



Young people can change their minds a great deal between the ages of 14 and 19 about what direction they wish to take in life. Our curriculum ensures future career options are kept open for as long as possible; we operate a core curriculum for all students to help to achieve this whilst allowing as much freedom as possible to allow the pursuit of personal interests. Please remember a good range of subjects is preferable.

Core Examined Curriculum

The mandatory core curriculum leads to externally-assessed qualifications in English, mathematics and science which all students will study.

Core Non-Examined Curriculum

These courses do not lead to an externally assessed and recognised qualification, but form a central part of a well-rounded education. They are also required by law and will be found in all UK school curricula.

Optional Examined Courses

We have kept the core quite small so as to allow a significant amount of flexibility for students in the curriculum time that remains; we want our pupils to have as much choice as possible as they move into the upper school.

You must choose one of the following subjects in any block:

GCSE French or GCSE Spanish **OR** GCSE Geography or GCSE History. Then three subjects, one from each, in the remaining three blocks below.

Block A

GCSE Art, Craft & Design
GCSE Design & Technology
GCSE Geography
GCSE History
GCSE Physical Education
GCSE Religious Studies
GCSE Statistics
Level 2 Award in Engineering Design
Level 2 Award in Hospitality & Catering
BTEC Tech Award in Performing Arts

Block B

GCSE Art, Craft & Design
GCSE Design & Technology
GCSE French
GCSE Geography
GCSE History
GCSE Media Studies
GCSE Physical Education
Level 2 Award in Hospitality & Catering
BTEC Digital Information Technology

Block C

GCSE Business
GCSE Design & Technology
GCSE French
GCSE Geography
GCSE History
GCSE Photography
GCSE Physical Education
GCSE Separate Sciences*
Level 2 Award in Health & Social Care

Block D

GCSE Business
GCSE Geography
GCSE History
GCSE Music Practice
GCSE Photography
GCSE Physical Education
GCSE Spanish
Level 2 Award in Engineering Design
Level 2 Award in Health & Social Care



Core Examined Curriculum

- GCSE English Language
- GCSE English Literature
- GCSE Mathematics
- GCSE Combined Science*

*Separate sciences are also available through the options system. A target Grade 6 is required and should come with a teacher recommendation.

Core Non-Examined Curriculum

- Physical Education
- Personal Development Programme

All students follow a common curriculum of mandatory subjects. These are not examined, but form an integral part of a broad and balanced curriculum that aims to develop the whole student, including an understanding of, and appreciation for, values and beliefs within society.

The programme supports the aims of the Academy and, in particular, the creation of a social ethos which encourages students to feel secure, to be tolerant and respectful towards each other, and to give students the maximum opportunity to develop all their abilities.

The teaching of discrete Personal Development is delivered to students across the Academy in tutor groups each week. Through this programme we aim to equip students with the skills, knowledge and understanding necessary to develop an understanding of and respect for themselves, to develop a healthy lifestyle, learning how to recognise and manage risks, how to make safe and healthy choices, to develop effective and fulfilling relationships, to respect the needs and rights of others, to develop an understanding of our society & local community and learn how to play an active part in community life.



NB: If the options as provided do not permit you to take the course you require, please talk to us as soon as possible.