



**CHARTERHOUSE
LAGOS**

GCSE/IGCSE Exams: Years 10 and 11



What is Key Stage 4 (KS4)?




Key Stage 4 (KS4) covers students aged 14 to 16, most typically in Years 10 and 11.

At the end of KS4, students take GCSE (General Certificate of Secondary Education) or IGCSE (International General Certificate of Secondary Education) exams.

What are GCSE & IGCSE?

- GCSEs are UK qualifications assessed through exams & coursework.
- IGCSEs are similar but internationally recognized and often exam-based.
- Both lead to A-Levels or IBDP courses in Sixth Form (Years 12-13).

Key Exam Information

		
Duration of KS4: 2 Years (Year 10 & 11)	Final Exams: May-June (some coursework is assessed earlier)	Results Day: August (set by exam boards each year)

How Are GCSE/IGCSEs Graded?

- GCSEs use a 9-1 grading scale (9 = highest, 1 = lowest).
- IGCSEs may use A-G or 9-1, depending on the exam board.
- Pass Grade: Grade 4 or above is a "standard pass".



Subject Selections

All students at Charterhouse Lagos are required to study a core curriculum comprising:

- **English Language and English Literature** (equivalent to two IGCSE qualifications)
- **Mathematics**
- **At least two sciences** from: Biology, Chemistry, and Physics

In addition to these core subjects, students will select three or four additional subjects, depending on their interests, strengths, and future aspirations.

This structure is designed to ensure a balanced and challenging academic profile, leading to a total of eight or nine IGCSE qualifications by the end of Year 11.

How Can Parents Support?

✓ **Help establish a study plan -**

Encourage a balanced revision routine.

✓ **Provide access to learning resources -**

Use past papers, guides, and online tools.

✓ **Monitor well-being -**

Support healthy habits, breaks, and sleep.

✓ **Stay engaged -**

Communicate with teachers & attend school meetings.



Planned Subject Options for September 2026 Entry



Art

Develops creative techniques, visual literacy, and self-expression.



Biology

Explores the living world and how science applies to daily life.



Chemistry

Covers atomic structure, bonding, and real-world applications.



Business Studies

Examines how businesses operate, covering topics like marketing, finance, and entrepreneurship.





Computer Science

Develops problem-solving, logic, and coding skills valued in tech careers.



English Language

Enhances reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills for higher education and careers.



English Literature

Encourages critical thinking and analysis of fiction and non-fiction texts.



French

Builds communication skills and cultural awareness for real-world use.



Geography

Studies global issues like climate change, migration, and sustainability.



History

Explores key historical events and how the past shapes the present.



Mandarin Chinese

Develops essential language skills for international communication.





Mathematics

Strengthens problem-solving, logic, and real-world application skills.



PSHE / Values

Covers well-being, careers, digital safety, and community values.



Music

Enhances performance, composition, and music appreciation.



Physical Education (Core)

A compulsory subject for all students, focused on health, fitness, and physical well-being.



Physics

Explores fundamental scientific laws, energy, and forces.



Swimming

Improves water confidence, technique, and life-saving skills.

Admissions for September 2025 are now open

<https://charterhouselagos.com/admissions>

