

# Sixth Form Options

## Choosing your A Levels



**RGS** ESTD  
1562  
HIGH WYCOMBE

SCHOLA REGIA GRAMMATICA

# RGS Entry Criteria

- At least 8 full taught GCSEs Grade 9 - 4
  - Minimum 49 points from best 8 (= 7x6, 1x7)
  - Minimum 52 to make first choices more likely
- English and Maths at minimum Grade 5
- Specific entry requirements for all subjects. See booklet for further details
- NB: Some degrees require specific GCSE grades in some subjects – check courses on UCAS
- All students must qualify for and take 4 subjects in Y12

# How to choose

- Have I looked closely at course content? Do I think I will enjoy it? Do I think I will be good at it? Am I really interested in it?
- Am I prepared for the jump from GCSE to A level?
- Do I need a specific subject or type of subject for a university course or career I'm interested in? Have I checked course entry requirements? Will I attain them in this subject?

# How not to choose

- I'm doing it because my friend is
- I like it but I'm not choosing it because my friend doesn't like it
- I really like my current teacher
- My parent told me to do it but I don't really like it
- I can't be bothered to think about the future

# Points to consider

- Science + Arts/Humanities – a good mix
- Physics + Maths – rare to take Physics without Maths
- 4 x essay writing subjects – a heavy (but not impossible) load
- 4 x CW/project subjects - a heavy (but not impossible) load
- **At least 2 subjects studied at GCSE**
- 5<sup>th</sup> subject Column E
- Co-curricular

# Additional Subject Choice

## Column Enrichment

- Details in booklet
  - EPQ (60 pts best 8 GCSEs)
  - Critical Thinking (60 pts best 8 GCSEs)
  - Italian, Japanese, Chinese
  - CCF
  - Stage Lighting and Sound Team
  - Private Study

## However ...

- Choice constraints
  - Columns
  - Specialist teaching rooms
  - Specialist teachers
  - Set size

# Y12 into Y13

- 3 A Levels – ideally DDD minimum to ensure maximum post school choice
- To continue with 4 A Levels – AABB minimum in end of Year 12 exams
- End of Year 12 exams and work throughout Y12 = UCAS predictions



# Boarding

- Places available in Year 12 to both current and new students
- An ideal stepping stone to university life
- Results achieved by Year 13 boarders 10-15% above school average at A\*-B
- Contact [boarding@rgshw.com](mailto:boarding@rgshw.com)

# Help is at hand!

- Form Tutor
- Mr Gallagher
- Mrs Thakrar, Head of Careers
- Miss Munday
- Sixth Form Options booklet (see 2022 for early details)
- Current Y12/13 students

## Dates/Deadlines

- **09:00 Monday 28 November** - Deadline for submission of choices **online**
- **Friday 23 June 2023** – Final GCSE/L2 exam
- **26-28 June 2023** – Exam Board contingency days (DO NOT BE ON HOLIDAY AT THIS TIME)
- **Tuesday 27 June 2023** - Sixth Form Taster Day (obligatory for all those returning to RGS in September 2023)
- **July/August** – Access to online A level prep programme

# AUGUST

- **Thursday 24 August 2023** – GCSE Results Day (PLEASE TRY NOT BE ON HOLIDAY AT THIS TIME IN CASE OF NEED TO DEAL WITH UNEXPECTED RESULTS)
- **2.00pm, Thursday 24 August 2023** – Deadline to confirm RGS A Level choices. After this we release remaining places to new students.