



Key Stage 4 Curriculum

CORE		
Subject	Time Allocation	Outcomes
English	4 hours per week	2 GCSEs graded 9-1 (9 being the best) in English Language and English Literature
Maths	4 hours per week	1 GCSE graded 9-1
Science	5 hours per week	2 GCSEs graded 9-1. All 3 sciences are studied (Biology, Chemistry and Physics). All top set students will complete Triple Science awards and therefore gain 3 GCSE's in Science.
Citizenship	2 hours per week	1 GCSE graded 1-9
Core PE	1 hour per week	This is a non-examined course focusing on students being active participants in sport although some students will complete sports leadership awards
PSHCEE	1 hour per week	This is a non-examined course in personal, social, health, citizenship and economic education

OPTIONS

Students will then follow one of the three guided pathways. All pathways are designed to facilitate a broad and balanced curriculum.

Enhanced Pathway – students pick 1 language and then 1 of either History, Geography or Computer Science plus another 2 options of their choice;

Standard Pathway – students pick 1 of either History, Geography or Computer Science plus 3 other options of their choice;

Supported Pathway – students pick 3 options including 1 of either History or Geography and gain 2 hours of numeracy and literacy support.

Subject	Time Allocation	Outcomes
Computer Science	2 hours per week	1 GCSE graded 9-1
Media Studies	2 hours per week	1 GCSE graded 9-1
Geography	2 hours per week	1 GCSE graded 9-1
History	2 hours per week	1 GCSE graded 9-1
French	2 hours per week	1 GCSE graded 9-1
German	2 hours per week	1 GCSE graded 9-1
Physical Education	2 hours per week	1 GCSE graded 9-1
Art	2 hours per week	1 GCSE graded 9-1
Food	2 hours per week	1 GCSE graded 9-1
Music	2 hours per week	1 GCSE graded 9-1
Design Technology	2 hours per week	1 GCSE graded 9-1
Sports Studies	2 hours per week	1 CN graded D*-P
Performing Arts	2 hours per week	1 BTEC graded D*-P
Textiles	2 hours per week	1 GCSE graded 9-1



Key stage 4 Curriculum overview

At KS4 we believe, where possible in teaching within mixed ability groups, however, students are set due to ability in Mathematics and KS4 Science groups. We also have nurture groups at KS4 with two supported pathway groups who have access to extra numeracy and literacy delivered by our HLTA's. Option groups are largely mixed ability and all lessons are one hour in length, with 25 lessons per week. Fundamental British values and SMSC are embedded into the curriculum and delivered through all subjects.

We are really proud of our PSHE provision as our five-year plan shows how each student covers really important content through a detailed curriculum. By dedicating one hour a week to this subject we can ensure that all important topics are taught properly and given due time. This also ensures that students at KS4 can cover a short course in GCSE RE, although this is not externally examined. (please see the PSHE section of our website for more details).

Our options are structured in such a way to allow students a free choice. This ensures equity of delivery, with all students having equal access to subjects. The options are designed to stretch and challenge students and to meet the demands of our local community. The curriculum offer is a mixture of practical and academic subjects from all areas of the curriculum, and within some option subjects, we offer a range of different accreditation routes including academic and vocational options. We believe this gives every student a broad and balanced curriculum, but still offers a flexibility to maximise the outcomes achieved by each individual. This model also maintains the widest possible choice for progression routes to Post 16 as every student will have a greater range of subjects on which to choose future opportunities for education and training.