



Sixth Form Curriculum 2020-22

A Level courses taught at King Edward VI Handsworth School for girls will be **two year linear** courses. Taught over the full two years and **only examined at the end of Year 13**. Thus, there is **no opportunity to re-sit** elements of the A Level qualification, it will all depend on performance at the end of Year 13.

At King Edward VI Handsworth School for Girls we expect all students to **select 3 subjects in Year 12** and to begin to prepare for the **Extended Project Qualification**. Further Mathematics may be an additional 4th subject either as a standalone AS qualification or the full A Level. Any requests to study four subjects beyond this will be considered on an individual basis post GCSE results.

The school operates as part of a wider Academy Trust and to ensure a continued broad and balanced curriculum some subjects may be run across the four schools of KE Handsworth School for Girls, KE Aston, KE Handsworth Grammar for Boys and Handsworth Wood Girls School. For 2020-21 this may include Art, Drama, French, German and Music. All schools have outstanding teaching and transport between sites will be provided.

In **Year 13** students will continue with **3 subjects** to full A Level and in addition they will complete their **Extended Project Qualification**. The Sixth Form curriculum also currently includes fortnightly PSHCE lessons to help prepare students for life after school.

As a school we have committed to setting aside time on a Wednesday afternoon for sixth form students to organise voluntary work, work experience or to have opportunities to attend university Masterclasses. All valuable enrichments to study for examinations and aimed at developing the whole person.

All A Levels are demanding, they all have requirements for deeper analysis and evaluation than at GCSE. You need to focus on the course content and whether a subject is going to appeal to you over the **full** two years. Motivation for a subject is key to success so a wise choice now should enable you to follow which ever route with confidence. Please ask questions over the next few weeks about course content and style of delivery, ask them of staff, older students and of yourself.

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