



St. George's

The English International School Cologne

Middle School – Upper School Transition



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What are GCSE qualifications?

The General Certificate of Secondary Education or GCSE, is a subject specific qualification.

Pupils follow a two year course after which they are examined.

Pupils at St. George's take GCSE's in nine subject areas.

Pupils can gain their High School level diploma equivalent by passing in 5 subjects at A-C grade, these must include English, Mathematics, Science, a Foreign Language, and a Social Science (History or Geography).

Why are GCSE's important?

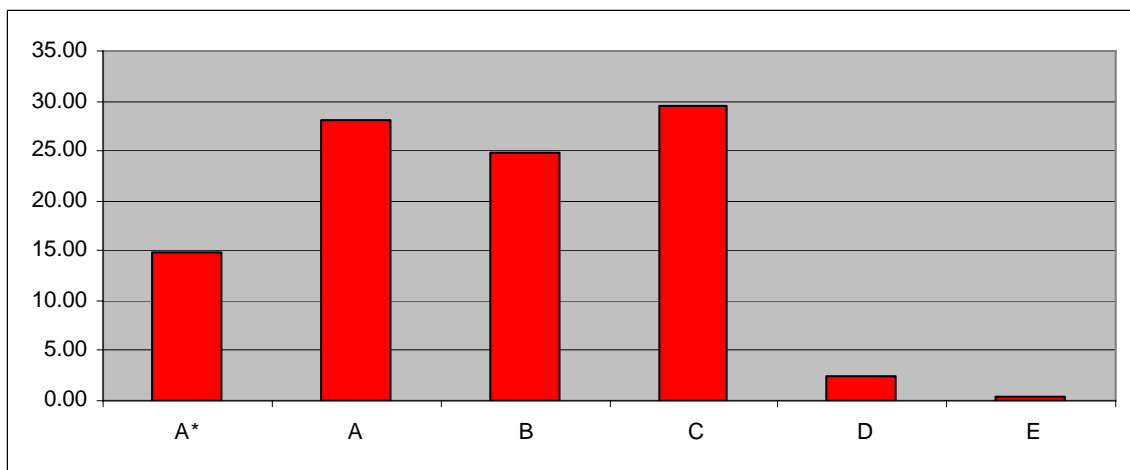
Passing GCSE's are a necessary to enter the Sixth Form at St. George's.

Pupils who do not achieve this are looked at individually but may need to repeat Year 11.

We recommend that pupils have passes in 5 subjects including English and Mathematics.

Pupils may be entered for an easier Foundation Level examination in subjects in which they are struggling, but they may not choose these subjects in the Sixth Form.

What are St. George's results?



% of Pupils who achieved passes at GCSE 2008

What option choices are there?

Pupils may choose one subject from each of the three groups:

History or Music

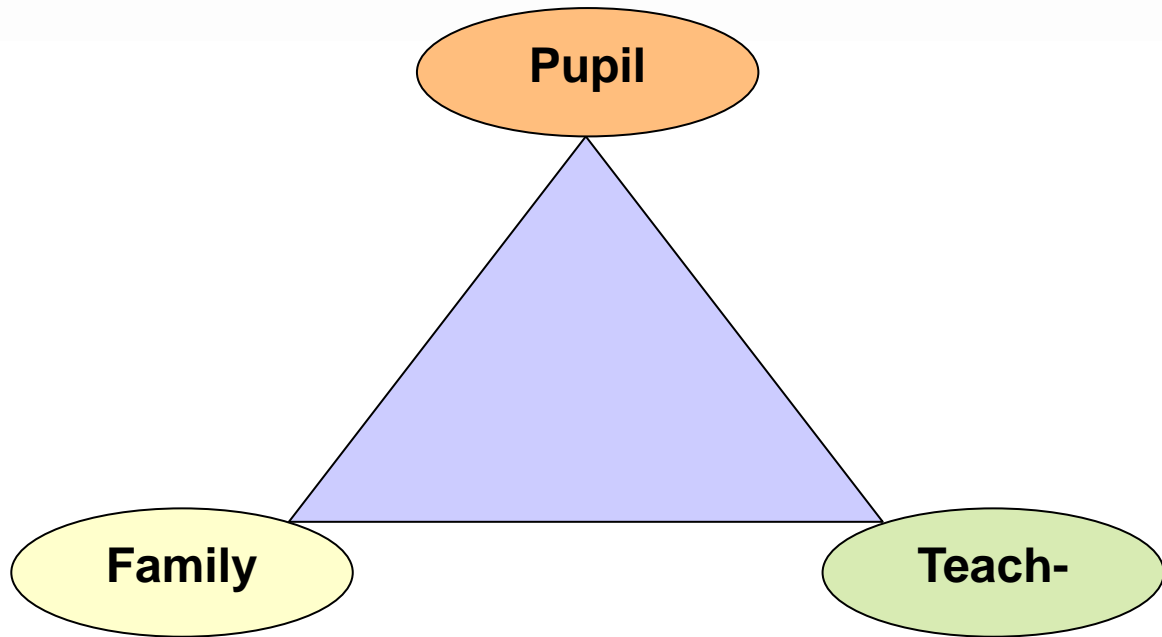
French or IT

Geography, Spanish or Art

These groups were created to allow the maximum career choices while allowing pupils to meet the requirements of the German and English education systems.

How do we achieve this success?

GCSE success is a three way partnership



The role of the Pupils

By completing work set.

By meeting deadlines.

By allowing Staff to teach.

By working to the best their ability.

By meeting teachers outside of the classroom, if they need extra help.

Pupils will complete Coursework in some subjects which enables them to produce work that can contribute around 25% of their final mark.

The role of the Staff

By teaching the curriculum.

By setting High Standards and High Expectations

By providing pupils with appropriate targets.

By providing additional opportunities for those who need it.

The Staff at St. George's will help pupils outside of lessons if they seek it.

The role of Parents

To support their child's learning.

To help our Pupils to prioritise their responsibilities.

To support the School in motivating the pupils and preparing them for the examinations.

To give the Pupils the space they need to do their work – this may mean removing distractions like computers or telephones.

Academic and Pastoral Monitoring



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The Form Teacher is the first point of contact for Pupils or Parents.

Communication for minor issues may be carried out through the pupil's homework Diary. You may pass a message to ask a Form Teacher to telephone or even contact the School Office and make an appointment.

The Head of Department will attend meetings if I am available.

The Future!

In Year 10 pupils will be learning to come to terms with the new pace of work.

In Year 11 Pupils will complete a careers course on a Wednesday afternoon.

Pupils will provisionally choose their IB or A level subject options.

Pupils will complete a 3 week work experience after their examinations.