

NEWPORT GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMY TRUST



16-19 Programme of Study

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Post 16 study at Newport Girls' High School is designed to provide all students with a structured and challenging individualised study programme, which reflects their prior attainment, education and career goals.

All students are expected to undertake a full time study programme including at least 3 full A Level courses. Students can choose one of three pathways:

- 3 A levels and an Extended Project Qualification
- 3 A levels and AS Physical Education
- 4 A levels (providing GCSE average exceeds 7.75)

Whilst the A level courses studied represent a substantive part of the study programme, all students have access to an abundance of enrichment activities, including:

Careers and Higher Education

- Throughout Year 12 and 13 we offer a range of **individualised support for student applications** from advice about course analysis, visiting and choosing Universities, support for Personal Statements and Apprenticeship applications and interview preparation. A range of visits and external speakers are arranged to support student choices.
- We offer an individualised, **specialised package** of support to students applying for courses with additional application demands e.g. Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Dentistry, Oxbridge and Law.
- We have a number of **pre-agreed, long term, regular placements with local NHS facilities**. This provides an unrivalled opportunity to learn about medical careers in a depth that will place our students in an excellent position for a range of medical careers.
- We offer a range of **careers events** throughout the year and the opportunity for individual, independent careers meetings if required.
- We have **established links** via our A level subjects with Harper Adams University, University of Birmingham, Aston University, Warwick University, Keele University, University of Southampton, Wolverhampton University. These facilitate visiting lecturers, student conferences, masterclasses and the Gold Crest Award. We also have an established link with St John's college, University of Cambridge.

Personal Skills Development

- Students are supported to take **additional qualifications** such as LAMDA, Gold Crest, Gold Arts Award, Young Enterprise and Gold Duke of Edinburgh.
- Sixth formers are **encouraged to mentor** other students both within our school and in local ones.
- Those who have not participated in the **National Citizen Scheme** during Year 11 are encouraged to do so in year 12. As a result many have gone on to become leaders in subsequent years, representing the West Midlands NCS nationally and internationally. As a result we have become a Champion school.
- We offer **school and house leadership roles** which provide students with the chance to enhance their employability skills.
- Taught PSHE lessons which focus on age-appropriate issues and help students prepare for life after school.
- PE lessons are offered to support student mental and physical health.
- Students partake in a range of tutor activities in order to develop their personal skills.