



# ST HELEN & ST KATHARINE

Sixth Form Choices Presentation

Tuesday 22 January 2019

Mr Morris, Director of Studies

# Schedule

- Presentation to Y11 – Tuesday 22 Jan
- Options form issued – Monday 4 Feb
- Mock results on Parent Portal – Monday 4 Feb
- Year 11 Parents' Evening – Tuesday 5 Feb
- A Level Choices submission – 8.50 am  
Wednesday 13 Feb



**Dates**

- Term Dates
- Calendar
- Parents' Evenings
- Trips & Visits Calendar

**Information**

- School Aims & Policies
- Handbooks & Consent Form
- Your St Helen's
- Option Choices**
- Beyond and Going Beyond

**School Life**

- Examinations
- Staff Contacts
- School Uniform
- Parents' Association
- Lunch Rota & Menus

**News**

- Weekly Mailings
- Latest News
- School notices available in  
Weekly Mailing & Parent Portal*





Option Choices

Documents

<a href="#">GCSE Choices Letter</a>	Letter from Mrs Nash about GCSE choices for September 2019
<a href="#">GCSE Choice Presentation</a>	Powerpoint presentation about GCSE choices for September 2019
<a href="#">GCSE Choices Booklet</a>	Information about choices and each subject for September 2019
<a href="#">GCSE Provisional Blocks</a>	GCSE Provisional Blocks for September 2019
<a href="#">How to Thrive at GCSE</a>	Booklet on how to thrive at GCSE
<a href="#">A Guide to A-level Choices for September 2019</a>	A Guide to A-level Choices for September 2019
<a href="#">Sixth Form Choices Presentation</a>	Sixth Form Choices Presentation
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# Sixth Form curriculum

Academic life in Sixth Form is about individual choice and learning beyond the ordinary business of a curriculum. Every student will create a programme of four individual elements of study. They will choose 3 or 4 A-levels as the core of their academic work, some taught jointly with Abingdon School. Students can then add a St Katharine's Study option to suit their own academic interests.

## Core

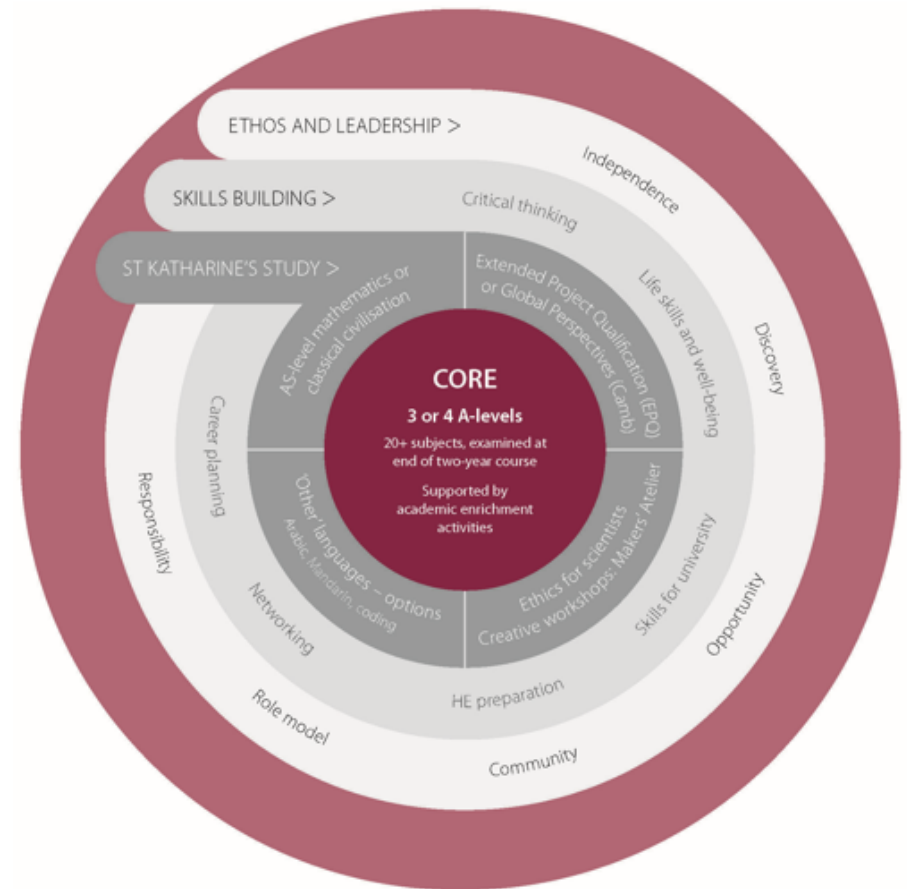
3 or 4 A-levels; 20+ subjects examined at the end of a two-year course.

## Academic enrichment activities

Subject societies and lectures from eminent speakers; field trips; theatre visits; business and work experience; visits to art and design collections; language courses and cultural visits; international residential trips.

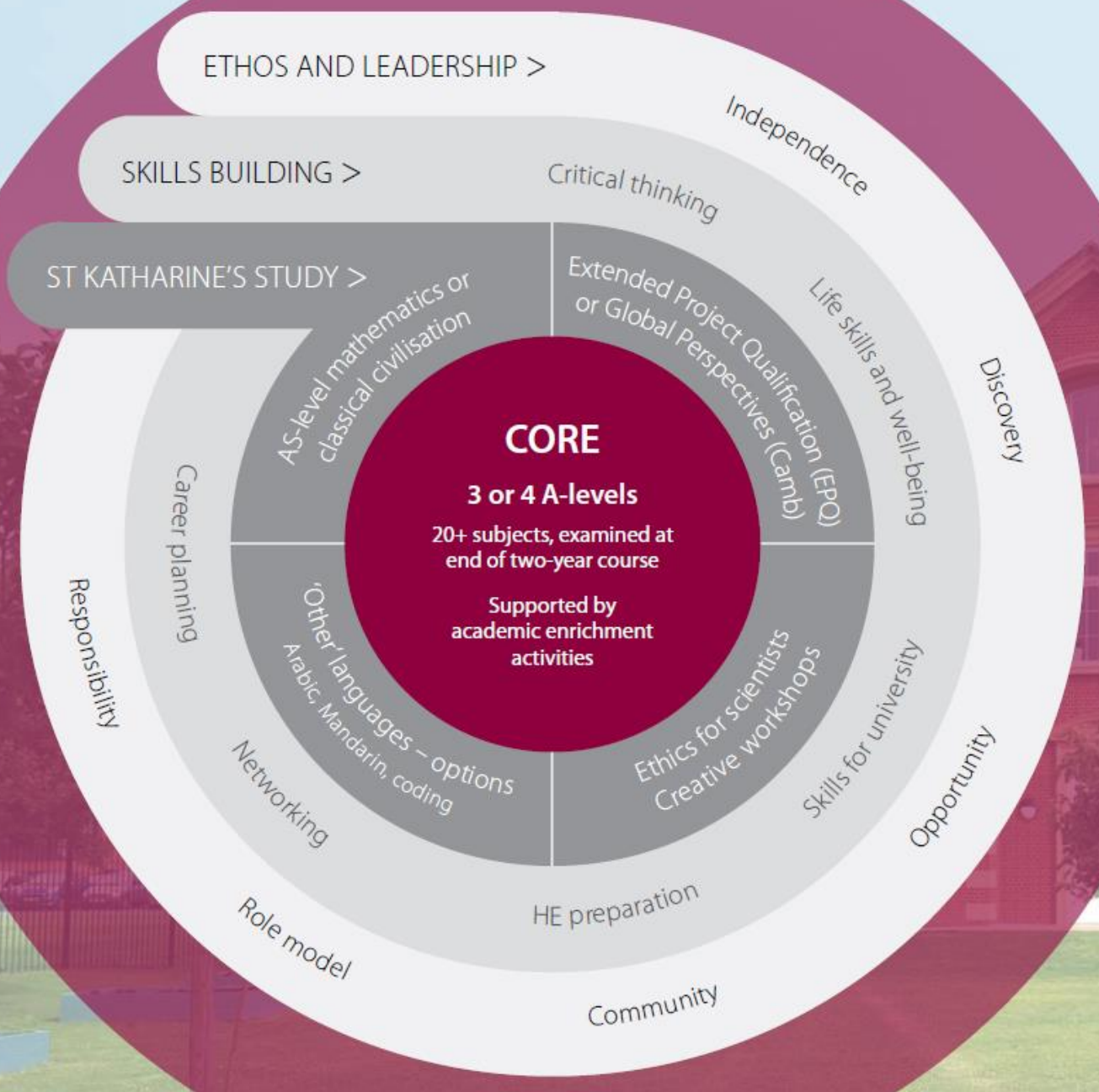
## St Katharine's Study

Students who complete an element of study beyond 3 A-levels are awarded the St Katharine's Study (SKS) Certificate. Rooted in a spirit of curiosity and enquiry, SKS enables students to work on a subject of particular personal interest, creating their own unique learning experience. Supported by a research supervisor, students develop university-style planning methods, independent learning and research skills and extend their knowledge beyond the A-level curriculum. The following elements of study qualify for the SKS: AS mathematics or classical civilisation; the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ); Global Perspectives (Camb); ethics for scientists; Arabic, Mandarin or



## Skills building

Underpinning the academic programme is a focus upon the development of



# The Sixth Form Curriculum

- Core Curriculum
- St Katharine's Study
- Skills Building
- Ethos & Leadership

# Skills Building

- Critical Thinking/Thinking Skills
- Study Skills
- Life Skills
- HE and university preparation including TSA, BMAT, UKCAT, LNAT, CAT, ELAT, HAT, MAT, MLAT, MMLT, GAA, OLAT, PAT, STEP, TMUA etc.
- Career Planning
- Alumnae networking – Kate Scheme



# Ethos & Leadership

- Community
- Independence
- Opportunity
- Role models
- Responsibility

# Leadership Opportunities

- Head Girl
- Prefects/House Prefects
- Sports Captains
- Sacristans
- School Council
- Charities Reps
- Subject and Form Assistants
- Leaders of clubs and societies
- Student mentoring

# Higher Education (HE)/Careers

- Detailed programme over two years
- Supported by tutors/individual advice
- Careers Library and staff
- Futures Programme
- Careers Convention/HE evening
- Practice Interviews

# The Key Issues

- You need to make the choices that are the right ones for YOU!
- Consider your whole Sixth Form experience including extra-curricular commitments, work experience etc.
- Ensure a realistic workload
  - you cannot do everything!
- This is a choices process
  - you will have to make some!

# L6 Curriculum 2019 – 2020

<b>Compulsory</b>
PE
General Studies

# Core Curriculum 1

## PE Lessons

- A double a week
- A wide choice of activities

- Badminton
- Basketball
- Bouncercise
- Cheerleading
- Cricket
- Dance
- Football
- Group cycle
- Gymnastics
- Indoor rowing
- Lacrosse
- Netball
- Rugby
- Strength & conditioning
- Tennis
- Trampolining
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Volleyball

# Core Curriculum

## PE Lessons

- A double a week
- A wide choice of activities

## General Studies Lessons

- A programme of Thinking/Study/Critical/Life Skills in L6
- A lecture programme & Radley Conference in U6



# Core Curriculum

- 3 or 4 A Levels
  - 20+ subjects
  - Examined at the end of 2 years with no AS examination along the way.
  - School exams will be taken in the summer term of L6.
- St Katharine's Study
  - 10 subjects

# Enrichment Opportunities

- Academic Enrichment – in school including e.g. lectures, speakers, Going Beyond etc.
- Academic Enrichment – beyond school e.g. MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses!)  
Opportunity to tap in to all sorts of courses provided by organisations like Coursera and FutureLearn.

# L6 Curriculum 2019 - 2020

<b>Who</b>	<b>Number of Programmes of Study</b>
Everyone	Minimum of 3 A Levels
Everyone	Minimum of 4 in total
For most people	4
For some people	5

# Current L6 2018 - 2019

<b>No of Programmes of Study</b>	<b>Number of Students</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>

# Current L6 2018 - 2019

<b>A Level</b>	<b>SKS</b>	<b>Number</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>

# A Level Subjects

- Art
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Drama & Theatre
- Economics
- English Literature
- French
- Further Mathematics
- Geography
- German
- Government & Politics
- Greek
- History
- Latin
- Mathematics
- Music
- Physics
- Physical Education
- Psychology
- Religion, Philosophy & Ethics
- Spanish
- DT at Abingdon

**NB It will never be possible for more than 2 of Drama & Theatre, Economics, Government & Politics & DT to be taken as they are in joint blocks with Abingdon**

# L6 Curriculum 2019 - 2020

<b>Compulsory</b>	<b>A Level Subjects</b>
PE	A Level 1
General Studies	A Level 2
	A Level 3
	<i>A Level 4</i>

# L6 Curriculum 2019 - 2020

Compulsory	A Level Subjects	St Katharine's Study Subjects
PE	A Level 1	EPQ
General Studies	A Level 2	Cambridge Pre-U Global Perspectives
	A Level 3	Arabic
	<i>A Level 4</i>	Mandarin
		Coding
		EPQ in Cyber Security
		Ethics For Scientists
		Makers' Atelier
		AS Maths (2 year)
		AS Classical Civilisation (2 year)



# St Katharine's Study Subjects

1 year

- EPQ (Extended Project Qualification)
- Cambridge Pre-U Global Perspectives
- Arabic
- Mandarin
- Coding
- EPQ in Cyber Security
- Ethics for Scientists
- Makers' Atelier

2 years

- AS Level Maths or Classical Civilisation

# St Katharine's Study – who to contact

- EPQ (Extended Project Qualification)  
Dr Strong – [rstrong@shsk.org.uk](mailto:rstrong@shsk.org.uk)
- Cambridge Pre-U Global Perspectives  
Dr Gribble – [lgribble@shsk.org.uk](mailto:lgribble@shsk.org.uk)
- Arabic  
Mrs Shannon – [fshannon@shsk.org.uk](mailto:fshannon@shsk.org.uk)
- Mandarin  
Mrs Anderson – [yanderson@shsk.org.uk](mailto:yanderson@shsk.org.uk)
- Coding/EPQ in Cyber Security  
Mrs Stringer – [lstringer@shsk.org.uk](mailto:lstringer@shsk.org.uk)
- Ethics for Scientists  
Ms Meuleman – [yanderson@shsk.org.uk](mailto:yanderson@shsk.org.uk)
- Makers' Atelier  
Mrs McDonald – [jmcdonald@shsk.org.uk](mailto:jmcdonald@shsk.org.uk)

# Other

## Study Periods

- Sixth Form Centre study room, Library, Room 1 or other spaces
- Use them effectively
- Read around your subjects
- Develop your independent learning skills as these are very valuable for higher education

# L6 Curriculum 2019 - 2020

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# More about Subject Choices

# **No pre-determined blocking system**

We create the “blocks” around your requests to make sure that as many of you as possible obtain your preferred Sixth Form Programme.

# The Blocks

P	Q	R	S	SKS	PE	GS
8	8	8	8	4	2	2
A	A	A	A	AS		
				Others		
EPQ	EPQ	EPQ	EPQ	EPQ		

# Choosing your subjects

- Most important is your enjoyment of a subject: you will be doing a lot of it so it matters that you are engaged with what you are learning and that you find it stimulating and interesting!
- St Katharine's Study options should be considered carefully as you will not be able to just "drop it" if it takes you below having 4 programmes of study.
- Careers staff will be able to give you advice about subject requirements if you have a specific HE/Careers option in mind.



# Some Pointers

- There are no “soft” options in subjects we offer.
- Make sure you choose the combination of subjects that is right for **you**.
- Some vocational degree courses have more specific entry requirements – e.g. medicine, vet medicine – research entry requirements with care and seek advice – talk to the HE/Careers Department.
- Be wary of picking up **more than 2** “new” subjects e.g. psychology, economics etc.

- Some subjects require regular, scheduled time commitment out of lessons e.g. art, drama & theatre, music
- It is not necessary to take AS/A Level maths with physics, chemistry or biology as the maths requirements are covered within the course.
- Studying biology and physics without chemistry may restrict some of your HE choices if you wish to take a science degree.
- Degree courses in physics, natural sciences, architecture and engineering generally require at least AS Mathematics, and often A Level Mathematics, so if you are considering a degree course in these areas, maths should be considered.

- Maths is not essential for medicine.
- Some universities have “preferred” subjects that they feel provide a suitable preparation for most of the courses they offer. These vary – you should research them.
- There are some subjects known in the media as “facilitating subjects” – these are maths, sciences, languages, English literature, history and geography. If you are really unsure what to choose then perhaps look at these subjects since they keep doors open.

# Who has the knowledge?

- You (likes & dislikes, strengths & goals).
- Your subject teachers, Heads of Department, Tutors, Mrs Nash, Miss Doherty.
- Mrs Trump & other HE/Careers staff (1-1 interviews).
- Subject specialists (university entrance).
- Those already in the Sixth Form.
- Your parents.

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# L6 Curriculum 2019 - 2020

<p><b>Choice 1</b> Subjects?</p>	<p>3 or 4 A Levels?</p>
<p><b>Choice 2</b> St Katharine's Study as appropriate?</p>	<p>EPQ Pre-U Global Perspectives Arabic/Mandarin Coding/EPQ Cyber Security Ethics for Scientists Makers' Atelier AS Maths/Classical Civilisation</p>

# Example 1

- **A Levels in**  
Biology  
English Literature  
Drama & Theatre
- **St Katharine's Study**  
EPQ

# Example 2

- **A Levels in**  
Chemistry  
Economics  
Mathematics  
Further Mathematics



# Example 3

- **A Levels in**  
English Literature  
History  
Latin
- **St Katharine's Study**  
Mandarin

# **Submitting your Sixth Form Choices**

Please note that we cannot guarantee that any particular combination of courses will be possible although we work hard to accommodate your choices wherever possible.

The form you submit will be scanned.

Please, please, please don't practise origami on it!

It needs to be signed by a parent.



# Sixth Form Programme of Study Choice – September 2019

Name:

Form:

## A Level Subjects (Minimum of 3)

1.

2.

3.

4.

## St Katharine's Study Option(s)

<input type="checkbox"/>	EPQ
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cambridge Pre-U Global Perspectives
<input type="checkbox"/>	Arabic
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mandarin
<input type="checkbox"/>	Coding
<input type="checkbox"/>	EPQ in Cyber Security
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ethics for Scientists (Must be doing 2 from Bi/ <u>Ch</u> / <u>Ph</u> /Ma)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Makers' Atelier
<input type="checkbox"/>	AS Maths
<input type="checkbox"/>	AS Classical Civilisation
<input type="checkbox"/>	None (only an option if 4 A Levels chosen)

**Anticipated significant extra-curricular commitments in the Sixth Form**

(So that we can make sure that you have capacity to undertake the requested programme of study.)

**Other things you want me to know**

(If this space is too small to tell Mr Morris this information please E-mail him or talk to him!)



**(Please read the accompanying notes before completing this form)**

Signed (Student):

Date:

Signed (Parent/Guardian):

Date:

Received by CSM:

Date:

1. If you are **definitely** leaving at the end of Year 11 still please return a form with a note to that effect. (Your parents need to give formal written notice to Mrs Dougall at by the beginning of Trinity Term.)
2. If you may be leaving, indicate this on the form and fill it in with your choices; if you don't your choices won't be taken into account when I plan the blocks. I only stop taking your choices into account when formal notice is given.
3. If there is something you think I should know, please tell me.

4. Remember that if you don't tell me, I don't know!
5. If something changes please tell me.
6. If after submitting the form you want to know if an alternative would be possible, please ask me.
7. Don't forget to let me know if the information on your form is no longer correct.

**This form must be handed in to Mr Morris, either directly or via the tray outside his office in the library, by 8.50am on Wednesday 13 February.**

**If you are absent on this day your choices must be communicated to Mr Morris by E-mail or telephone and your form given to him immediately you return.**

**Work will begin on it from that day!**

# What will happen next 1

- Mr Beaver gets to work on constructing the Sixth Form blocks.
- Mr Beaver, Mrs Nash, Miss Doherty and Mrs Trump meet up to discuss your choices to check that that are reasonable for **you** and that there are not obvious HE issues.
- Mr Beaver, Mrs Nash, Miss Doherty or Mrs Trump may ask to talk to you about your choices if there are any issues to discuss.
- You do your (I)GCSEs!
- You start Sixth Form!

# What will happen next 2

- If you wish to make any changes before the summer holiday begins, contact me directly to discuss whether this will be possible.
- If you wish to make any changes after this point in time you need to
  1. ask me whether it is logistically possible
  2. discuss your proposed change with your new form tutor and/or Miss Doherty and complete the appropriate paperwork at the start of term.
  3. Changes cannot normally be made before the paperwork is completed.

# **A reminder of dates:**

- **A level Choice Forms issued**  
Monday 4 February 2018
- **Year 11 Parents' Evening**  
Tuesday 5 February 2019
- **A level choices in**  
8.50am Wednesday 13 February 2019