



QUEEN ELIZABETH'S SCHOOL (WIMBORNE MINSTER)

Curriculum Structure Policy (2025-26)

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1. Lower School Structure

In Year 9, students are based in 3 Panels per year group.

Panel
9Q
9E
9S

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.

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

2. CURRICULUM STRUCTURE LOWER SCHOOL

From September 2024 the curriculum will be as shown in the table below.

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

Year 10 Option Blocks 2025 - 2026

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

Year 11 Option Blocks 2025-2026

	BLOCK A	BLOCK B	BLOCK C
EBacc Subjects	French	French	French
	Geography	Geography	Geography
	History	History	History
	Spanish	Spanish	Spanish
GCSE Subjects	Art	Computing	Art
	Business	Drama	Design Technology
	Dance	Graphic Communication	Food & Nutrition
	Design Technology	Media	Graphic Communication
	Drama	Psychology	Psychology
	Food and Nutrition	Sociology	Textiles
	Graphic Communication		
	Music		
	PE		
Vocational Subjects	OCR Health & Social Care	BTEC Enterprise	Sport BTEC Tech Award
		Sport BTEC Tech Award	OCR Creative iMedia

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 have 9 lessons for each subject.

Year 12 Option Blocks 2025-2026

Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D	Block E
Biology	Art	Chemistry	Biology	Arts Award Gold – UCAS Points
Business	Design Technology (Product Design)	Dance	Computer Science	Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) - UCAS Points
Chemistry	Maths	Economics	French	Level 3 Core Maths – UCAS Points
English Literature	History	English	History	Level 3 International Computer Driving License (ICDL) – UCAS Points
Geography	Sociology	Geography	Further Maths	Level 3 LAMDA – UCAS Points
Maths	Spanish	Photography	Graphics	Sports Leaders UK Level 3 – UCAS Points
Music	Theatre Studies	Psychology	Film Studies	Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE)
Physics	PE	Textiles	Physics	GCSE Maths or English Retake
Politics			Philosophy and Ethics	Junior Athlete Education (JAE)
			Psychology	Massive Open Online Course(MOOCs)
Business BTEC (Double)	Sport BTEC (Single)	Business BTEC (Single)	Business BTEC (Single)	QE First XI Football Team (Male & Female Squads)
Health and Social Care OCR (Single)	Rock School Level 3	IT BTEC (Single)	Business BTEC (Double)	QE Productions
Health and Social Care OCR (Double)	Criminology Applied Diploma (single)	Law BTEC (Single)	Health and Social Care OCR (Double)	Young Enterprise
Performing Arts BTEC (Double)	Sport BTEC (Double)	Sport BTEC (Double)	Performing Arts BTEC (Double)	Work Experience / Voluntary Work / Internships
		Criminology Applied Diploma		

Year 13 Option Blocks 2025-2026

Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D	Block E
Biology	Art	Chemistry	Biology	Arts Award Gold – UCAS Points
Business	Design Technology (Product Design)	Economics	Computer Science	Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) - UCAS Points
Chemistry	History	English Language and Literature	Dance	Level 3 Core Maths – UCAS Points
English Literature	Maths	Geography	French	Level 3 European Computer Driving License – UCAS Points
Geography	Media	Maths	Further Maths	Level 3 LAMDA – UCAS Points
Music	PE	Photography	Graphics	Sports Leaders UK Level 3 – UCAS Points
Physics	Sociology	Psychology	History	Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE)
Politics	Theatre Studies	Textiles	Philosophy and Ethics	GCSE Maths or English Retake
Spanish			Physics	Junior Athlete Education (JAE)
			Psychology	MOCs
Business BTEC (Double)	Criminology Applied Diploma (Single)	Business BTEC (Single)	Business BTEC (Single)	QE First XI Football Team (Male & Female Squads)
Health and Social Care OCR (Single)	Rock School Level 3	Criminology Applied Diploma (Single)	Business BTEC (Double)	QE Productions
Health and Social Care OCR (Double)		IT BTEC (Single)	Health and Social Care OCR (Double)	Young Enterprise
Performing Arts BTEC (Single)		Law BTEC (Single)		Work Experience / Voluntary Work / Internships
Sport BTEC (Double)		Sport BTEC (Single)		
		Sport 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.