



The curriculum at QEH is constantly under review and changes from this outline are possible in the future. The present situation is outlined below:

Years 7 and 8

Art and Ceramics	History	Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)	Spanish and German (Year 8)
Design Technology	ICT	Physical Education	Activities
English	Latin	Religious Studies	Library Skills (Year 7)
French	Mathematics	Science	
Geography	Music		

Year 9

The core curriculum now contains mathematics, English, library skills, physics, chemistry, biology, geography, history, religious studies, PSHE and physical education. Five other subjects are chosen from French, German, Spanish, Latin, Greek, art, drama, DT, ICT and music. At least one modern foreign language must be chosen.

The GCSE Years

In Years 10 and 11 the core curriculum contains:

English (Language and Literature)

Mathematics

PSHE (not examined)

Science and Additional Science or three separate sciences. All boys are taught in a co-ordinated course by specialists in the separate disciplines. Those taking separate sciences also take an arts-based GCSE short course.

Four more GCSE subjects are chosen (in consultation with parents) from:

Art	French	ICT (this leads to AS level)	Physical Education
Business Studies	Geography	Latin	Religious Studies
Drama	German	Music	Spanish
Design Technology	History		

The timetable is constructed to give as many boys as possible their first choice. All boys take nine GCSE subjects as a minimum. It is possible to take Music and Mandarin as further optional subjects by having extra music lessons partly outside the main timetable.

Sets and Class sizes

Maths and French are setted according to ability from Year 7. English is set from Year 10. Class sizes in Years 7 and 8 vary between 24 – 28 with some subjects being taught in half-classes. A typical year 9 class numbers 18 - 24, whilst GCSE groups vary considerably, around an average size of 18.

The Sixth Form

The priority in the construction of the Sixth Form timetable is to give as much freedom in choice of subjects as is possible. In the Sixth Form our set sizes average about 8, with a range from 1 to 15.

In the Lower Sixth four AS subjects are chosen from the following:

Art	English	History	PE and Sport
Biology	Ethics and Philosophy	ICT (A2)	Physics
Business Studies	French	Latin	Psychology
Chemistry	Geography	Mathematics	Spanish
Classical Civilisation	German	Further Mathematics	Theatre Studies
Economics	Government and Politics	Music	

In the Upper Sixth students continue with three (or four) of these to full A level. A General Studies programme operates for all sixth formers, but no examination is taken.