

Curriculum Overview

The curriculum is arranged around a 49 hour, 2-week timetable and the number of hours allocated to each subject per fortnight at KS3 is as follows:

Year 7

Religious Education	5	Geography	3
English	6	History	3
Mathematics	7	Art	2
Science	6	Computing	2
Modern Languages*	5	Music	2
Physical Education	4	Citizenship & PSHE – cross curricular	
Technology/Robotics	4		

*Pupils who join us requiring additional English intervention receive support at the start of Year 7 and will therefore only begin to follow the Modern Languages curriculum after Christmas.

Year 8

Religious Education	5	Modern Languages	4
English	6	Physical Education	4
Mathematics	6	Technology/PSHE	4
Science	6	Art	2
Geography	4	Computing	2
History	4	Music	2

Year 9

Religious Education	4	Geography	4
English	7	Technology/Drama	3
Mathematics	6	Art	2
Science	6	Computing	2
Modern Languages	5	Music	2
Physical Education	4	Citizenship & PSHE – cross curricular	
History	4		

Setting at KS3

Pupils are set on entry for subjects such as Mathematics and English, using a combination of KS2 results and Teacher Assessments. Pupils are then placed into ability bands for the remaining curriculum areas. Subjects such as Physical Education, Design Technology and Drama are taught in mixed ability groups. Setting is reviewed at Christmas and in the summer term.

Year 7 Setting

In Year 7, pupils are placed into one of two bands, where groups are arranged as follows: X1, Y1 and Z1 are equal ability set 1 groups. Similarly X2 and Z2 are equal ability set 2 groups, X3 and Z3 are equal ability set 3 groups and Y3 is a smaller set 3 group for pupils who may need additional support with their learning. Mathematics sets are arranged as sets 1-8.

Teaching Groups	
<u>X-Band</u>	<u>Z-Band</u>
X1	Z1 Y1
X2	Z2
X3	Z3
Y3	

Mathematics
Sets 1 - 8

KS4

At KS4, pupils continue to study the compulsory National Curriculum subjects together with a choice of 3 subjects from a wide range of options. The number of hours allocated to the core and option subjects per fortnight is as follows:

Year 10/11			
GCSE Science [Double Award]	10	Option Subjects [x3]	5
GCSE English Language & Literature	8	Physical Education	2
GCSE Mathematics	8	Enhancement	1
GCSE Religious Education	5		

Pupils are set for English, Mathematics, Religious Education and Science but option subjects are taught in mixed ability groups.

Option Subjects

The following option subjects are offered at KS4.

Level 2 Qualifications		
GSSE Art	GCSE Geography	GCSE Physical Education
GCSE Computer Science	GCSE German	GCSE Triple Science
GCSE Design Technology	GCSE Graphics	GCSE Spanish
GCSE Drama	GCSE History	Cambridge Nationals iMedia
GCSE Food & Nutrition	GCSE Music	BTEC Health & Social Care
GCSE French	GCSE Photography	

Level 1 Qualifications	
BTEC L1 Construction	BTEC L1 Horticulture

Enhancements

In addition, an Enhancement activity will be studied alongside traditional GCSE and vocational options. These include:

Enhancements	
3D Art & Design	MFL Support
Beyond Baked Beans!	Pre-Teaching
CAD-CAM	Study Support
Dance	Sport