

Appendix

Whole School Curriculum Structure for 2026-2027

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	7	English	7	English	7
Mathematics	7	Mathematics	7	Mathematics	7
Science	6	Science	6	Science	6
French or German	4	French/German	4	French/German	4
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	2	Drama	2	Drama	2
Music	2	Music	2	Music	2
PE	4	PE	4	PE	4
Design and Technology	2	Design and Technology	1	Design and Technology	1
Computing	2	Computing	2	Computing	2
Food Studies	1	Food Studies	2	Food Studies	2
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 PSHE, all students will study a Humanities subject, namely History or Geography, and/or 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 three 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 or Modern Foreign Language	5	5
Option 1	5	5
Option 2	5	5
Option 3	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
Ebacc block	Choose 1 subject here:		
Humanities or MFL	Geography		
	History		
	French		
	German		
Free Option Choices	Choose a further 3 options from the following:		
	Art and Design	Business	Computer Science
	Design and Technology	Enterprise & Marketing (Cambridge National)	French
	Food & Nutrition	Geography	German
	Health and Social Care (Cambridge National)	History	Media Studies
	Music	Performing Arts - Acting (BTEC)	Performing Arts – Dance (BTEC)
	Photography	Physical Education (GCSE)	Religious Studies (GCSE)
	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	Economics	English Language	English Literature
French	Geography	German	History
Mathematics	Mathematics - Further	Media Studies	Philosophy & Ethics
Photography	Physics	Political Studies	Psychology
Sociology			
Applied Business (BTEC)	Applied IT (BTEC)	Applied Science (BTEC)	Criminology (L3 Diploma)
Health & Social Care (Cambridge Technical Award)	Performing Arts (BTEC)	Sports Studies (Cambridge Technical Award)	

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

Art and craft	Basic cooking skills	Creative writing & debate
Driving Theory support	Gardening	Sport & Fitness

Other extra-curricular opportunities in the Sixth Form include:

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

Monitoring and Review

This policy will be monitored by the SLT with responsibility for Curriculum & Teaching, who will report to the Headteacher on its implementation on a regular basis.

Review date: Autumn 2026

Next review date: Autumn 2027