

Curriculum Overview

Key Stage 3 (Y7 & 8)

In Year 7 and 8 students access a wide range of subjects across the curriculum. A heavy focus on the core subjects complemented by a variety of other subjects enables students to develop a number of key skills. With a 28 period week the KS3 students access a wider curriculum double period once per week. This allows access to Mandarin Excellent Programme*, Catering, Mindfulness, Cultural Studies, Enterprise and Textiles on a rotation basis.

*students who opt for MEP undertake compulsory extra curricula sessions and do not access the wider curriculum rota.

Lesson	Hours Per Week
English	4
Mathematics	4
Science	4
PE	2
Modern Foreign Language (Spanish)	2
Geography	2
History	2
Art	1
Drama	1
ICT	1
Music	1
Engineering	1
Wider Curriculum	2
SMSC	1
Total	28

Key Stage 4 (Y9-11)

Subjects studied in KS4 are split into core (compulsory) and options. The options that students can choose are based on the pathway that they are placed on, which is based on their attainment at KS3.

Pathway 1 - All students follow the core curriculum, consisting of:

Subject	Hours Y9	Hours Y10	Hours Y11
English	5	5	5
Mathematics	5	5	5
Science	6	6	6
PE/Sport Science	2	2	2
SMSC	1	1	1

Pathway 2 - All students follow the core curriculum, consisting of:

Subject	Hours Y9	Hours Y10	Hours Y11
English	5	5	5
Mathematics	5	5	5
Science	4	4	6
PE/Sport Science*	4	4	2
SMSC	1	1	1

*All students on Pathway 2 complete a Sports Science qualification in Year 10.

The core subjects are complemented by a number of option subjects that can be chosen by students. These will be delivered over a number of hours per week depending on which pathway the student is on. Vocational courses usually take place over two years (9 & 10) and GCSE course usually run across three years (9, 10 & 11). The options choices consist of:

Subject	Qualification
Geography	GCSE
History	GCSE
Spanish	GCSE
Fine Art	GCSE
Graphics	GCSE
Business (Enterprise)	Vocational
Drama	GCSE
ICT (Digital Media)	Vocational
Travel and Tourism	Vocational
Sports Science	Vocational
Engineering	Vocational

Each option subject has three hours of time per week. Please note that option courses will run provided that there is sufficient student uptake and capacity within the staffing to effectively deliver them.