



GCSE OPTIONS EVENING

4th December 2025



Attainment 8 score = 80.3

Students at Wallington attain in the top 1% nationally
at GCSE level



*Students at Wallington typically make a grade more
progress in **each** of their GCSEs than their peers nationally*



Reformed GCSEs (since 2017)

- More rigorous and advanced content
- Better preparation for A Level
- New grading system
- Less coursework (Non-examined assessment)

Grading System



- Grades are awarded 9 – 1 where 9 is the highest
- 9 is “higher” than an A*
- 5 is a “good pass”
- Grade 7 required to take most A Levels at WHSG



NEW GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE									
9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
<p style="text-align: center;">4 = C and above and above</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Broadly the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 4 and above as currently achieve a grade C and above.■ Broadly the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 7 and above as achieve an A and above.■ The bottom of grade 1 will be aligned with the bottom of grade G.									
A*		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U

Our KS4 Curriculum



- Develops a genuine passion for learning
- Student wellbeing
- Quality rather than quantity
- Choice
- Equality of opportunity



What do students study?

10 GCSEs in total:

- 6 compulsory GCSEs: English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics
- 1 Humanity: History / Geography / TP
- 1 Language (MFL): French / German / Spanish
- 2 Wider choices

Non-examined:

- Core PE
- Agora (Political Philosophy)
- PSHCE

WIDER OPTIONS



- French/German/Spanish
- History
- Geography
- TP (Religious Studies)
- Computer Science
- Fine Art / Photography
- Music
- Drama
- Economics
- Media Studies
- Psychology
- Food Science & Nutrition
- Product Design (RM, Graphics and Textiles options)
- Dance
- PE

Making informed choices



- Every subject is a possibility
- Choose what you enjoy
- Great grades follow great choices

*Please see the Informed Choices session
with Mr Parkinson in E22 tonight*

Transition to GCSEs



- Support is given to students to help them transition to GCSEs
- Parents' Information Evening in September
- Study Skills Day for Year 10 in September
- Homework policy to enable students to manage their workload
- Information about careers, etc. through the PSHCE programme

Advice



- This evening
- Subject Information Booklet
- Form tutors/Head of Year/ subject teachers all happy to advise



Things to avoid:

- Choosing a subject because your best friend is doing it
- Choosing a subject not because you like it, but because you like the teacher you have in Year 9
- Making assumptions about a subject

Options process



- Straw poll via email Monday 12th Jan
- Parents' Evening (2 – 5:30pm) Thursday 12th Feb
- Final options submitted **Tuesday 24 February**
- Timetable constructed from the choices
- Subjects with low demand may not run
- Aim to meet all combination of choices – rare cases this might not be possible



The student perspective

What Next



- Attend 6 workshops
- Please enable these to run on time
- Use SOCS to check which sessions are booked
- Don't forget the MFL talk
- Mrs Godyn and Mr Sanderson available for questions in the
foyer