

ONE-YEAR GCSE
PROGRAMME FOR
15-17 YEAR OLDS

Focus & Progress



CHELTEMHAM
COLLEGE



Welcome



Cheltenham College's One-Year GCSE Programme is designed for motivated pupils who wish to strengthen their academic profile before progressing to Sixth Form.

As full members of the College community, pupils benefit from expert teaching, exceptional pastoral care and a rich co-curricular programme.

The course combines core GCSE qualifications with enrichment, independent study and wellbeing support, ensuring pupils leave prepared for their next stage of education.

Cheltenham College

Cheltenham College is one of the UK leading co-educational day and boarding schools with an international reputation in both academic achievement and a holistic approach to pastoral care. The community at College is supportive, inclusive and fun, and 80% of pupils are boarders, the majority of whom are full boarders. Central to the success of our pastoral care, is the pupil's House – a space to call their own, where they can study and socialise, in a place surrounded by friends from all year groups and with House staff to look after them.

Course Structure

Designed to challenge and inspire, our GCSE curriculum offers a blend of essential core subjects and carefully selected options, allowing pupils to tailor their studies to their interests and future ambitions.

Core subjects

Compulsory for all pupils

English Language IGCSE

Mathematics IGCSE

Sciences

Choose **two**

Biology IGCSE

Chemistry IGCSE

Physics IGCSE

Humanities

Choose **one**

Geography IGCSE

Economics

Languages

Choose **one**

French GCSE

Spanish GCSE

Latin GCSE

Additional English
Language Support

Also available

Alongside core and optional subjects

Native Language

Native German speakers may opt to study German First Language IGCSE, which includes four taught lessons per week. Native speakers of other languages may be entered for an appropriate language GCSE or IGCSE qualification, which typically requires no additional taught lessons.

Independent Study

In College Library or Supervised in Departments

Floreat

Floreat is our well-being programme which is timetabled as part of the week and explores themes relevant to young people, covering: Citizenship; Moral development; Relationships and sex education; and Physical, social, health and economic education.

Why These Subjects?

Core Subjects

English Language develops advanced reading, writing, analysis and communication skills, while **Mathematics** builds confidence in problem solving and logical thinking. Together, these subjects provide the academic foundations required for success in Sixth Form and beyond.



Sciences

Science inspires curiosity and discovery through the study of **Biology**, **Chemistry** and **Physics**. Pupils develop analytical and problem-solving skills through practical investigations and hands-on experiments. These subjects provide a strong foundation for further study and a wide range of future careers.



Humanities

Geography encourages pupils to explore global challenges, sustainability and human development. **Economics** develops an understanding of markets, decision-making and the forces shaping the modern world. Both subjects foster critical thinking and analytical skills.



Languages

French, **Spanish** and **Latin** help pupils develop communication skills, cultural awareness and confidence. Pupils gain a deeper understanding of different cultures while strengthening their critical thinking and adaptability. These transferable skills are highly valued by universities and employers alike.



Beyond the Classroom

Independent Study helps pupils develop research, organisation and academic confidence. Floreat supports wellbeing, personal development and life skills. Boarding life, House communities and dedicated pastoral support create a nurturing environment where pupils can flourish personally and academically.



Progression & Next Steps

The One-Year GCSE Programme is designed as a springboard to Sixth Form study at Cheltenham College. Pupils progress to a wide range of pathways, including A Levels, BTECs, CTech qualifications and the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ).

With over 300 pupils in the Sixth Form, Cheltenham College offers an exceptional environment in which to continue academic and personal development.

Pupils benefit from a broad and flexible curriculum, a rich co-curricular programme, and expert guidance as they prepare for university and future careers.

Each year, our leavers secure places at leading universities across the UK, while around 20 pupils go on to receive scholarships to universities overseas.



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