



DEVONPORT HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

A SPECIALIST LANGUAGE COLLEGE

Dear Student and Parent/Carer

I am pleased to present to you our GCSE Curriculum Guide which I hope you will find useful when making decisions about GCSE options. Following the recent changes to the GCSE qualifications students now study 10 GCSE subjects with increased teaching time for English, Mathematics and optional subjects. The rationale behind these changes is that we are better placed to deliver the new GCSEs which will have:

- greater content and be more knowledge based
- fully linear course with no modules
- reduced tiering
- no controlled assessed element in English and Mathematics
- terminal examinations only
- tougher longer answer questions in the examinations

I am confident that we offer a broad and balanced Key Stage 4 curriculum that will meet the needs and aspirations of our students.

The following information is presented within this guide:

- Overview of our new Key Stage 4 curriculum.
- Explanation of the GCSE options process including key dates.
- Information about all GCSE subjects studied both Core and Optional.

There should be sufficient choice within the options structure for students to study their preferred combinations and in the vast majority of cases this will be true. However, occasionally where this is not possible we will work closely with you to arrange an alternative combination of subjects.

I look forward to working with you and if you have any queries please contact me via the school office or by email athomas@dhsg.co.uk .

Yours faithfully

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