

Newlands Girls' School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This year, Governors have asked us to look at our curriculum to ensure it is as effective as possible and also financially viable for the future. We are extremely lucky to have a highly experienced teaching staff, and our students are taught by subject specialists for almost all their lessons. To ensure that this is the case as we move into the next academic year, we have made some slight changes to the structure of the curriculum for September 2025.

Up to now, Year 11 students studying separate science have had four additional lessons during form time. These lessons are short and we believe these should be part of the core timetabled curriculum. As a result, Year 11 separate science students will be taught science across 12 lessons, 4 for each science.

To allow this in the timetable, these students will not study core RE which was previously taught in one lesson per fortnight. Students will still have the statutory entitlement to SMSC education through the Personal Development curriculum, which includes assemblies.

Combined science students will continue to study core RE in one lesson per fortnight along with two additional PE lessons.

The curriculum structure for Year 10 students remains unchanged and they will see these changes when they commence Year 11.

All Year 11 students will have eight Maths lessons per fortnight, which is in line with most high performing secondary schools and is the current number of lessons taught in Year 10. This slight change means that the Maths department will not be able to cover Further Maths content during Years 10 and 11 as originally planned. Further Maths will still be an option open to Year 11 mathematicians at A-Level.

Students who receive extra support for Maths in Study Plus lessons will continue to receive this support as usual.

If you have any queries, then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Miss Jo Capon
Headteacher



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