



HOW TORQUAY GIRLS' GRAMMAR MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE 16-19 STUDY PROGRAMME

How do we meet the requirements of the 16 – 19 study programme?

All ESFA funded education for 16 to 19 year olds should be delivered as a study programme which combines qualifications and other activities, and which is tailored to each student's prior attainment and career goals.

- Every study programme must have a core aim. For the majority of students, this will be either the study of substantial technical, applied or academic qualification(s) or preparation for employment. Independent private study and access to two specifically designated sixth form workspaces.

All students in the Sixth Form at TGGGS will be studying towards A Level qualifications. Most students complete a 3 A-level programme. Some of our most able choose to study 4. These are mainly talented mathematicians who choose to study Further Maths

- Young people who do not hold a GCSE grade 4 (reformed grading) or grade C (legacy grading) in maths and/or English are required to continue these subjects as part of their study programme. Students are offered numerous opportunities to take part in social action both within school and in the wider community through a wide variety of schemes and projects.

Students have to achieve minimum grade 5 in Maths and English to enrol at Sixth Form. We accept a few students on appeal who might not meet our selection criteria. Any such student who does not hold a grade 4 in maths and/or English are provided with time on their programme to retake these subjects.

- All study programmes should include work experience and non-qualification activities which complement the other elements of the programme and support the student to progress to further or higher education or to employment. The non-qualification activity should develop students' character, skills, attitudes and confidence.

Students in our sixth form are expected to take part in enrichment activities which provide them with opportunity to develop a range of character and employability skills, high self-esteem and a sense of community.

Enrichment is divided into three areas:

Academic: All students follow an EPQ or Sports Leaders programme. They must also undertake other academic enrichment such as a MOOC or a university 'scholars' programme.

Community: Students can apply for a wide variety of leadership skills in school. Wednesday afternoons can be used for community volunteering. We work closely with Torbay NHS and local schools to provide such opportunities.

Well-being: All students take place in Wednesday afternoon enrichment to develop growth mindsets through well-being activities or volunteering. Students can choose from a wide variety of on-site and off-site activities such as Crochet, Drama, Sports, Climbing.

Future pathways, Healthy Relationships, Living in the Wider World are taught through a weekly Tutorial Programme in Year 12 and a fortnightly programme in Year 13.

Careers Education

The careers' programme we offer aims to give independent, impartial advice to all our students. Some of its key components are:

- Individual interviews with a Careers' Advisor
- Talks on non-university options post-18 eg Degree Apprenticeships from companies and alumni
- University speakers to promote higher education from different providers
- Promotion of widening participation schemes eg Exeter Scholars
- Support in applying to International Universities including US, Eire, Germany, Netherlands;
- Organised visits to Higher Education Fair and university Open Days
- Support on UCAS Personal Statement writing from our Sixth Form Team and University admissions teams
- All students have a dedicated UCAS mentor
- Support with Student Finance through external speakers
- Mock interview support and practice
- Support for university admissions tests such as UKCAT, LNAT and Oxbridge assessments
- Support with work-experience placements throughout the Sixth Form.
- TGGs Healthcare conference – representatives from across the healthcare service running workshops and talks for Y10-13 students from across Devon.
- Bespoke support through our own 'Medsoc' for Medics, Vets, Dentist and Allied Healthcare occupations

All Departments support individuals in their university applications by running seminars and supporting individuals with their Personal Statements.

Oxbridge: Beyond this, our Early Entry Lead runs an extremely thorough programme for Oxbridge candidates. This includes highly focused support throughout every stage of the process.

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