

Whole School Curriculum Statement - ECSfG

At the heart of our curriculum content really is a broad and balanced range of academic subjects that allows all of our students' access to the full EBacc award. **All** students have access to **all** of the curriculum; we do not put students on pathways according to their ability. This traditional approach has provided the opportunity for academic success for every single girl that has attended ECSfG for over 25 years. We pride ourselves in providing a curriculum for our students that enables all of them to achieve across the full spectrum of academic subjects and for them to go on to access *any* future career of their choice. The questions we aim to answer with our curriculum design is "What do our students need to *know* and *do* in order to become educated and what *sort of knowledge* do our students *need* in order to thrive and shape the world?".

Every student studies either French or Spanish **and** either Geography or History from Y7 to Y11.

All lessons are taught in mixed ability classes (except Maths Y7 to Y11 and Science Y10 to Y11).

Our KS3 curriculum is three years in length and our KS4 curriculum is two years in length.

The curriculum is delivered through a 50 lessons per fortnight two-week timetable – however, it is only English, Maths, Geography, History & Languages at KS3 and the GCSE options subjects at KS4 that impact on the two-week timetable and therefore have different lessons per week. All other lessons stay the same every week.

All lessons last for 1 hour. The balance of time is as follows:

Subject:	Number of Lessons PER WEEK			
	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10 & Y11
English	3.5	3.5	3.5	4
Maths	3.5	3.5	3.5	4
Science	3	3	4	5
Art	1	1	1	2.5 Option
Classics				2.5 Option
Computing	1	1	1	
Computer Science or IT				2.5 Option
Drama	1	1	0.5	2.5 Option
Film Studies				2.5 Option
French or Spanish	3	3	2.5	2.5 Option
Geography	1	1.5	1.5	2.5 Option
Health & Social Care				2.5 Option
History	1	1.5	1.5	2.5 Option
Music	1	1	0.5	2.5 Option
PSHCE	1		0.5	1
PE	2	2	2	1
PE GCSE				2.5 Option
RS	1	1	1	2.5 Option
Sociology				2.5 Option

There is a carousel at KS3 of 3D Design Tech, Food and Textiles where students have 2 lessons per week of one of the three subjects, per term.

All subjects at KS5 have 5 hours per week – still 1 hour per lesson.