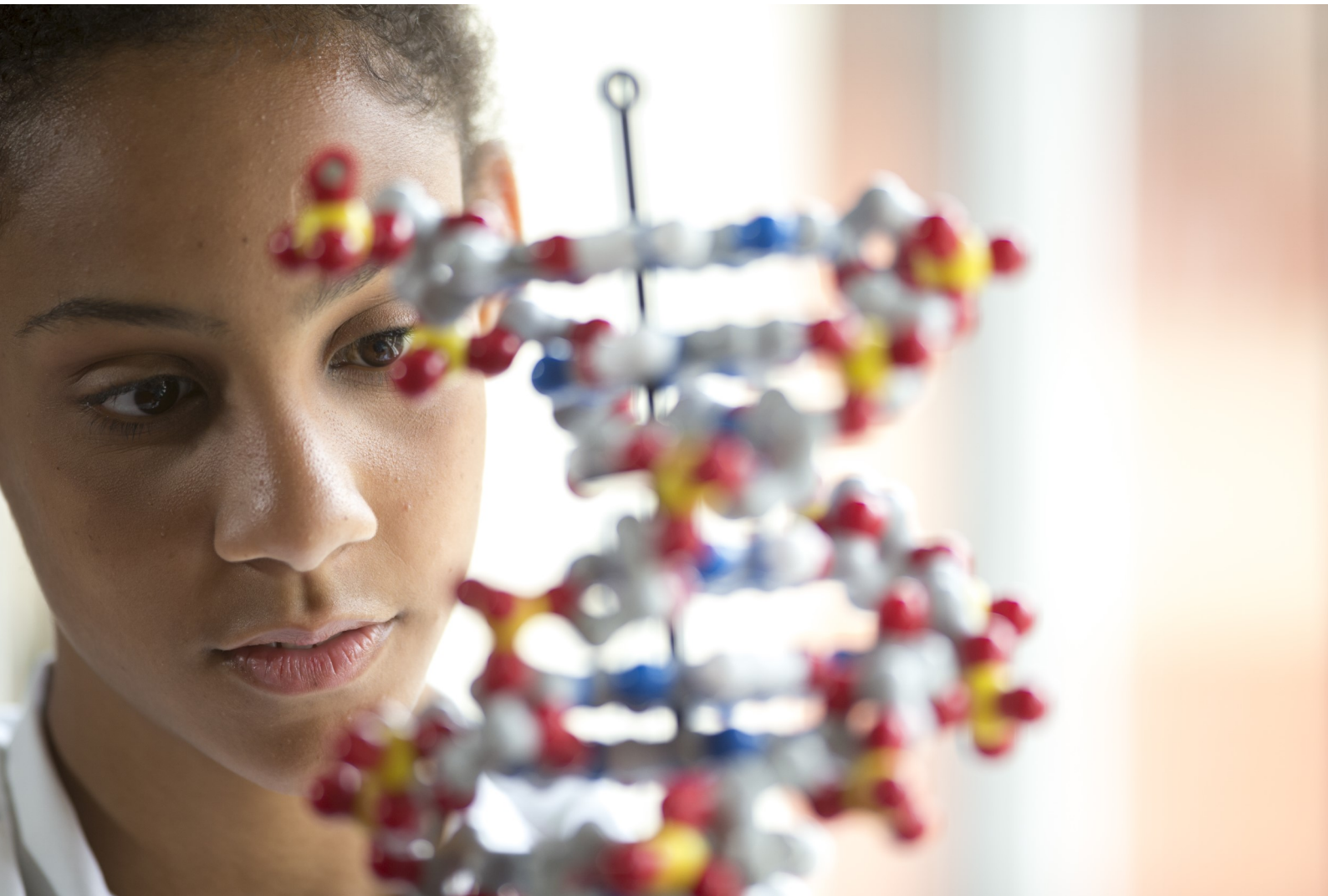




BIRKENHEAD  
— SCHOOL —

# School Curriculum



## Seniors & Sixth Form Entry

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Seniors  
Ages 11-16

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Sixth Form  
Ages 16-18



Subject	Years 7 & 8	Year 9		Year 10 & 11	
		Core	Options (4 options)	Core	Options
Art	✓		✓		✓
Biology		✓		✓	
Chemistry		✓		✓	
Computing			✓		
Design & Technology	✓		✓		✓
English	✓	✓			
English Language				✓	
English Literature				✓	
French	✓		✓		✓
Geography	✓	✓			✓
History	✓	✓			✓
Information Technology & Coding	✓				
Latin	✓		✓		✓
Mathematics	✓	✓		✓	
Music	✓		✓		✓
Physical Education & Games	✓	✓			✓
Physics		✓		✓	
Religious Studies	✓	✓			✓
Science	✓				
Spanish	✓		✓		✓

## Year 7

Students attend timetabled 'Beyond the Curriculum' lessons during Years 7 and 8. A wide range of topics are covered and these include: Etiquette Lessons, Public Speaking, Yoga, First Impressions, Critical Thinking, Debating, Investments & Savings, Understanding Tax, Your Digital Footprint, Lifelong Fitness plus others.

## Year 9

In Year 9 students complete 'core' subjects and select four options to study, of which at least one will be a Modern Foreign Language.

## Year 10 & 11

At GCSE, students study 'core' compulsory subjects and select four additional subjects, of which at least one will be a Modern Foreign Language. In Year 11, students' study programmes will be reviewed based on academic performance to date and predicted success at GCSE.

*Please note:*

**English:** Almost all students will study English Language and Literature at GCSE.  
**Maths:** Further Mathematics GCSE will be taken by students who are advanced mathematicians.  
**Science:** Most students will study three separate sciences whilst some take the GCSE Dual Award in Science.

All students in Years 10 and 11 continue with Physical Education & Games as part of the School's co-curricular programme. Students can choose Physical Education & Games (Academic) as an option at GCSE.

# The School Day

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8.30am	Registration
8.40am	Chapel Service / Assembly / Personal, Social and Health Education
9.00am	Period 1
9.40am	Period 2
10.20am	Period 3
11.00am	Break
11.20am	Period 4
12.00pm	Period 5
12.40pm	Lunch / Co-Curricular Activities
1.40pm	Period 6
2.20pm	Period 7
3.00pm	Period 8
3.40pm	Registration
3.50pm	End of School Day / Co-Curricular Activities

*Homework Club is available until 6.00pm (at an additional cost). Students are supported during this time to complete homework.*



In the Sixth Form, students choose from a range of A Levels to tailor a study programme that will support their future career. Our A Level programme offers breadth and includes subjects that are favoured by Russell Group universities and Oxbridge.

In Year 12, students choose to study four subjects at A Level. As they progress into Year 13, students can choose to continue with four A levels or focus on three.

## A Level Subject Choices

Students can choose from the following A Level courses:

Art	English Literature	Mathematics
Biology	French	Music
Business Studies	Further Mathematics	Physical Education
Chemistry	Geography	Physics
Classical Civilisation	History	Psychology
Design & Technology (Product Design)	ICT	Religious Studies
Design & Technology (Electronics)	Latin	Spanish
Economics		

*Please note that the provision of teaching in some of the above A Level subjects is dependent upon demand.*

In addition, all students take part in Games on a Wednesday afternoon. Students also take part and benefit from the following programmes in the Sixth Form:

- Birkenhead Futures
- Nicholls Lecture Series
- Beyond the Curriculum Programme
- Academic & Peer Mentor Programmes
- Extended Project Qualification
- Co-Curricular Programme incorporating a wide range of Clubs and activities including Music, Sport and Drama.

*Further information the Sixth Form is available in the 'Welcome to Sixth Form' Additional Guide.*

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