

Curriculum Information

The timetable is taught over 2 weeks, comprising of 40 lessons of 75 minutes. The breakdown by Key Stage is shown below.

Key Stage 3

We currently run a 2 Year Key stage 3 incorporating Years 7 and 8. Students who have weaker literacy skills are given more lessons in English to strengthen literacy skills and less time in Modern Foreign languages. Languages taught are Spanish and French.

Subject	English	Maths	Science	Geography	History	RE	Creative Arts	Performing Arts	PE	Languages	Computing
Number of Lessons	4	6	5	3	3	3	4	3	3	4	2

Key Stage 4

Key stage 4 is a 3 year programme with students currently opting in Year 8. Students are taught Maths, English, RE and Science as core subjects. There is also the opportunity for our more able students to take the Separate Sciences (Biology, Chemistry and Physics). When taking options Students are asked to select at least one additional EBACC subject from ; Geography, History, French, Spanish or Computing.

There are the a further 2 “open” options which include the above but also a wide range of other subjects as follows;

GCSEs: Economics, Art, Business Studies, Photography, Media Studies, Sport Science, Resistant Materials, Drama, Product Design, Food Technology, Music and Polish.

BTECs: Environmental and Land Based Studies, Fashion, IT, PE and Health and Social Care. BTECs are taught up to and including Level 2

Year	English	Maths	Science	RE	Option A	Option B	Option C	PE
9	8	7	6	4	4	4	4	3
10	8	7	6	4	4	4	4	3
11	8	7	6	4	4	4	4	3

Key Stage 5

Students who gain at least 5 A*-C including Maths and English follow a traditional Sixth Form Route comprising of Academic subjects (listed below). However there is the opportunity to take BTEC subjects to Level 3 if a student wishes to take a more vocational route. There are subject specific requirements for A 'level subjects and these can be found in the Sixth Form Prospectus. The majority of students follow 3 Level 3 courses but those who have achieved exceptionally well at KS4 may be offered the opportunity to study 4 Level 3 courses. Students take public exams at the end of Year 12 in all courses and again in Year 13.

A'Levels; Maths, Psychology, English Literature, Economics, Physics, Sociology, Law, Biology, Media Studies, Geography, Product Design, Spanish, Philosophy and Ethics, Chemistry, Polish, Photography, History, Drama, Art , Business Studies

BTECs; Science, Business Studies, Animal Care, Health and Social Care (Single and Double Award), IT, Sports Science, Music, Fashion

Foundation

For those students who do not achieve the required qualifications there is a Foundation course. This is bespoke route taking into account whether or not the student has achieved a Grade C in Maths or English. If they haven't then this will be taken over the course of Year 12. Qualifications taken on this course are Level 2.

Pre Foundation

Students on this route have yet to be examined at any level. They are therefore given a broader curriculum to help them improve both their practical and language skills. They will be examined at Level 1 or 2 at the end of Year 12.

Study Periods

Dependent on availability Pupils are timetabled for up to 4 of these supervised periods, this gives them an opportunity for research or to complete tasks set by staff members.

Level	Block A	Block B	Block C	Maths Resit	English Resit
A2	8	8	8	4	4
Foundation	Options subjects including ; Animal Care, Citizenship, Photography (14 lessons)			4	4
Pre - Foundation	26 lessons consisting of Food Technology (6) English (6) IT (5) PE (2) Maths (7)				