

Curriculum Overview

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Subject offer and student setting 2022-23

Key Stage 3

During Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 & 9) all students study the same subjects as required by the National Curriculum, in addition to Religious Studies, computing is studied as a discrete subject at Key Stage 3. The aim of the curriculum is to give all students a wide breadth of subjects and to equip them with the knowledge and cultural capital they need to succeed in life.

Year 7, 8 & 9

- Students are taught in sets for English, maths and science.
- Students are taught in banded mixed ability groups for the non-core subjects.
- Design & Technology continues to be taught in smaller, mixed ability, but banded, groups.

Subject	Year 7 Periods	Year 8 Periods	Year 9 Periods	% KS3 Time
English	4	4	4	16
Maths	4	4	4	16
MFL	2	2	2	8
Science	3	3	4	13.3
Design & Tech	1	2	2	6.6
PE	2	2	1	6.6
History	2	2	2	8
Geography	2	2	2	8
Music	1	0.5	0.5	4
Art	1	1	1	3
Drama	1	0.5	0.5	3
Computing	1	1	1	4
Religious Studies	1	1	1	4
Total	25	25	25	100

Key Stage 4

- During KS4 (Years 10 & 11) all students follow English, Maths and Science.
- An increasing number of students study a Modern Foreign Language as the Academy moves to make this compulsory for students in future.
- All students then choose a subject in each of three option blocks.
- The EPC covers Citizenship/RS Lessons and is undertaken in 2 x 30-minute sessions
- Core PE is followed as a non-examined subject.

Subject	Year 10 Sessions	Year 11 Sessions
Science (Trilogy - 2 GCSEs, unless students opt for Separate Science)	5	5
English Language / Literature	5	5
Maths	4	4
MFL pathway (or)	3	3
Intervention / Statistics pathways	2	2
PE	1	1
Option Periods (Number of periods per option)	8 (3 / 3 / 2)	8 (3 / 2 / 3)
Total Hours	25 (MFL 26)	25 (MFL 26)

Ebacc Subjects Offered (GCSE)	Other Subject Offered
History Geography French Spanish Computer Science Separate Science – Biology, Chemistry and Physics	Music (GCSE & BTEC) PE (GCSE and BTEC) OCR National Sport Studies Drama NCFE Art and Design (Graphic Products) Food and Nutrition Textiles Product Design Art Separate Science – Biology, Chemistry and Physics

Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural Education

The curriculum contributes to students' behaviour and welfare including their physical, mental and personal wellbeing, safety and spiritual, moral, social and cultural development through cross curricular themes within the curriculum. Each year group attends assembly one day a week and in Key Stage 3 there is provision for half an hour silent reading of an age and ability appropriate book. The EPC programme covering the National Curriculum guidelines for PSHE is cover in 2 sessions per week. Intervention is incorporated into the Key Stage 4 curriculum to mitigate the impact of Covid.

In addition, Sex and Relationship Education is delivered via an external provider (Big Talk Education) and some aspects of Citizenship are provided for through drop down activities.

Post-16

- Students entering for advanced level study will normally study 3 A levels or equivalent in Year 12
- The minimum entry requirement for the advanced level course is 5 GCSE at grade 5/C or above.
- Individual subjects may specify a GCSE grade above 5/C as an entry requirement to a course.
- Private Study/Community Service/Work Placement completes a programme of study which exceeds the 540hrs a year guideline for all students

Year 12 Advanced level programme

Activity	Year 12 Periods	% Time
3 A level subjects	12	48
Private study/community service/work placement	12	48
PSHCE / EPC	1	4

Additional support is timetabled for students

Year 13 Advanced level programme

Activity	Year 12 Periods	% Time
3 A level subjects	12	48
Private study/community service	12	48
PSHCE / EPC	1	4

Additional support is timetabled for students