CURRICULUM
OVERVIEW
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Years 7 to 13

School Timetable and Grouping

- 2-Week Cycle consisting of 50 x 1 hour lessons
- Students are taught in mixed-ability groups across the majority of their subjects – find out more

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Year 7 Curriculum

Students in Year 7 engage in a broad and balanced curriculum over a 2-week cycle, focusing on key academic and creative subjects. Students will be taught in mixed ability Community Groups e.g. Darwin, Jenner, Hubble or Brunel, for all subjects except for English, Maths, DT and PE.

Core Subjects:

- **English:** 8 hours including 2 hours focused on developing reading skills
  - Students are mostly taught in mixed ability groups across Key Stage 3. In Year 7, grouping will be adapted as required to ensure that all students are appropriately challenged and supported.
  - The Accelerated Reading Programme is delivered during this curriculum time.
  - Some students will also a follow the Fresh Start Reading Programme.
- **Mathematics:** 7 hours
  - Set based on Key Stage 2 SATs and baseline assessments.
- **Science:** 6 hours
  - Mixed ability groups
- **Modern Foreign Languages (MFL):** 4 hours
  - Students rotate through French and Spanish. At the end of Year 7, students select a preferred language to study in more depth in Years 8 and 9.

Creative and Humanities Subjects:

- **Geography & History:** 3 hours each
  - Mixed ability groups
- **Art, Computing, Music, Drama, Religion, Philosophy & Ethics:** 2 hours each
  - Mixed ability groups

Additional Subjects:

- **Design Technology:** 3 hours
  - Taught in a carousel across Textiles, Food & Nutrition, and Product Design. Mixed ability groups.
- **Physical Education:** 4 hours
  - Taught in boys' and girls' groups by ability.
- **Life Skills:** 2 hours
  - Covers Personal, Social, Health, and Economic (PSHE) education, as well as Citizenship.

Year 8 Curriculum

Students in Year 8 are taught in mixed ability groups for all subjects except for Maths, DT and PE. The Year 8 timetable is largely consistent with Year 7, with slight variations in language and life skills lessons:

- **Languages (MFL):** 5 hours
  - Students study one language in depth, German or Spanish.
- **Life Skills:** 1 hour
  - Same focus as Year 7, but reduced time allocation.

Year 9 Curriculum

Students in Year 9 are taught in mixed ability groups for all subjects except for Maths, DT and PE. Year 9 follows the same structure as Year 8, with an emphasis on preparing students for their GCSE studies:

- **Science:** Increased to 7 hours.
- **English:** 7 hours
- **Options:** Students make option choices midway through Year 9. Some GCSE content begins after the Spring holiday, science and maths, with potential changes to groupings based on these choices.

Years 10 and 11 (Key Stage 4)

In Years 10 and 11, students follow a core curriculum while also choosing specialised subjects as part of their GCSE or vocational pathway:

Core Subjects:

- **English:** 8 hours
  - Students are mostly taught in mixed ability groups. However, grouping will be adapted as required to ensure that all students are appropriately challenged and supported throughout the year.
- **Mathematics:** 8 hours
  - Set by Year 9 performance and teacher review
- **Science:** 9 hours
  - Set by Year 9 performance and teacher review
- **Physical Education (PE):** 3 hours
- **Life Skills & Ethics:** 2 hours

Options:

- Students select four option subjects, studying each for 5 hours per fortnight. All option subjects are taught in mixed ability groups.

Years 12 and 13 (Sixth Form)

At Key Stage 5, students typically study three Level 3 qualifications and engage in enrichment activities:

- **Teaching Time:** 9 hours per subject, with additional independent study.
- **Academic Enrichment Courses (Year 12):** Options include Level 3 Core Maths, Gold Arts Award, and the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ).
- **Life Skills & Careers:**
  - In Year 12, 'Life Skills & Careers' is taught as a one-hour lesson, once a fortnight.
  - In Year 13, students are taught the Life Skills & Careers curriculum via the daily tutor programme.
- **Personal Enrichment:** Students have one hour per week of personal enrichment time when they can choose from a range of sporting, creative and personal enrichment activities.





