

Curriculum Statement 2008-09

Key Stage 3

Subjects	No. of lessons	
	Year 7	Year 8
English	7	7
Mathematics	7	7
Science	7	7
Physical Education	3	3
Information Communication Technology	2	2
Modern Foreign Language	4	4
Technology	4	4
Art	2	2
Dance	2	2
Drama	2	2
Music	2	2
Geography	3	2
History	2	3
Religious Education	2	2
Citizenship	1	1
Total lessons per fortnight	50	50

Key Stage 4

	No. of lessons		
	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
English	7	7	6
Mathematics	7	6	7
Science	8	9	9
Citizenship	2	2	2
Information Communication Technology 2	4	3	
Technology	5	0	0
Physical Education (core)	3	2	2
Religious Education (core)	1	0	0
Option A	5	5	5
Option B	5	5	5
Option C	5	5	5
Option D	0	5	5
Personal, Social and Health Education	0	0	1
Total lessons per fortnight	50	50	50

Option subjects include:

Art	History
Art and Design	Media Studies
Dance	Media and Film Studies
Drama	Music
Electronics	Music Technology
Food Technology	Physical Education
French	Product Design
Geography	Religious Education
German	Resistant Materials
Graphic Products	Spanish
Health and Social Care	Textiles Technology

Also within the KS4 curriculum 20 students follow a work-related programme.

'Performing Arts' Pathway – Students study the core together with either Dance, Drama and Music. Students then select any two further subjects.

'Vocational' Pathway – Students selecting this pathway will choose either Art and Design, or Health and Social Care double award GCSE. They will study the core together with 1 GCSE related to their vocational course and 1 further GCSE of their choice.

'Work-Related Learning' Pathway - Students study the core together with Key Skills (Career Planning). They take an NVQ or equivalent in a vocational subject one day per week at College in Year 10. They can choose from the following: Catering, DIY & Practical Skills, Motor Vehicle Maintenance, Sport, Hairdressing, Business Administration, Beauty, Photography and Textiles. In Year 11 they have an extended work placement for one day a week. These students select two further subjects to study.

A well-structured Learning Support Programme ensures that students can participate in all aspects of the curriculum. Differentiated materials in all subject areas extend the Gifted and Talented students. There is an extensive programme of visits to local universities and colleges to take part in activity days, team challenges and seminars. Selected students are also given the opportunity to become members of the Young Gifted and Talented (YG&T) programme, which provides them with a national network of events and access to online resources for the most able.

Please note: The Key Stage 4 curriculum is regularly reviewed. This may lead to alterations to the published courses in this prospectus. We will keep parents informed about changes.

Setting arrangements

In the core areas of English, Mathematics and Science setting is used within Key Stage 3 and in Key Stage 4 further setting takes place.