

February 2020



GCSE Options

**WALLINGTON
HIGH SCHOOL
FOR GIRLS**

February 2020



WELCOME

Progress 8 score for Wallington High School for Girls (2019)

This school's
score is

1.07

Confidence
interval
0.89 to 1.25

Well below average

Below average

Average

Above average

About **12%** of schools in
England

About **19%** of schools in
England

About **37%** of schools
in England

About **17%** of schools in
England

**Well above
average**

About **15%** of schools in
England



Syllabuses have Changed

- More rigorous and advanced content.
- Better preparation for A Level.
- New grading system
- Less coursework

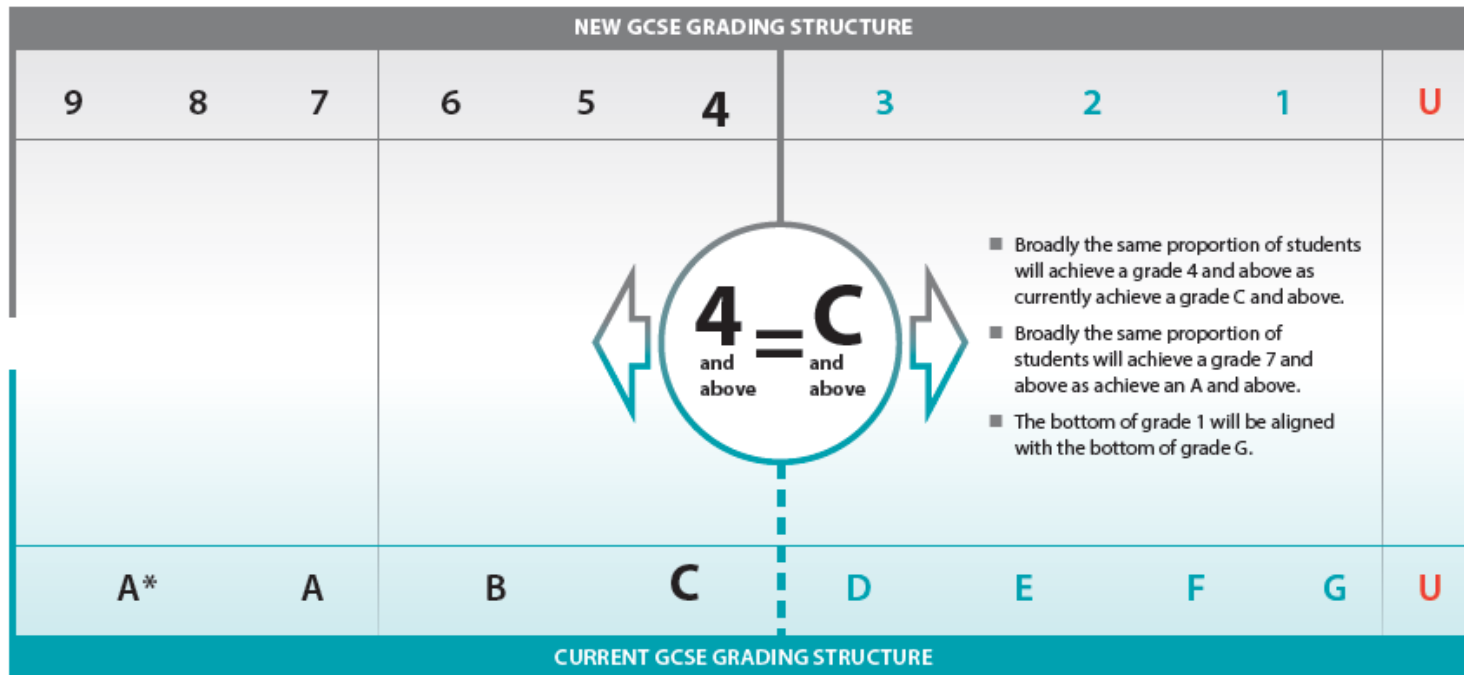


New Grading System in GCSEs

- The grading system in all GCSEs has changed.
- New grades 9 – 1, where 9 is highest.
- 9 is 'higher' than A*. 5 is a 'good pass'.
- Grade 7 required to take most A Levels at WHSG
- Comparative Outcomes



Grading the New GCSEs in 2017



Coursework and Controlled Assessments

- There is a greatly reduced amount of Coursework and Controlled Assessment
- NEA – Non Examined Assessments
- Some remains in obvious practical subjects but the proportion of the overall grade is reduced



What have we done at WHSG?

- Strengthened the KS3 Curriculum
- Revised our KS3 grading system
- Evolved our KS4 curriculum offer



Change of KS4 Offer

- Development of a genuine passion for learning
- Student well-being
- Quality rather than quantity (increased time)
- Choice
- Equality of opportunity



What do students study in KS4?

- 10 GCSEs in total
- 6 compulsory GCSEs
- 2 Ebacc GCSEs (1 Humanity, 1 Language)
- 2 GCSEs in other subjects
- Physical Education
- Religious Studies (P4C)
- PSHCE



What are the compulsory GCSE subjects?

- English Language and English Literature
- Mathematics
- Biology, Chemistry and Physics



What are the two (E Bacc) subject options?

- A modern foreign language:
French or German or Spanish
- A humanity:
Geography or History or Religious Studies



E Bacc



What subjects are available as wider options?

- French/German/Spanish
- History
- Geography
- Religious Studies
- Computer Science
- Art
- Music
- Drama
- Business Studies
- Media Studies
- Psychology
- DT-Food
- DT-Graphic Products
- DT-Resistant Materials
- Dance
- PE



Twilight subjects

- These are run after school
- Studied in addition to the 10 GCSEs taken in normal curriculum time
- Available in Latin and Photography
- Extra workload- acceptance depends on current progress and ability (not guaranteed)



The Options Process

- Straw poll in Tutor Time next week
- Parent's Evening (2 – 5:30pm) 4th March
- Final Forms to be returned by
Friday 13th March
- Timetable constructed from the choices
- Aim to meet all combinations of choices- rare cases this might not be possible



Making informed GCSE choices

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



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



Advice

- This evening
- Subject Information Booklet
- Careers Advisor
- Form tutors/Head of Year/subject teachers all happy to advise
- UCAS Course Finder



Arrangements for Tonight

	6:30pm Session 1	6:45pm Session 2	7:00pm Session 3	7:15pm Session 4	7:30pm Session 5	7:45pm Session 6
			MFL Athena Bronte Curie Johnson		MFL Pankhurst Seacole Sharman	

Dance is in E20 and not the dance studio



Thank You

