



One-Year iGCSE Programme



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The One-Year iGCSE Programme

The Tettenhall College one-year iGCSE programme has been carefully designed to ensure international students aged 15 – 16 years of age have the very best preparation possible, prior to beginning their Sixth Form academic journey.

GCSEs are usually taken over two years, but the Tettenhall College one-year iGCSE programme allows students to take five or six iGCSEs in one year only. This means in one year they will achieve the minimum entry requirements necessary to go on to study A Levels, ahead of making their applications to university.

This programme is ideal for international students who are motivated to experience a strong academic environment, with individual support from highly experienced subject specialist teachers, or British students who are returning to the UK education system having previously studied in an international school. Due to the nature of the programme, we require a minimum B2 level of English language, or equivalent.

For many degree courses such as medicine, it makes the application stronger to have GCSEs as well as A Levels or other equivalent qualifications. The Tettenhall College one-year iGCSE programme includes a good range of subjects that keeps students' options open for the next step. During the year our team of teachers and mentors help students to choose the right subjects to pursue during Year 12 and 13, and students are supported individually as they select the best Sixth Form Pathway that will prepare them for their chosen university degree.

A key aspect of life here at Tettenhall College is that international students are very well integrated within the mainstream school, where the majority of students are British. Our international community has students from more than 25 different countries each year, from Asia, Europe, North & South America, and Africa. Combined with the opportunities a full boarder can expect during the evenings and at weekends, the Tettenhall College one-year iGCSE programme is an excellent and enriching academic option which we hope you will enjoy exploring.



The One-Year iGCSE Curriculum

Highlights of our international GCSE Programme:

- **Focused one-year pathway** – complete six full iGCSE subjects in a single academic year.
- **Individual attention** – small class sizes and dedicated support from experienced teachers.
- **Strong academic foundation** – preparation for A-Levels or other international qualifications.
- **Personal growth** – students develop independence, resilience and confidence through Tettenhall College's boarding, co-curricular and supra-curricular life.
- **Global community** – learn alongside motivated students from around the world in a supportive, English-speaking environment.

The core subjects for GCSE

On the course, students will study:

- Maths iGCSE
- English Language iGCSE or ESL (English as a Second Language) iGCSE
- Double Award Science IGCSE (2 iGCSEs awarded)
- iGCSE in pupil's native language

Mathematics

English Language/ ESL

Dual Award Science

Native language

Students can also choose to study one of:

- Art iGCSE
- or
- ICT iGCSE* (Information & Communication Technology)

Art or ICT

A student completing the one-year iGCSE programme will also have sports classes along with Personal & Social Education on their weekly schedule. Those students who wish to take individual musical instrument or vocal lessons, will be able to include this as an optional extra during the weekly schedule. In order to fully immerse our international students within our mainstream classes, they will also attend a number of additional academic classes, however these are not subjects which will be examined at the end of the year.

**Subjects are offered when there is sufficient demand and changes to this may occur.*

A Typical One-Year iGCSE Schedule

When you board at Tettenhall College, you really do have the best of both worlds. Whilst some day pupils are already up and travelling to school, you can have a timely start, followed by a cooked breakfast in the College Dining Room, before joining all the other pupils to follow the daytime routine of the school.

BOARDING ROUTINE: Monday to Friday

7.15am	Rise
7.30am	Breakfast
7.45am	Collect mobile phones & tidy room
8.10am	Room checks & House registration
8.20am	Leave the Boarding House
8.30am	Form Tutor time and registration
8.35am	Lessons begin
4.10pm	Lessons end
4.15 - 5pm	After School clubs and activities
	Free time
5pm	Dinner
6pm	Prep (homework)
6.30 - 7.30pm	House Meeting
7.45pm	Activities

SCHEDULE OF LESSONS

8.30am - 8.35am	Morning Form Registration
8.35am - 9.35am	Period 1 lessons
9.35am - 10.35am	Period 2 lessons
10.35am - 10.55am	Morning break time
10.55am - 11.55am	Period 3 lessons
11.55am - 12.55pm	Period 4 lessons
12.55pm - 1.50pm	Lunch time
1.50pm - 2.10pm	Afternoon Form Registration
2.10pm - 3.10pm	Period 5 lessons
3.10pm - 4.10pm	Period 6 lessons

Each Thursday, classes end at 3.10pm, and all students in Years 6 - 13 take part in the Enrichment Programme

Weekends

A programme of on and off-site activities is available for all boarding pupils. Off-site boarders' outings are very popular and, subject to where the trip is going to, may take a few hours, or the whole day. Some outings are compulsory and others are optional.



Personal Development Opportunities

When a student presents their application for university, it is essential that they present a strong Personal Profile. As well as academic study and extra-curricular activities, Tettenhall College offers a wide range of co-curricular opportunities to enhance a student's application. The following list is just a small number of the development options available, once a student progresses on to the A Level Sixth Form Pathway Programme:

- Medical Society
- Work experience relating to the medical profession –
NHS Work Experience support or Medic Mentor
Virtual Work Experience
- Medical Leadership Programme
- Biology & Chemistry Olympiads
- Mock trials at Wolverhampton Crown court
- Royal Geographical Society Lectures
- Model United Nations
- Royal Economic Society Essay competition
- Durham University Economics Essay competition
- History, Language & Business Studies residential trips
- Theatre visits & performances
- ISA Composition Competition for Sixth Form
- The Sports Leadership programme
- Trip to England Football Headquarters to take
part in their Game Changer programme
- Mathematical Olympiad & Senior Mathematical Challenge
- Investor Challenge (Wharton Business School)
- ICAEW Base Accounting Competition
- British Wildlife Photography Competition
- Forge links with Amazon Future Engineers
- Join the Coding and Robotics clubs
- Additional virtual classes through Isaac Computer Science
- Education in Action Lecture Series (Chemistry)
at Warwick University
- Schools Analyst Competition



IELTS & Academic Support

IELTS

Those pupils who study English as a second or additional language and have not passed GCSE English, are required to undertake the IELTS (International English Language Testing System) course. IELTS is the English language qualification most recognised by British universities. It is therefore essential that overseas pupils wishing to undertake a higher education qualification at a British institution complete this course.

The IELTS examination will test a pupil's ability to comprehend, write on and speak about a wide range of general topics. These topics include leisure activities, education, technology, the workplace, climate and the environment, globalisation and tourism.

IELTS uses a unique nine-point scoring system to measure and report test scores in a consistent manner. Candidates receive scores for each language skill (listening, reading, writing and speaking) and an overall band score on a band scale from one to nine. University requirements vary according to the institution's academic reputation.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Support is available to help all pupils achieve their maximum potential in their academic studies. This may involve help and advice regarding study habits and techniques or assessment for examination access arrangements such as extra time. In the Sixth Form this is carried out on an individual basis rather than in timetabled lessons and is organised by the Head of Academic Support.



Sixth Form Pathway Programmes

The Tettenhall College Sixth Form Pathways Programmes are designed to guide you in your A Level selection depending on your future career aspirations.

The pathways will provide you with supplementary skills and experiences to enable you to be successful in your applications to university as well as in the competitive world of work.

When you commence your A Levels you will select one of the following pathways:

- **Medical Sciences**
- **Social Sciences & Humanities**
- **Modern Languages**
- **Creative & Performing Arts**
- **Sports**
- **Business, Enterprise & Finance**
- **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)**

More information on each of these pathway programmes can be found in the Sixth Form Prospectus.



TC Futures: University Counselling & Careers Support Programme

At the heart of the Senior School is a mission to ensure that all students are well prepared for life after school. In the majority of cases, this will be further study at university, whether this is in the UK, the USA, in Asia or elsewhere in the world.

The Tettenhall College Futures Programme is a structured and comprehensive plan that is actively followed from Year 9 onwards. For those students joining Tettenhall for the one-year iGCSE programme, our team of teachers who specialise in supporting university applications will work closely with them to develop personal plans and ensure Personal Profiles are as strongly presented as possible.

Students will look at the vast range of university courses available, the different institutions and their entry requirements, make visits, do interview preparation and work to craft effective applications.

Those students looking to submit an Oxbridge application will be mentored and given coaching for this route via our ASPIRE Programme. Equally, those students looking to pursue a medical degree will be given wide-ranging support and opportunities, to maximise their chances of success.

Whilst university admissions offices look for high academic grades when assessing an application, they also look at a wider personal profile, which should demonstrate a broad range of interests, skills and achievements. Leadership positions, evidence of teamwork, sport, music, art and drama, can all contribute strongly to this personal profile. Tettenhall College excels in giving students a very wide range of opportunities to develop such a profile and ensure each and every student has the personal attributes, attitude and ambitions for their future successes to be realised.





Why Choose Us and How to Apply

- Fantastic location in the heart of England:
 - Birmingham = 30 minutes
 - Manchester = 1 hour
 - Central London = 1 hour 45 minutes by direct train
 - London Heathrow = 2 hours 10 minutes
- Genuinely British environment, with majority of students from the UK and all classes taught by native subject specialists.
- Beautiful campus with outstanding boarding facilities.
- Strong international student examination results – A Levels 2024/25:
A*/A – 39% | A*/B – 70% | A*/C – 85%
- Wonderful sporting opportunities. Including (but not limited to):
 - Football (soccer), swimming, tennis, basketball, athletics, squash, badminton, hockey, cricket, fencing, rounders, netball, laser shooting, volleyball, horse riding, golf, rugby, yoga, gym sessions.
- Focused ‘Sixth Form Pathways Programme’ allowing students to secure high level academic preparation alongside a wide range of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, which support a strong university application, whether in the UK, USA, Asia or elsewhere.
- Warm and welcoming family atmosphere, where students are known as the individuals, and encouraged to develop their own talents and ambitions. Pastoral care is a significant strength here.



Once a student and their family have decided to apply for the Tettenhall College one-year iGCSE programme, we will ask them to follow this application process:

- Complete the Tettenhall College registration form and remit the registration fee.
- Send their most recent school reports – at least one full academic year’s report.
- Send a copy of their passport.

Once we are in receipt of this information we will:

- Arrange a time for a member of the school’s leadership team to have an online or in person conversation with the applicant student. This will be interview-like, but also a chance for the student (and their parents) to ask questions, to ensure this is the right path for them.
- Arrange for the student to complete an online Entrance Assessment (CAT4 assessment), covering numeracy, literacy and non-verbal reasoning. Further information about the CAT4 assessment can be found by undertaking an online search on ‘GL Assessments’.

If we are happy that the student has the correct level, attitude and attributes to participate well in the one-year iGCSE programme, we will issue an offer letter. This should be accepted promptly and an acceptance deposit paid to secure the place. We will then work closely with the student and their family to complete the admissions process, including the submission of a visa application, where applicable.



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