

Sixth Form Options

Choosing your A Levels



RGS ESTD
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HIGH WYCOMBE

SCHOLA REGIA GRAMMATICA

RGS Entry Criteria

- At least 8 full **taught** GCSEs Grades 9 - 4 with:
 - Minimum 49 points from best 8 (= 7x6, 1x7)
 - Minimum 52 to make first choices more likely
- 3 A levels + 1 Enrichment
- For 4 A levels (with or without Enrichment), minimum 64 points
- 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

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? *Enjoyment = motivation / ability = success*
- 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 on www.ucas.com? Will I achieve these 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 my 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
- **No more than 2 subjects you have not studied before**
- New subjects – investigate carefully
- 4th or 5th subject = Column E(nrichment)
- Co-curricular

Additional Subject Choice

Column Enrichment



- Details in booklet
 - EPQ (58 pts best 8 GCSEs)
 - Critical Thinking (64 pts best 8 GCSEs)
 - AS Level French / German / Spanish (7 at GCSE)
 - GCSE Italian
 - Beginners Japanese
 - Maths Admissions Test preparation
 - CCF
 - Stage Lighting and Sound Team
 - Volunteering
 - DoE Gold Award

However ...

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

Y12 into Y13

- 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

Help is at hand!

- Form Tutor / Head of Year
- Mrs Thakrar, Careers Lead
- Miss Munday
- Sixth Form Options booklet on website
<https://www.rgshw.com/sixth-form/entry-booklet>
- A Level board specifications
- Sixth Form Options Evening
- Current Y12/13 students
- <https://www.theuniguide.co.uk/advice/a-level-choices/six-things-you-need-to-know-before-making-your-a-level-choices>
- https://www.ucas.com/sites/default/files/tips_on_choosing_a_levels_march_2015_0.pdf

Dates/Deadlines

- **09:00 Monday 27 November** - Deadline for submission of choices **online** via 1) Options for A levels and 2) online form for Enrichment choice and additional information
- **24-26 June 2024** – Exam Board contingency days (**YOU MUST NOT BE ON HOLIDAY AT THIS TIME**)
- **Tuesday 25 June 2024** - 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 22 August 2024** – GCSE Results Day (PLEASE TRY NOT BE ON HOLIDAY AT THIS TIME IN CASE OF NEED TO DEAL WITH UNEXPECTED RESULTS)
- **1.00pm, Thursday 22 August 2023** – Deadline to confirm RGS A Level choices. After this we release remaining places to new students.