

Welcome to St George's International School.



Key Stage 4 Information Evening (Year 9 Options)

Thursday 31 March 2022



Welcome and introductions

- Mr Cooper – Assistant Head Teacher
(Learning and Achievement)
- Mr Fish – Acting Head of KS4
- Mrs Van Dongen – KS4 Coordinator
- Ms Hudson – Careers Adviser



Why St George's?

- Dedicated, knowledgeable and experienced staff.
- Small group sizes.
- Regular, thorough, monitoring and tracking.
- Full 'package' of support.
- Engaging, challenging activities.
- Extensive extra-curricular programme.
- Curricular and extra-curricular day trips and residentials.
- Shared vision of continuous improvement.
- We get RESULTS!!



GCSE 9-1

Graded from 9 to 1, with 9 being the highest grade, rather than A*-G.

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	A*
8	
7	
6	B
⑤ STRONG PASS	C
④ STANDARD PASS	
3	D
2	E
1	F
	G
U	U

I/GCSE Results 2021

GRADE	NUMBER
9	132
8	85
7	59
6	47
5	33
4	11
3	5
2	1
1	0



I/GCSE Results 2021

HEADLINES

- 100% pass rate
- 58% of results graded 9-8 (A**-A*)
- 74% of results graded 9-7 (A**-A)
- 98% of results graded 4 or above (C+)
- 98% of students achieved 5 grades 9-4 (A**-C)
- 87% of results were either on or above the higher aspirational target grade

I/GCSE Results Comparisons

	UK Average	Independent Schools Average	St George's
Grade A**-A	28.9%		58%
Grade A*-C	77.1%		98%
Grade A*-G	99%		100%
5 A*-C Passes	n/a		98%



What are I/GCSE courses?

International / General Certificate of Secondary Education.

- Taken in over 125 countries with a choice of over 60 subjects.
- Challenging and rigorous.
- Allow for breadth of study and specialisation.
- Natural progression onto **A levels**.
- 2 year courses over years 10 & 11.
- Can be coursework or examination only based.



Our I/GCSE courses

- We offer a range of 4 'Compulsory' subjects and 4 'Option' subjects.
- A total of 10 examinations can be gained.
 - Graded 9-1
 - Grade 4 as a 'standard pass'
 - Grade 5 as a 'strong pass'



Progression to Sixth Form

- Students need to achieve at least five grades that are grade 5 or higher.
- This includes a grade 5 or higher in English & Maths.
- Students are expected to achieve a grade 6 or higher in subjects they want to study at AS Level.
- **Entry could require four grade 6's plus two grade 5's in English & Maths.**



Courses for September 2022

Compulsory subjects

- **English language and literature**
- **Mathematics**
- **Science (double award)**
- **A core language (French OR German)**
- Physical Education (*not examined*)
- Personal development (PDV) (*not examined*)



Compulsory subjects

English language and literature

- IGCSE English Language and IGCSE English Literature with Edexcel Exam Board, both graded 9-1
- These run together and **2 x IGCSEs are awarded.**
- IGCSE English Language and IGCSE English Literature are taught within the same timetable slot.

Head of Faculty is Mr Willsher.



Compulsory subjects

Mathematics

- All students will take an IGCSE in Mathematics with the Edexcel exam board.
- Students will either take either the foundation or higher tier paper.
- A minimum grade of 7 on the higher paper will allow progression onto the AS/A2 courses.
- An additional IGCSE qualification - Further Mathematics, can be selected as an option.

Head of Faculty is Dr Plant.

Compulsory subjects

Science – double award

- Students take the IGCSE double award in Science.
- The course includes Biology, Chemistry & Physics components.
- **The double award is worth 2 x IGCSE's.**
- Students will take either the core or the extended paper.
- The extended double award enables students to progress onto any (or all) of the sciences AS/A2 level.
- Majority of English schools offer the double award.
- Students will be taught the 3 disciplines of Biology, Chemistry & Physics separately.

Head of Faculty is Mr Stenton.

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Compulsory subjects

Modern Foreign Languages

- One CORE language has to be taken – either French or German.
- Students wishing to study both languages can select a second language as one of their option choices.
- There is the possibility to take a language exam as an additional qualification in a mother tongue language such as Spanish if the students are fluent. The examination will be First Language with CAIE (only reading and writing).
- Students may also sit the exam in the language they drop in year 10 if they are fluent / native speakers (advanced students with higher level).

Head of Faculty is Mr Foz.



Compulsory subjects

Not examined.

- **Physical Education (PE).**
- **PDV**, a tutorial package that includes:
Spiritual, Moral, Social & Cultural education.



Courses for September 2022

Option courses

- A choice of 4 out of 17 possible subject areas.
- The opportunity to study both French & German.
- 7 humanities subjects offered.
- 4 arts subjects offered.



Option courses for September 2022

REMEMBER you can only choose **4** subjects

A MINIMUM of **5** students are needed for a course to run.

Art Craft & Design	Music
Business Studies	GCSE PE
Computer Science	Politics
Drama	Psychology
Economics	2 nd language (French or German)
Further Maths	Sociology
Geography	Study Skills (non examined)
History	ASDAN
Media Studies	

Option Blocks

Current Year 10

Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D
Business	Psychology	ACD	Computer Science
Geography	Economics	Business	Economics
History	Geography	Further Maths	Music
Drama			History
PE			Study Skills

Current Year 11

Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D
Geography	Business	Economics	Economics
History	History	Drama	Business
Politics	Psychology	French	Geography
PE	Media Studies	Music	ACD
Further Maths	Computer Science	Sociology	
Study Skills	ASDAN		



Transition Management KS3/4

- **Taster lesson week:** year 9 students had this week of GCSE taster lessons. These were lessons looking at syllabi, schemes of work, past exam papers and work by the current I/GCSE students.
- **This evening:** Help and guidance to select the right option subjects. Staff and students are here to discuss with students and parents the suitability of the option subjects chosen.
- **Curriculum guides:** available to view on the schools website and download from the parent portal.
- **September 2022:** Early identification of any issues.
- Progress check in the first term.
- Up to 4 weeks to change options. Time to reflect and decide if the course is suitable.



`Options' Dates

- 19 to 22 April Individual options meetings with staff
- Friday 22 April Preliminary options form 'Live' on Teams
- Friday 29 April Preliminary options form closes
- Early May Students informed of final option blocks



Reasons For Choosing A Subject

- You have a strong interest in the subject.
- You are good at it and committed to improvement.
- It is required for A Level, then the university course you want to follow.
- If you already know what or where you want to study after A Levels, it is a good idea to look up the websites of the universities to see if they require certain subjects.
- **NOT** because your friends are doing it, you like the teacher or think it's an 'easy' option.



Academic Monitoring

- Guidance to choice of courses and settling in period.
- Target setting – CAT4.
- Tutor time / PDV programme including careers guidance.
- Support programme for students under-performing.
- Regular assessment and reporting, including progress checks.
- Provision for MA&T.
- Mock exams.



Pastoral Care

Achieving potential through challenge and care

- PDV programme that includes health and wellbeing, and healthy relationships.
- Mentoring conversations with form tutor
- Mental health and wellbeing workshops
- PDV mentoring sessions
- Revision techniques and strategies for managing stress
- Student wellbeing ambassadors



Extra-Curricular Activities

- Debating competitions
- Maths challenge
- Sports competitions
- Music and drama performances
- Science competitions e.g. 'Top of the Bench'
- Geography fieldwork trips
- Theatre trips
- End of Year 10 residential

IGCSE – a Student's Perspective



Current Year 11 Students

Mathilda

- German
- Drama
- Economics
- Geography
- History

Albert

- French
- Business Studies
- Drama
- Economics
- Further Maths



Throughout the year...

- A supportive atmosphere
- Careers guidance from Mrs Hudson
- Debate club and Merite Jeunesse Award
- Unifrog
- More opportunities to get involved with the school community

unifrog





Please take the opportunity to visit the auditorium, explore the subject displays, talk to staff, and ask any questions.

The subject teachers will be happy to provide more information on the available courses. The older students are available to provide a student's perspective on KS4.

Thank you for your time this evening.

