



Academic Curriculum by Year

The curriculum is taught in a two-week timetable cycle with 50 one-hour lessons. The school day is made up of five lessons, two 15 minute breaks, a 5 minute movement break and a 1 hour lunch break.

The number of periods per fortnight for each subject is shown in brackets:

Year 7	Years 8 and 9	Years 10 and 11	L6th and U6th
Art (2)	Art (2)	English ³ (8)	Column A (8)
English (8)	English (8)	Maths (7 in Yr10)(8 in Yr11)	Column B (8)
French (6)	French (4)	Science ⁴ (10)	Column C (8)
Games (2)	Games (2)	Option Block A (5)	Column D (8)
Geography (3)	Geography (3)	Option Block B (5)	Column E (8)
History (3)	History (3)	Option Block C (5)	Column F (8)
IT (2)	IT (2)	Option Block D (5)	Games/Enrichment (2)
Mathematics (6)	Mathematics (6)	PE (2)	Study Skills (2)
Music (2)	Music (2)	PSHE (1 in Yr10)	
PE (2)	PE (2)	Games (2)	
PSHE (2)	PSHE (1)		
RPE ¹ (2)	RPE (2)		
Science (6)	Science (6)		
Technology (4)	Second Language ² (4)		
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¹ Religion, Philosophy and Ethics

² Most pupils study a second foreign language either: German, Italian or Spanish. For some pupils there is a programme of extra literacy and numeracy instead and for others we offer a broader foreign languages and culture course.

³ Pupils study both English Language and English Literature GCSEs.

⁴ Generally, Science sets 1 and 2 will take Separate Science GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Other students will take the Combined Science course.

Optional Subjects at KS4

All pupils who are capable of achieving a good GCSE grade in a modern foreign language have to do at least one language - likewise for the humanities subjects. The option columns are drawn up every year to ensure the combination of subjects fits on the timetable for as many pupils as possible (typically 98% of pupils do all the subjects they requested to do).

Full Options	
Art GCSE	German GCSE
Computer Science GCSE	Italian GCSE
Cookery Level 1	Spanish GCSE
Design & Technology GCSE	Music GCSE
Food & Nutrition GCSE	Music Technology Level 2
Geography GCSE	Photography GCSE
History GCSE	PE GCSE
Interactive Media Level 2	Religion, Philosophy & Ethics GCSE
French GCSE	Sports Science Level 2

* The PSHE curriculum is delivered during a one-hour lesson per fortnight in Year 10 and through collapsed timetable days in Year 11

Subjects at Sixth Form

As with KS4, the Option columns are drawn up fresh each year to enable as many students to study their first choice combination of subjects. Each subject is allocated 8 hours teaching per fortnight. In addition, there is an hour of Games/Enrichment on Thursday afternoons and a 1 hour mentoring session per fortnight. A typical blocking arrangement looks like this:

Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D	Block E	Block F
Art	Physics	Biology	Photography	English Lit	Biology
Biology	Chemistry	English Lit	Biology	French	Chemistry
Further Maths	Computer Science	Economics	Geography	Music	Economics
Business Studies	Mathematics x2	German	Further Maths	Photography	English Lit
Law	Product Design	Law	History	Psychology	Physics
French	Religious Studies	Mathematics x2	Italian	Religious Studies	Politics
Geography	Classics	Physics	Mathematics	Chemistry	PE
History	Photography	Psychology	Spanish	Physics	Psychology
PE	Geography		Business Studies	Geography	
Spanish	History		Psychology		
Sport Level 3 (operates across several option columns)					