



# The Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School

Nurturing Excellence

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## Standard School Curriculum: Class of 2021

### A Level

The standard Haberdashers' curriculum is that the majority of pupils follow four academic courses in the Lower Sixth (Year 12) and three courses to A Level in the Upper Sixth (Year 13). Pupils wishing to take both Mathematics and Further Mathematics together with two other A Level subjects may do so. In certain circumstances a pupil not studying Further Mathematics may take all four Lower Sixth courses to A Level.

A small number of pupils each year choose to study three academic courses in the Lower Sixth and continue to A Level.

Haberdashers' offers 23 rigorously academic courses of equal status at A Level. A diverse range of subject combinations is possible. The pupils choose their subjects freely and there are no restrictions put on the combinations they choose.

### Lower Sixth Examinations

In summer 2020, pupils were due to sit externally verified examinations in the AS subjects below. These have been replaced with the School's Centre-Assessed Grades. For the seven non-AS subjects listed below, pupils will receive no grade in the summer of 2020.

**The pupils will be awarded grades for the following AS subjects:**

- Chemistry
- Physics
- Biology
- English Literature
- Latin
- Religious Studies
- French
- German
- Spanish
- Philosophy
- D&T
- Mathematics
- Further Mathematics
- Economics
- Physical Education
- Geography

### Non-AS subjects:

- Politics
- History
- Computer Science
- Art
- Music
- Russian
- English Language

We offer no vocational qualifications at Haberdashers'.

### A Level Predicted grades

These are based on the pupil's awarded AS grade, his progress in the Sixth Form to date and his potential at A Level.

### Independent Research: The Aske Project

All Lower Sixth pupils are expected to complete the equivalent of a 3000 - 4000 word independent research project on a topic of their choice. For those projects written in another language the word limit is halved. Projects may take any form: report, short story, play, musical composition etc., as the individual chooses.

The project is launched in September of the Lower Sixth year and all pupils are taught how to conduct research. The pupils are each assigned an Aske Project Supervisor based upon the title of their project, whom they meet up to four times in the course of the academic year. The final project is submitted in June of the Lower Sixth year and is graded Pass, Merit or Distinction. All Distinction projects are further assessed by external moderators who are subject specialists in their chosen field. Following this assessment, pupils are given a Viva in the first term of their Upper Sixth year.

### GCSE

All pupils study for a minimum of 10 GCSE (or IGCSE) subjects. The standard requirement is:

- Mathematics
- English Literature
- English Language
- Two sciences
- One modern foreign language
- One humanities subject

and any three others chosen from the following:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Classical Greek
- Arabic

- French
- German
- Latin
- Russian
- Spanish
- Geography
- History
- Religious Studies
- Art
- Computer Science
- Drama
- Design & Technology
- Music
- Sports Science (Physical Education)

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