

CURRICULUM SUMMARY 2020-21

Years 7-8

hours per fortnight	Year 7*	Year 8†
English	7	7
Mathematics	7	7
Science	5	6
Religious Education	2	2
Physical Education	4	4
History	3	3
Geography	3	3
Art	2	3
Music	2	3
MFL1	5	5
Musical Performance	1	
Design Technology	2	2
Food and Nutrition	2	
ICT	2	2
PACE	1	1
Philosophy	2	2

* - Two groups in year 7 follow a specialised curriculum with the addition of 4 periods of Latin in place of Technology and Food lessons.

† - the same two groups in Year 8 follow a specialised curriculum with the addition of 3 periods of Latin in place of one period of English, one of Computing and Pace.

Year 9

Core Curriculum

English Language and Literature	7 periods
Mathematics	6 periods
Science	9 periods
Religious Studies	5 periods
Physical Education	3 periods
French or German	4 periods
History	4 periods
Geography	4 periods

In Year 9 students are given the opportunity to go deeper into some areas of the curriculum by making choices within a tight framework.

In addition to their core curriculum students then choose two additional subjects. The available courses are Computing, Drama, French, German, Latin, Art and Design, Music, Food and Nutrition, Product Design, or Textiles. All of these are for four periods.

Students do not begin to study GCSE courses at this stage in any of these areas.

Key Stage 4

Core Curriculum (* = regulated choices)

English Language and Literature	7 periods
Mathematics	7 periods
Chemistry	5 periods
*Two further sciences from Biology, Computing and Physics	10 periods
Religious Studies	5 periods
*Geography or History	5 periods
*French, German or Latin	5 periods
Physical Education	2 periods

All of these courses follow GCSE specifications apart from core PE

As well as the areas of regulated choices, students get a further entirely independent choice from any of the applicable subjects listed:

French, German, Latin, Biology, Physics, Computing, Art and Design, Textiles, Photography, Music, History, Geography, Media Studies, Physical Education, Drama. BTEC First in Creative Media

The School's policy and practice in relation to the post-16 curriculum is based on the principle of providing courses for the maximum possible number of students, bearing in mind the need to maintain cost effective group sizes. The school offers around thirty A level courses as well as L3 courses in Creative Media, Sports, Health and Social Care and ICT, the first three being equivalent to two A level. Students may follow up to four such courses in both year 12 and year 13. In Year 12 all students follow a core programme including RE and Personal Development, PE and study skills. Many of these students will also complete a Level 3 Extended Project. In addition, we provide further classes in GCSEs Mathematics and English for those who have not yet attained these.