

The Curriculum

We strive to provide a broad and balanced curriculum that enables all students to achieve their full educational potential in many ways.

There is a very strong grounding in the core subjects with all year groups studying English and Maths for 4 hours per week. Less confident learners are supported by a wide range of interventions in these subjects including Reading Buddies, dyslexia support groups, English and Maths enhancement classes.

The alternative curriculum that allows 10-15 students to attend work placements or study at college for a day a week during Year 10 and Year 11 is very strong and was evaluated as such by an Ofsted evaluation survey in October 2012.

Setting

Vertical setting happens in Maths and Science from Year 7. English has mixed ability groups in Year 7 and then sets from Year 8. Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) set within two parallel bands in Years 8 and 9.

Key Stage 3

Year 7

Maths	4
English	4
Science	3
Humanities	4
PE	2
MFL	2
Arts (Music, Drama, Art)	3
DTE (Including Food)	2
ICT	1
	25

Year 8

Maths	4
English	4
Science	3
Humanities	3
PE	2
MFL	3 (+1)
Arts (Music, Drama, Art)	3
DTE (Including Food)	2
ICT	1
	25 (26)

In Year 8, all students receive 3 hours of MFL. The students are set and the top two sets study an extra language. These classes have a twilight lesson to take their provision up to 4 hours for MFL.

Year 9

Maths	4
English (to include 1 lesson of Drama)	4
Science	3
Humanities	3
PE (to include option for Dance)	2
MFL - Main language	2
ICT	1
Choice 1	2
Choice 2	2
Choice 3	2
	25

Yr 9 Choices available

German 2nd Language
Geography Plus
History Plus
Hospitality
Product Design
Resistant materials
Music
Art

The choices offered are to give the students some flexibility with their personal curriculum. These are **not GCSE Options**. A student cannot drop their second language if they wish to study it at KS4 but otherwise these choices do not preclude a student picking back up a subject in Year 10. Only one of Geography or History can be chosen to go alongside Humanities and a maximum of two Technology subjects can be chosen. This helps to keep a broad and balanced curriculum at this stage.

Key Stage 4

Year 10

Maths	4
English	4
Science	5 (6)
PE/Dance	2
Citizenship and Moral issues	1
Option 1	3
Option 2	2
Option 3	2
Option 4	2
	25 (26)

Year 11

Maths	4
English	4
Science	5 (6)
PE/Dance	2
Option 1	2
Option 2	3
Option 3	3
Option 4	2
	25 (26)

In Year 10 and 11, Students who wish to study three separate Sciences have six hours of Science a week which includes a twilight lesson.

KS4 Options Available

Art and Design/Fine Art	BTEC/GCSE
Business Studies	BTEC
Catering	GCSE
Drama/Acting	GCSE/BTEC
Environmental and Land Based Science	GCSE
French	GCSE
Geography	GCSE
German	GCSE
History	GCSE
ICT	Cambridge National
Music	GCSE/BTEC
Product Design	GCSE
Resistant Materials	GCSE
Spanish	GCSE
Sport	BTEC

These subjects are placed into semi-rigid blocks and students chose after guidance has been given. All students have an interview with parents and a member of the Senior Management team to discuss the choices before final decisions are made. .

Key Stage 5

KS5 Options Available

Accountancy	Health and Social Care
Art	History
Biology	ICT
Business Studies	Maths
Chemistry	Music
Countryside and Environment	PE
Dance	Photography
Drama	Physics
English Literature	Psychology
French	Public Services
Further Maths	Spanish
Geography	Sport
German	

Options are chosen after a thorough process including an initial interview; taster sessions, a second interview and guidance both before and after GCSE results are achieved. Students have 4 hours for each option. There is also an Enrichment afternoon on Wednesday where students can opt for a variety of activities, sporting, Drama, D of E etc.