



QUEEN ELIZABETH'S SCHOOL (WIMBORNE MINSTER)

Curriculum Policy

2026-27

Title of Policy	Curriculum Structure
Policy Type	School
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1. Lower School Structure

In Year 9, students are based in 2 Panels per year group. Each with 5 classes

Panel
9Q
9E

In Year 10 and 11, students are based in 3 teaching panels per year group. Each teaching panel is mixed in ability and all other ways. Students are arranged in teaching sets from across the panel. They are set by ability in Maths, English and Science.

Panel	No of teaching groups
10Q	5
10E	5
11Q	4
11E	4
11S	4

2. CURRICULUM STRUCTURE LOWER SCHOOL

From September 2026 the curriculum will be as shown in the table below.

Year	En	Ma	Sci	PE	RE	C4L	Dr	Art	Mus	Gg	Hi	Tech /IT	Lang	A	B	C
9	6	6	6	3	3	1	2	2	1	3	3	2	2			
10	7	7	8	2	3	1								4	4	4
11	7	7	8	2	3	1								4	4	4

Year 10 Option Blocks 2026 - 2027

	Block A	Block B	Block C
EBacc Subjects	French	Computer Science	French
	Geography	Geography	Geography
	History	History	History
	Triple Science	Triple Science	Spanish
			Triple Science
GCSE Subjects	Business	Art	Art
	DT	DT	Dance
	Graphic Design	Drama	Food and Nutrition
	Music	Food and Nutrition	Graphic Design
	PE	PE	Media
	Sociology		
Vocational Subjects	Health and Social Care	Health and Social Care	Music BTEC
		Sport BTEC	Sport BTEC

Year 11 Option Blocks 2026-2027

	BLOCK A	BLOCK B	BLOCK C
EBacc Subjects	French	French	Computer Science
	Geography	Geography	French
	History	History	Geography
	Spanish	Spanish	History
			Spanish
GCSE Subjects	Art	Art	Business
	Business	Business	Drama
	Dance	Food and Nutrition	DT
	DT	Graphic Design	Graphic Design
	Food and Nutrition	Media	Music
	Graphic Design	PE	
	PE	Sociology	
	Psychology		
Vocational Subjects	Health & Social Care	Sport BTEC	Health & Social Care
			Sport BTEC

2. Sixth Form Option Blocks

In the Sixth Form, the timetable is arranged in five blocks. Students can take one subject from blocks A-D together with an option from the enrichment block. Students typically have 8 lessons per fortnight (10 hours) for each subject. Students must take a minimum of three A Level subjects (or equivalent) unless by prior agreement with the Headteacher.

Year 12 Option Blocks 2026-2027

Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D	Block E
Biology	Design Technology (Product Design)	Art	Biology	Arts Award Gold - UCAS Points
Business	History	Chemistry	French	Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) - UCAS Points
English Literature	Maths	Computer Science	Further Maths	Level 3 Core Maths – UCAS Points
Geography	Media	Economics	Graphics	Level 3 LAMDA – UCAS Points
Physics	PE	English Language	History	Sports Leaders UK Level 3 – UCAS Points
Politics	Photography	Geography	Philosophy and Ethics	Google Workplace Skills
	Sociology	Maths	Psychology	Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE)
	Spanish	Psychology		GCSE Maths or English Retake
	Theatre Studies			Junior Athlete Education (JAE)
Health and Social Care	Criminology Applied Diploma (single)	Criminology Applied Diploma (single)	Business BTEC (Single)	Massive Open Online Course (MOOCs)
		Rock School Level 3 (Single)	Mental Health	Dance
		Sport BTEC (Single)		Sport
				Mentoring
				Work Experience / Volunteering / Internships

Year 13 Option Blocks 2026-2027

Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D	Block E
Biology	Design Technology (Product Design)	Art	Biology	Arts Award Gold - UCAS Points
Business	History	Chemistry	French	Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) - UCAS Points
English Literature	Maths	Computer Science	Further Maths	Level 3 Core Maths – UCAS Points
Geography	Media	Economics	Graphics	Level 3 LAMDA – UCAS Points
Physics	PE	English Language	History	Sports Leaders UK Level 3 – UCAS Points
Politics	Photography	Geography	Philosophy and Ethics	Advanced Microsoft Office Skills
Textiles	Psychology	Maths		Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE)
	Sociology	Psychology		GCSE Maths or English Retake
	Spanish			Junior Athlete Education (JAE)
	Theatre Studies			Massive Open Online Course(MOOCs)
Business BTEC (Double)	Criminology Applied Diploma (single)	Criminology Applied Diploma (single)	Business BTEC (Single)	Dance
Health and Social Care OCR (Single)	IT BTEC (Single)	Performing Arts BTEC (Double)	Business BTEC (Double)	Sport
Health and Social Care OCR (Double)	Sport BTEC (Double)	Sport BTEC (Single)	Health and Social Care OCR (Double)	Mentoring
Performing Arts BTEC (Single)		Sport BTEC (Double)	Rock School Level 3	Work Experience / Volunteering/ Internships
Performing Arts BTEC (Double)				

3. PSHCE/RSE

The PSHE curriculum will be delivered through the RE lessons and also in one tutor time a week.

As a faith school, Religious Education is a central part of our curriculum and reflects our ethos and values. Parents retain the statutory right to withdraw their child from Religious Education, and any such request will be discussed sensitively with the school to ensure the decision is fully informed and appropriate arrangements are made.

Our curriculum is designed to be inclusive and accessible to all pupils and reflects our statutory duties under the Equality Act 2010 and the Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Regulations 2014. We are committed to removing barriers to learning so that pupils with disabilities and/or special educational needs can access, engage with and succeed within the full breadth of the curriculum. Reasonable adjustments are made where necessary, and teaching, resources and assessment are adapted to meet individual needs. Through inclusive planning, targeted support and high expectations for all learners, we ensure that every pupil is able to participate meaningfully and achieve their potential.