

# Camden School for Girls

## Year 11 Parent Information briefing

10 October 2023



## Who we are

- Ms Law - Headteacher
- Ms Toman - Assistant Headteacher (Careers and Destinations)
- Ms Farrow - Head of Year 11

## Aims

- 1) Timeline of key events in Year 11
- 2) How to choose A level subjects
- 3) Our CSG Sixth Form
- 4) Alternatives to A levels
- 5) How to support your children in Year 11

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## How to choose A level subjects

- Most students study 3 A-Levels.
- Some students choose to study 4 A-Levels.
- If you study Further Maths, you will also study Maths and this often feels like studying 1.5 A Levels rather than 2.
- If you have a home language you are proficient in, try to sit an A-Level in this as a private candidate, in Year 12.

## How to choose A level subjects - top tips

- Keep your options open!  
*(Study a range of subjects)*
- Study subjects that you enjoy and that you are good at.  
*(You are more likely to do better in these)*
- Start doing research into university degrees.  
*(Do not put pressure on yourself to decide what career you want to do)*

# Subject combinations

A mix of Science/Arts/Humanities is great! There are some considerations:

- If you want to pursue sciences beyond A level, studying one science may limit your options. Study at least two (Maths counts as one).
- If studying STEM subjects, one essay based subject will serve you well.
- For Psychology at university, we recommend studying one science subject at A level.
- Consider coursework components.

# Examples of university requirements

- To study **Computer Science**, only Maths (not Computer Science) is a requirement at A level (Further Maths for some universities).
- To study **Economics**, only Maths is a requirement at A level (Further Maths for some universities, including LSE).
- To study **Law**, any A Levels with essay writing will do!
- To study **Natural Sciences or Engineering**, Further Maths is often a requirement even if it does not state this.
- To study **Medicine (or Dentistry or Vet science)**, you **must** study Chemistry A level - most students study Biology also.



## The big hitters\*! (formerly known as facilitating subjects)

- English Literature
- Maths
- Further Maths
- Chemistry
- Language (modern or ancient)
- History
- Physics
- Biology
- Geography

\*It still remains more important that you like and you are good at the subject

## Subject Matters (recommendations set out by Cambridge university)

### **For arts and social sciences at university:**

***Consider taking A level:***

English Literature

History

Languages

Maths

***Also:***

Philosophy

Theology

History of Art

Classics

Geography

Politics

Sociology

Music

### **For sciences at university:**

***Consider taking three of:***

Biology

Chemistry

Maths

Further Maths

Physics

***For Engineering:***

Maths, Further Maths, Physics

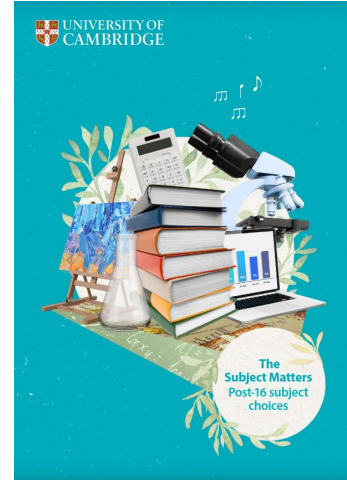
## Where can I find out more?

- Individual university websites, for example:

<https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/courses/admission-requirements/admission-requirements-table>

- Subject Matters booklet:

[https://issuu.com/caowebeditor/docs/the\\_subject\\_matters\\_version\\_online](https://issuu.com/caowebeditor/docs/the_subject_matters_version_online)



## CSG Sixth Form A Level subjects

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Classical Civilisations
- Drama and Theatre studies
- Economics
- English Literature
- Fine Art
- French
- Further Mathematics
- Geography
- Greek
- History
- History of Art
- Latin
- Mathematics
- Music
- Philosophy
- Photography
- Physics
- Politics
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Theology
- Psychology
- Extended Project (AS)

# CSG Sixth Form



- CSG students are by far the largest group - 77 out of 230 in the current Y12
- Everyone else comes from a wide range of other schools.
- 85% state schools / 15% independent schools.
- $\frac{1}{3}$  are boys

## How to Apply:

- Entry requirement - 5 GCSEs at grade 6 or above including Maths and English Language
- CSG Year 11 students are all considered as zero distance
- Complete an application form online on CSG website - Deadline 8 January 2023

## Admissions

### Applications

We follow a two-year three A Level programme of study. Students must choose three subjects to study at A Level. Students are expected to pass GCSEs at grade 6 or above in English language and mathematics and three other GCSEs at grade 6 or above. Students who are predicted six or more GCSEs at grade 7 or above have the option to choose four A Level subjects. Some courses have specific requirements (details for each subject [here](#)). To study Further Maths students must be predicted a minimum of grade 7 in mathematics.

- **Sixth Form Application** — [APPLY NOW](#) (link below)
- **Orchestral Music Programme Application** — [APPLY NOW](#)

The deadline for applications is **midday, Wednesday 4 January 2023**. Please carefully read our [Determined Admissions Arrangements](#) before submitting an application.

[APPLY FOR SIXTH FORM](#)

## CSG Year 11 Conference - Post-16

- 18 October 2022
- Off timetable from period 4
- Students book talks and create their own timetable





# Alternatives to A Levels

## Vocational study programmes

- Sixth form/Further Education College (BTEC, Diploma)
- Apprenticeship with an employer
- Traineeship with a college/training provider/employer
- Employment with training/learning

## Apprenticeships

This is a combination of on-the job and off-the-job training. Courses usually last 2 years, during which you will work 4 days and attend college or another training provider for one day a week.

There are 4 different apprenticeship levels:

- intermediate: level 2
- advanced: level 3
- higher: level 4 or 5
- degree: level 6 or 7



# T Levels

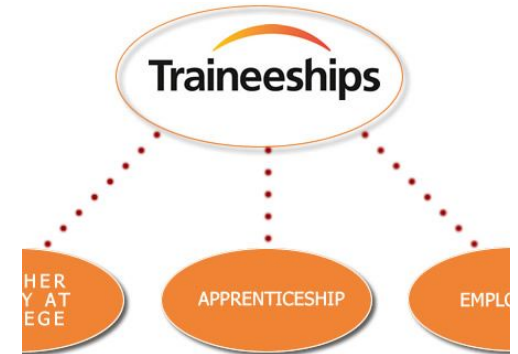
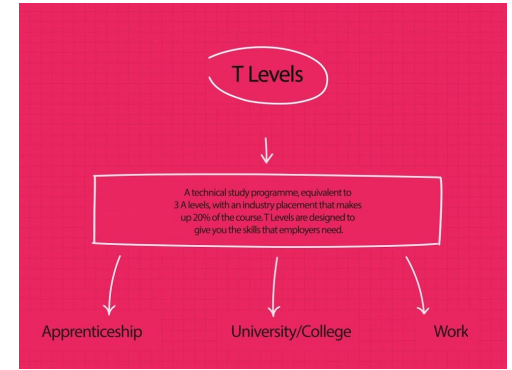
T Levels are new courses that are equivalent to 3 A Levels. T Levels are usually 2 year courses and offer students a mixture of classroom learning and 'on the-job' experience during an industry placement of around three months.

## Traineeships

Traineeships involve a programme of up to six to twelve months of study, including a work placement which will prepare you for an apprenticeship or employment.

Some of the most popular local providers:

- La Swap
- City and Islington College
- Westminster Kingsway College
- Barnet and Southgate College
- Capel Manor



## Local providers

**Capital City College Group** (City and Islington College, Westminster Kingsway College, The College of Haringey, Enfield and North East London and Capital City College Training)

- ❑ A Levels
- ❑ Level 2- 3 BTEC courses
- ❑ T Levels

**LaSwap** (Parliament Hill School, William Ellis School, La Sainte Union)

- ❑ A levels
- ❑ BTEC Level 1-3 courses

**Barnet and Southgate College**

- ❑ A levels
- ❑ Apprenticeships

**Camden Apprenticeships**

- ❑ Apprenticeships are available in a wide range of subjects, and from levels 2 to 7.

### [Sixth Form and College Open Events](#)

Links to all open events in the capital

### [Capital City parents and carers career information](#)

Information on apprenticeships, BTEC, Level 2 and Level 3 courses

# How to support your children in Year 11

## **Space**

Finding a quiet place to study in at home can often be challenging. If possible, create a study space where your child can be left alone to work, even for short periods of time. Public libraries offer a designated quiet place to study. This encourages independent learning and hopefully helps to develop efficient organisation of time and resources.

## **Eating habits**

Good eating habits are essential. Eating breakfast helps children to perform better in memory tasks, so will a ready supply of healthy snacks, and liquids to stay hydrated.

## **Rewards**

Think about opportunities to reward your child.

## **Get involved**

This is often the most challenging for parents and families. Review the study schedule. Test them using flashcards.

## **Sleep hygiene**

Leaving electronic devices out of the bedroom at night is essential. Routine is important.

## **Using phones**

Try to discourage using phones to revise. As much as they are a useful tool in accessing revision websites and resources such as past exam papers they are also a distraction.

## **Breaks and exercise**

Encourage your child to take regular breaks. Go for a walk together. Go to the park together. Get outside and if possible do some exercise.

# Mock Exam Timetable

		Monday 4/12/23	Tuesday 5/12/23	Wednesday 6/12/23	Thursday 7/12/23	Friday 8/12/23
		AM	NORMAL LESSONS	NORMAL LESSONS	NORMAL LESSONS H & S CARE p.4&5	NORMAL LESSONS (unless doing Art)
PM	NORMAL LESSONS	NORMAL LESSONS	NORMAL LESSONS	ART (ALL DAY in Art room)	ART (ALL DAY in Art room)	

		Monday 11/12/23	Tuesday 12/12/23	Wednesday 13/12/23	Thursday 14/12/23	Friday 15/12/23
		<b>WEEK 2</b>	<b>AM</b>	ENGLISH LANGUAGE 1h 45min	CLASSICS P1 (Homeric World) 1h 30min COMP. SCI. P1 1h 30min LATIN P1 (Literature) 1h PE P1 1h 15 min	ENGLISH LITERATURE 2h
<b>PM</b>	MATHS Paper 1 1h 30min (Non-Calc. Paper )		HISTORY 1h 20min	MATHS Paper 2 1h 30min (Calc. Paper)	SCIENCE(Biology) 1h 15min BIOLOGY 1h 45min	MUSIC SOCIOLOGY 1h 45min

		Monday 18/12/2023	Tuesday 19/12/2023	Wednesday 20/12/2023	Thursday 21/12/2023
WEEK 3	AM	GEOGRAPHY P1 & 2 2h	SPANISH Writing 1h(F)/1h 15 min (H) Reading 45min(F)/1h(H)	SCIENCE(Physics) 1h 15 min PHYSICS 1h 45 min	Last day of term
	PM	SCIENCE(Chemistry) 1h 15 min CHEMISTRY 1h 45 min	FRENCH Writing 1h(F)/1h 15 min (H) Reading 45min(F)/1h(H)	FURTHER MATHS 1hr	





# Study Schedule

- 1) Enter study times
- 2) Enter subjects
- 3) Enter specific topics

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Session 1 (1hour)	Maths - Algebraic Fractions	Biology - Photosynthesis	English Language - Poetry Annotation	Computer Science - Coding exam questions		Physics - Forces	French – review tenses
Session 2 (1hour)	History – Practice essay	Homework	Catch up	Homework		Geography – Climate comparison essay	French – Listening practice
Session 3 (1 hour)						Catch up	Homework
Session 4 (1 hour)						Catch up	Homework

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