



Carshalton High School for Girls

6th Form A Level Exam Policy

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All students enter Year 12 taking a minimum of the equivalent of three A level subjects. Entry onto these courses is subject to meeting subject specific criteria. Students can study BTEC courses, A level courses or a mixture of both.

A Levels

Students embark on a 2 year programme of study whereby all external written exams take place at the end of Year 13. Our policy states that

- a) No students will be entered for exams in Year 12 as they do not count towards the full A levels grade awarded in Year 13.

However, there are exceptions to the rule and these will be applied by the Head of 6th form and/or the Deputy Head overseeing the 6th form in conjunction with Curriculum Leaders. These being:

- a) If a student is embarking on a 4 subject programme in Year 12, the student will take an AS exam in the subject that will most likely be dropped at the end of Year 12. The student will then gain accreditation for the subject studied in Year 12
- b) If it felt by the teacher of a subject that a student is at risk of not getting a D grade and therefore a Year 13 place is in jeopardy in a particular subject, then the teacher in consultation with the student can enter the student for the AS exam in Year 12. This will give confirmation to both parties of their suitability in that subject in Year 13
- c) If a student wishes to not complete the full A level in a subject and is looking for an agreed alternative in Year 13 or to re-sit Year 12 or to leave the school, then the student again in consultation with the subject teacher may sit the AS exam.

All students will take in-house exams in June of Year 12 as a measure of their progress in Year 12 and also of their suitability to join Year 13 and thus complete the full A level in their chosen subjects.

Entry requirements remain at a grade D in all subjects. However, each individual student's performance is looked at and entry into Year 13 remains at the discretion of the Head of 6th form and Deputy Head overseeing the 6th form. This will be particularly important if students fail to get a D grade in either the AS exam or in-house school exam.

- For those students failing to reach the minimum standard in one subject, an alternative AS course may be studied in Year 13 subject to curriculum leader approval and also if that AS course is available within school.
- For those students failing to reach the minimum standard in two subjects, students will be given the opportunity to
 - a) Start two new subjects, complete the third and carry on into Year 14 subject to Deputy Head overseeing the 6th form and Head of 6th form approval or
 - b) Consider other options elsewhere
- For those students failing to reach the minimum standard in three subjects, students will be given the opportunity to
 - a) Re-sit Year 12 embarking a different programme of study, subject to Deputy Head overseeing the 6th form and Head of 6th form approval or
 - b) Be asked to consider their options elsewhere.