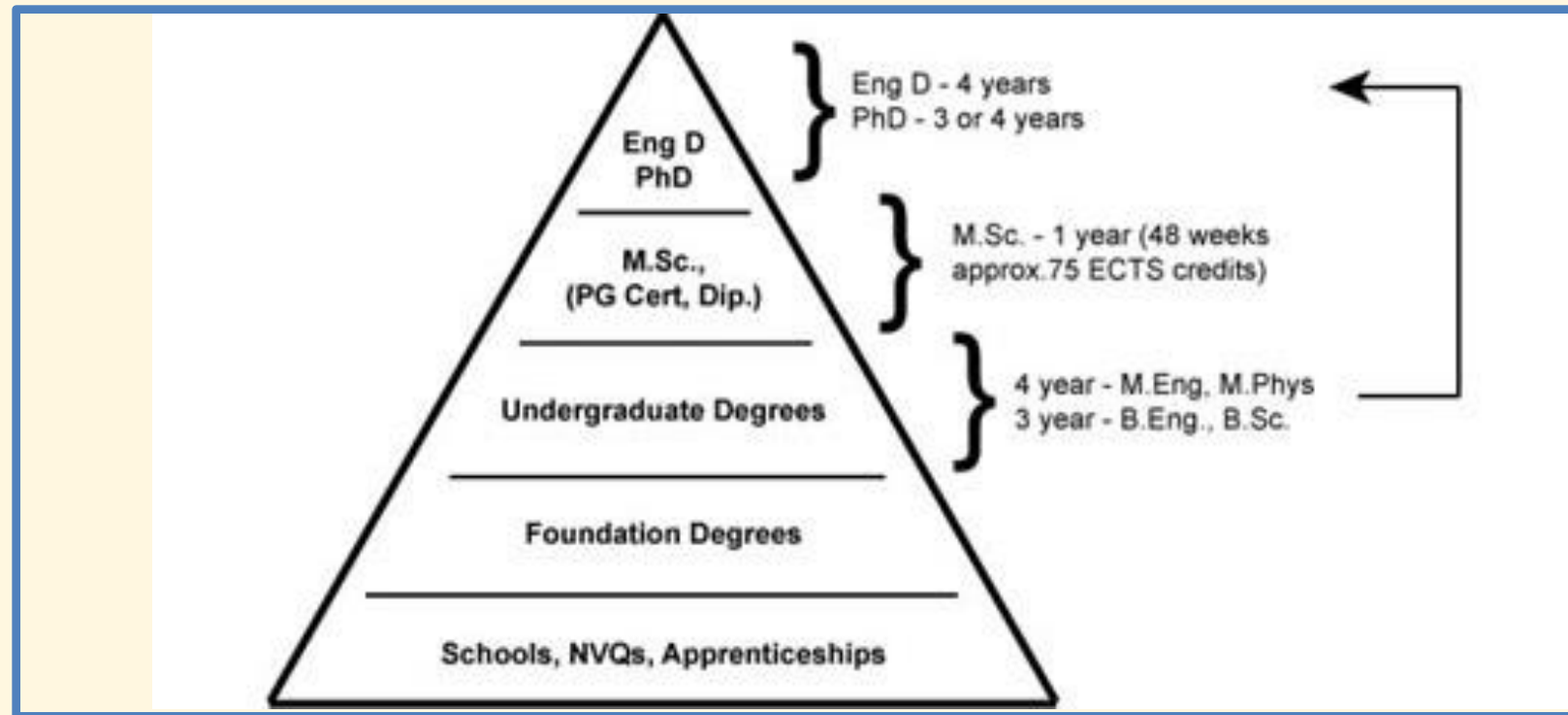
Meeting the needs of the new GCSEs



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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



Core Curriculum

Core PE

Social Studies (RS & Citizenship)

Personal, social, health, economic education

Careers including work experience for all



Core Curriculum

Mathematics

English Language

English Literature



Core Curriculum

Science EITHER

Combined science? 2 GCSEs

Separate sciences? 3 GCSEs





Core Curriculum

A Foreign Language

French

Spanish

German

Chinese

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Core Curriculum

Either

Geography

or

History

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Other GCSE option subjects

Art and Design: Fine Art
Business
Classical Civilisation
Computer Science
Drama
Food Preparation and Nutrition
French or Spanish
Geography or History
Music
Physical Education
Religious Studies

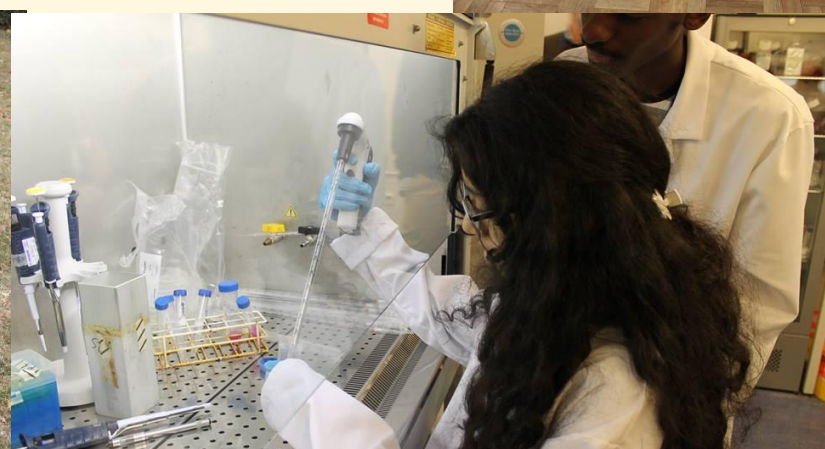


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Extended Curriculum

- ✓ 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

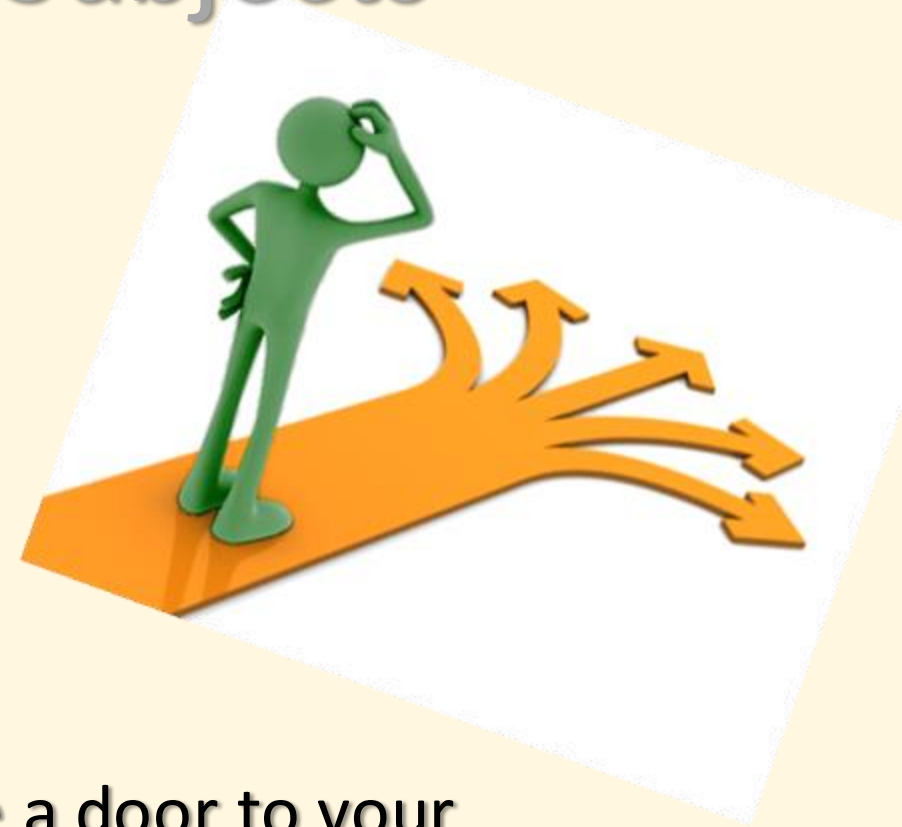
- ✓ Outdoor Education
- ✓ Sports Clubs
- ✓ Young Chef Team Challenge
- ✓ Student Leadership opportunities
- ✓ 50+ lunchtime clubs and societies
- ✓ International projects
- ✓ Environmental and political opportunities
- ✓ Work experience placements
- ✓ Community and charity work



Choosing Your Option Subjects

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
- Ability
- Future pathways – is GCSE required for A Level study or beyond
- Skills
- Check content

DON'TS

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



Student A

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

GCSE Options Form 2024

- 10GCSEs:
- 1. Mathematics
 - 2. English Language
 - 3. English Literature
 - 4. A foreign language
 - 5. Trilogy combined science
 - 6. Trilogy combined science
 - 7. Geography
 - 8. Art
 - 9. Religious studies
 - 10. Music

A	B	C	D
Computig	Art	Art	Business
French	Business	Drama	Geography
Geography	Classical Civilisation	Geography	History
History	Drama	History	Music
Physical Education	Food Preparation and Nutrition	Music	Religious Studies
Separate Science	Separate Science	Religious Studies	Separate Science
Spanish			
Geography	Art	Religious studies	Music

Student B

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

GCSE Options Form 2024

- 10GCSEs:
- 1. Mathematics
 - 2. English Language
 - 3. English Literature
 - 4. A foreign language
 - 5. Biology
 - 6. Chemistry
 - 7. Physics
 - 8. History
 - 9. Computing
 - 10. Classical civilisation

A	B	C	D
Computing	Art	Art	Business
French	Business	Drama	Geography
Geography	Classical Civilisation	Geography	History
History	Drama	History	Music
Physical Education	Food Preparation and Nutrition	Music	Religious Studies
Separate Science	Separate Science	Religion Studies	Separate Science
Spanish			
Computing	Classical civilisation	History	Separate science

We have considered carefully student preferences in creating the option blocks. However, it is really important that you inform us if you cannot achieve your preferred combination of subjects. Please provide details in the box below if this applies to you.

Mr. Thomas will personally meet with students on an individual basis, specifically those who have submitted queries in the box below, after thoroughly reviewing all option forms following the submission date.

My preferred options
were

**Please return the GCSE Option Forms to
reception by the 1st March**

Careers

Mr Lamb
Assistant Head Teacher



Devonport High School for Girls

1st February 2024
GCSE Options Evening

21st and 22nd February 2024
Parents'/Carers' Evening

1st March 2024
Option Form Deadline



Tour Departments And Ask Questions

