

Curriculum Implementation: Our Curriculum structure

The formal curriculum is taught in a two-week timetable, five one-hour lessons every day, 50 lessons across a fortnight. It is structured as follows:

Key Stage 3: Year 7

Subject		Hours per fortnight
English		7
Mathematics		8
Science		6
History		3
Geography		3
French		4
Physical Education		4
Religious Studies		2
Art		2
Drama		3
Music		2
Computing		2
Food Technology		2
Graphics*		1
Design Technology*		1

*these subjects are currently taught in rotation, once a week for half of the academic year.

Key Stage 3: Year 8

Subject	Hours per fortnight
English	7
Mathematics	8
Science	6
History	3
Geography	3
French	4
Physical Education	4
Religious Studies	2
Art	2
Drama	2
Music	2
Computing	3
Food Technology	2
Graphics*	1
Design Technology*	1

*these subjects are currently taught in rotation, once a week for half of the academic year.



Key Stage 3: Year 9

Subject	Hours per fortnight
English Language and Literature	7
Mathematics	8
Science (Biology, Chemistry and Physics)	8
French	3
History	3
Geography	3
Religious Studies	2
Physical Education	4
Computing	2
Food Technology	2
Graphics*	1
Food Technology*	1
Drama	2
Music	2

*these subjects are currently taught in rotation, once a week for half of the academic year.



Key Stage 4:

Year 10

Core curriculum	Hours per fortnight
English Language and Literature	8
Mathematics	8
Science (Biology, Chemistry and Physics)	9 (15 for separate sciences)
Religious Studies	4
Physical Education	3

In addition to this core curriculum, students can personalise their curriculum and choose their 'pathway'.

Pathway 1: The Aspire (EBacc) Pathway

The EBacc is not a qualification in its own right – it's a combination of GCSE subjects, including a language, that offers an important range of knowledge and skills to young people.

In summary, a student on the Aspire (EBacc) Pathway will study:

English Language	Biology
English Literature	Chemistry
Mathematics	Physics
Physical Education	French
Religious Studies	History or Geography

Pathway 2: The Ambition Pathway

Students on the Ambition Pathway will study:

English Language	Combined Science Trilogy (Higher or Foundation tier)
English Literature	History or Geography
Mathematics	Plus two other option subjects
Physical Education	
Religious Studies	

The students will choose from the following 'option' subjects:

- Art and Design
- Art and Design-Graphic Communications
- ASDAN
- Business Studies
- Computer Science
- Creative iMedia



- Drama
- Engineering
- Film Studies
- Food Preparation and Nutrition
- French
- Geography
- Health and Social Care
- History
- Music
- Sports Studies

Pathway 3: The Accelerate Pathway

The Accelerate pathway is designed to give students the opportunity to study Entry Level qualifications and then progress to Level 2 /GCSE courses when they are ready to do so. In addition, they will develop personal and work-related skills.

Students on this pathway will study:

English

Science

Mathematics

ASDAN

Physical Education

Plus two other option subjects

Religious Studies

The students will choose from the following 'option' subjects:

- Art and Design
- Art and Design-Graphic Communications
- Business Studies
- Computer Science
- Creative iMedia
- Drama
- Engineering
- Film Studies
- Food Preparation and Nutrition
- French
- Geography
- Health and Social Care
- History
- Music
- Sports Studies

Students will study each 'option' subject for 6 hours a fortnight.



Year 11

Core curriculum	Hours per fortnight
English Language and Literature	8
Mathematics	8
Science (Biology, Chemistry and Physics)	10 (12 for separate sciences)
Religious Studies	3
Physical Education	3

In addition to this core curriculum, students are able to personalise their curriculum and will choose three 'option' subjects from the following offer:

- History or Geography
- Art and Design
- Art and Design-Graphic Communications
- Business Studies
- Computer Science
- Creative iMedia
- Drama
- Engineering
- Film Studies
- Food Preparation and Nutrition
- French
- Health and Social Care
- Music
- Sports Studies

Students will study each 'option' subject for 6 hours a fortnight.

Key Stage 5: Years 12 and 13

Students choose from the following range of courses:

- Art and Design
- Biology
- BTEC Level 3 Sport
- Chemistry
- Computing (introduced Sept 2025)
- English Literature
- French
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Sociology

In addition, sixth form students will study for Sports Leaders Award or Young Enterprise and complete an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ).

Curriculum Rationale

- We provided a three year Key Stage 3 and a two year Key Stage 4 for the first time in September 2024.
- We have reinstated the creative and performing arts across Key Stage 3 so that our students are given cultural capital, a chance to study great artists and be creative.
- By September 2025, every child will study art, music and drama throughout Key Stage 3. In drama lessons, students will develop their oracy and spoken language.
- Prominence is given to literacy and numeracy as we believe this will enable our students to improve their life chances, regardless of background and ability.
- We give curriculum time (one hour a week) to PSHE and to core RS (one hour a week) to strengthen our school culture and sense of belonging, to promote ambition, resilience and build character. PSHE is taught by form tutors to strengthen the pastoral curriculum.
- We have strengthened technology to introduce all students to the design process. In addition, we want to ensure that our students will be able to cook a nutritious meal for themselves or their family and understand how to do so on a budget.
- Computing and Creative iMedia are taught to all students in Key Stage 3. We believe that understanding the construction, as well as the many uses of IT, gives our students a chance to think logically, problem solve and be creative. Students will also learn about and utilise AI. We have introduced A Level Computing to the sixth form for the first time in September 2025.