

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. The KS3 curriculum is supported by a number of 'drop-down' days across the year when PSHCE is delivered to students in both large and small groups.

Lesson	Hours per week
English	5
Maths	4
Science	3
PE	2
Modern Foreign Language*	2
Geography	1
History	1
Religious Education	1
Art	1
Drama	1
ICT	1
Music	1
Design Technology	1
Textiles/Food Technology**	1

*Either French or Spanish depending on side of year.

** Rotate every half term

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.

All students follow the core curriculum, consisting of:

Subject	Hours per week
English	5
Maths	4 (5 in Y11)
Science	4 (5 in Y10 & 11)
PE	2
PSHCE	1*

*PSHCE will be delivered via drop down days in Y10 and Y11.

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. They usually take place over two years. The options choices consist of:

Subject	Qualification
Geography	GCSE
History	GCSE
French	GCSE
Spanish	GCSE
Art, Craft & Design	GCSE
Business Studies	GCSE
D&T: Product Design	GCSE
Drama	GCSE
Food Preparation & Nutrition	GCSE
French	GCSE
ICT: Computing	GCSE
Media Studies	GCSE
Music	GCSE
Philosophy & Ethics	GCSE
PE	GCSE
Sociology	GCSE
Spanish	GCSE
Child Development	Cam. Nat Cert
Construction	BTEC L2
D&T: Fashion & Textiles	Technical Award
Hair & Beauty	VTCT L2
Health & Social Care	BTEC L2
ICT (Vocational)	Cam. Tech Cert
Sport (Vocational)	BTEC L2
Travel & Tourism	BTEC
Work Related Learning	BTEC L1

Key Stage 5 (Y12 & 13)

Students can choose from a wide range of options for post-16 study. All courses are now linear and so are studied for the full two years. Subjects are studied over 4 hours per week in Y12 and 5 hours per week in Y13. PSHCE is delivered through a number of drop down days throughout the year. Courses that can be chosen are as follows:

Subject	Qualification
Art, Craft & Design	A-Level
Biology	A-Level
Business Studies	A-Level
Chemistry	A-Level

Computer Science	A-Level
Core Maths	A-Level
Drama	A-Level
English Language	A-Level
English Literature	A-Level
Extended Project Qualification	A-Level
French	A-Level
Further Maths	A-Level
Geography	A-Level
History	A-Level
Law	A-Level
Maths	A-Level
Media Studies	A-Level
Music	A-Level
Philosophy & Ethics	A-Level
Physics	A-Level
PE	A-Level
Product Design	A-Level
Psychology	A-Level
Sociology	A-Level
Spanish	A-Level
Textiles Technology	A-Level
Applied Business	BTEC L3
Applied Science	BTEC L3
Art & Design	BTEC L3
Children's Play, Learning & Development	BTEC L3
Criminology	L3 Diploma
Food, Science & Nutrition	BTEC L3
Health & Social Care	BTEC L3
Sports & Exercise Science	BTEC L3
Travel & Tourism	BTEC L3
Cambridge Technicals (ICT)	Cam. Tech Diploma
Carpentry	QCF L1 & L2
Electronics	QCF L2 & L3
Joinery	QCF L2 & L3
Painting & Decorating	L2 NVQ
Plumbing	QCF L1 & L2
Beauty Therapy	Various*
Hairdressing	Various*

* Beauty Therapy and Hairdressing are offered at a range of levels, including L2, intermediate, advanced apprenticeships and L3 Pre-Employment.

Please note that all courses will run provided that there is sufficient student uptake.