

Curriculum Overview

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Subject offer and student setting 2020-21

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.

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 continue to be taught in smaller, mixed ability, but banded, groups.
- Students eligible for literacy and numeracy catch-up premium receive study plus lessons.

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	1	1	4
PE	2	2	1	6.6
History	2	2	2	8
Geography	2	2	2	8
Music	1	1	1	4
Art	1	1	1	4
Drama	1	1	1	4
Computing	1	1	1	4
Religious Studies	1	1	1	
Total	25	25	25	100

Key Stage 4

- During KS4 (Years 10 & 11) all students follow English, Maths and Science.
- All students then choose a subject in each of three option blocks.
- The life Curriculum covers Citizenship/RS Lessons and is undertaken in 30-minute tutor time each day
- Core PE is followed as a non-examined subject.

Subject	Year 10 Periods	Year 11 Periods
Science (Trilogy - 2 GCSEs, unless students opt for Separate Science)	6*	6
English Language / Literature	5	5
Maths	4	4
PE	1	1**
Option Periods (Number of Subjects Studied)	9 (3)	9 (3)
Total Periods	25	25

* MFL students have 5 science lessons and 1 lesson of MFL

**Some PE sessions are currently being used as part of the Covid catch up Curriculum

Ebacc Subjects Offered (GCSE)	Other Subject Offered
History Geography French Spanish Computer Science	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 well-being, safety and spiritual, moral, social and cultural development through cross curricular themes within the curriculum. This is monitored through a curriculum audit and supplemented with a SMSC programme in tutor time 3 days per week.

In addition, topics such as Sex and Relationship Education and 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	1	4

Year 13 Advanced level programme

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