

Appendix

Whole School Curriculum Structure for 2025-2026

Features of the Key Stage 3 Curriculum

- All students follow a programme of Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE) which includes elements of British values, sex and relationships, drugs, political, careers and personal finance education. This is taught by a specialist team in Years 7 to 9.
- All students follow the statutory programmes of Religious and Physical Education in Years 7 to 9.
- All students study at least 1 Modern Foreign Language in Years 7 to 9. Students select their main language of study as part of the Year 6 Induction and follow this language through KS3. The ability to study two languages at KS3 is considered for some students in Year 8 onwards.
- In addition to a core of Mathematics, Science and English, all students follow courses in Expressive Arts, Technology, Humanities and Computing.
- The taught curriculum in all years is enhanced by a full programme of extra-curricular enrichment activities.

KS3 (Years 7 to 9) Number of lessons per two week cycle of 50 periods					
Year 7	Lessons	Year 8	Lessons	Year 9	Lessons
English	8	English	8	English	8
Mathematics	7	Mathematics	7	Mathematics	7
Science	6	Science	6	Science	6
French or German	5	French/German	5	French/German	5
Geography	3	Geography	3	Geography	3
History	3	History	3	History	3
Religious Education	2	Religious Education	2	Religious Education	2
Art	2	Art	2	Art	2
Drama	1	Drama	1	Drama	1
Music	2	Music	2	Music	2
PE	4	PE	4	PE	4
Design and Technology	1	Design and Technology	1	Design and Technology	1
Computing	2	Computing	2	Computing	2
Food Studies	1	Food Studies	1	Food Studies	1
Tutorial/PSHCE	3	Tutorial/PSHCE	3	Tutorial/PSHCE	3

Features of the Key Stage 4 Curriculum

- All students follow a programme of Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education which includes elements of British values, sex and relationships, drugs, political, religious, careers and personal finance education taught by a specialist team in Year 10 and Year 11.
- All students follow the statutory programmes of Religious and Physical Education in Years 10 and 11.
- In addition to the core of Mathematics, Science, English, Physical Education and PSHCE, all students will study a Humanities subject, namely History or Geography, and almost all students will study a Modern Foreign Language, namely French or German. Students are able to study more than one Humanities subject or Modern Foreign Language as it can be taken as part of their free option choice.
- All students then complete their curriculum by selecting two courses from a wide variety of subjects in Expressive Arts, Technology, Computing, Business and Social Sciences.
- In the Key Stage 4 core, some students can opt to study Separate Science GCSE as an alternative to the Combined Science GCSE course. This can either be as part of their timetabled curriculum or as an extra GCSE.
- In Key Stage 4, some students can opt to study Further Mathematics as an extra GCSE qualification.
- The taught curriculum in all years is enhanced by a full programme of extra-curricular enrichment activities.

KS4 (Years 10 and 11) Number of lessons per two week cycle of 50 periods		
Subject	Y10 Lessons	Y11 Lessons
English	8	8
Mathematics	8	8
Science	9	9
Humanities	5	5
Modern Foreign Language	5	5
Option 1	5	5
Option 2	5	5
PE	2	2
RE	1	1
Tutorial/PSHCE	2	2

NOTE: - The statutory provision for Computing will be delivered in sessions throughout the key stage.

	KS4 Curriculum		
Compulsory Subjects for all students	GCSE's include:	Statutory requirements:	
	Mathematics English Language English Literature Science	PSHCE PE RE	
Humanities	Choose 1 subject here: Geography History		
MFL	Choose 1 subject here: French German Literacy Support (for a small selected group of students)		
Free Option Choices	Choose a further 2 options from the following:		
	Art and Design	Business	Computer Science
	Design and Technology	Digital Applications (BTEC)	Enterprise & Marketing (Cambridge National)
	French	Food & Nutrition	Geography
	German	Health and Social Care (Cambridge National)	History
	Media Studies	Music	Music Practice (BTEC)
	Performing Arts - Acting (BTEC)	Performing Arts - Dance (BTEC)	Photography
	Physical Education	Religious Studies	Separate Science
	Sociology	Sports Studies (Cambridge National)	

Features of the Key Stage 5 Curriculum

- In Year 12 students normally choose three or four subjects at Level 3 to study in Years 12 and 13.
- In Year 13 a small number of students have the opportunity to study 2 subjects and complete work experience, approved by the school, as their third option.
- Each subject is usually studied for nine lessons over the 50 lesson cycle.
- All students follow a programme of Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education which includes elements of sex and relationship, drugs, political, careers and personal finance education. This is taught alongside the curriculum in Form Tutor lessons, Form Tutor time, extended assemblies and off timetable events.
- Students who have not achieved a grade 4 or better in GCSE in English or Maths are required to continue to study these subjects and support for retakes is provided.
- The taught curriculum in the Sixth Form is enhanced by a full programme of extra-curricular and enrichment activities. The enrichment provision forms part of students' timetabled hours, and students attend two sessions per fortnight.

In Key Stage 5 GCE and Applied courses are chosen from:

Art	Biology	Business Studies	Chemistry
Computer Science	Drama	Economics	English Language
English Literature	French	Geography	German
History	Mathematics	Mathematics - Further	Media Studies
Photography	Physics	Political Studies	Psychology
Sociology			
Applied Business (BTEC)	Applied IT (AAQ BTEC)	Applied Science (AAQ BTEC)	Criminology (L3 Diploma)
Health & Social Care (Cambridge Technical Award)	Health & Social Care (Cambridge Technical Diploma Award)	Sports Studies (Cambridge Technical Award)	

For the KS5 enrichment offer, students select from the following:

Basic cooking skills	Craftwork	Creative writing and media
Debate	Driving Theory support	Gardening
Sporting Fixtures	Sport & Fitness	Volunteering
STEM	Shadow Boxing	

Other extra-curricular opportunities in the Sixth Form include:

Student leadership	Extended Project Qualification	Duke of Edinburgh
Nuffield Bursary in Science	Work Experience	

Monitoring and Review

This policy will be monitored by the SLT with responsibility for Quality of Education, who will report to the Headteacher on its implementation on a regular basis.

Review date: Autumn 2025

Next review date: Autumn 2026