



SGS UCAS Policy Statement – Apply 2022

Our expectation is that most pupils beginning Year 12 will start on four A Level subjects. The rationale is two-fold: this offers sixteen year olds perhaps uncertain about A Level choices the option to retain breadth and test themselves on A Level work to ascertain their strongest three subjects, and this allows our pupils the opportunity to continue through Year 12 (40%) or complete (10-15%) a four A Level programme. All A Level courses are taught by subject specialists.

Pupils first have the opportunity to review their programme of study at the end of the Autumn Term of Year 12 following a set of Preliminary examinations in each subject. A number of pupils will choose to narrow their programme of study at this juncture, or any point thereafter, following consultation between teachers, parents and pupils. At this point, all pupils are encouraged to consider the Extended Project Qualification and those on three A Levels take part in our Enrichment Programme.

This year, as with all schools and colleges, our pupils teaching and learning has been significantly impacted by the Covid 19 pandemic. During the periods of school closure, remote learning via Satchel One, Google Classroom and Google Meet was provided as per the pupils' timetables, with the expectation of full engagement. Assessed work was set, marked and returned to pupils with feedback. A significant number of pupils found it challenging to engage with remote learning for a variety of reasons, both pastoral and academic, and were supported by school.

Predicted grades are informed by pupil progress in Year 12, measured in part but not exclusively by their performance in the Year 12 Interim Examinations, sat this year in May 2021. A small number of pupils (>10%) join the school at the beginning of Year 12 and a mention will be made of this in the UCAS reference by their UCAS Adviser.