# Key Stage 4 - Years 10 – 11

In Key Stage 4 all pupils study English Language, English Literature, Mathematics and Physical Education.

All pupils must also study a Science programme and can choose either Combined Science (equivalent to two GCSEs) or Separate sciences (Biology, Chemistry and Physics - with each one equivalent to a full GCSE).

All pupils will also study Physical Education and PHSCE (Personal, Health, Social and Careers Education)

In addition, pupils study up to three further 'option' subjects (if they choose separate sciences this counts as one choice) of which at least one must be either a Humanities subject or a Modern Foreign Language.  Subjects that pupils can choose to study include:

Art and Design, Computer Science, Creative iMedia (OCR), Design and Technology, Drama (BTEC), Food & Nutrition, French, Geography, Spanish, Health and Social Care (OCR), History, Music (BTEC), Philosophy and Beliefs, Photography,  Physical Education (GCSE) and Fitness & Exercise (OCR)

In making their choices pupils are encouraged to consider combinations of subjects that will lead to the completion of the English Baccalaureate, however this is not compulsory.

At the start of Key Stage 4 students are set Target Grades in each subject they are studying.  These targets are based on a range of evidence that we have collected, in particular the pupils' prior attainment during Key Stage 2 & 3.  As students are assessed through Key Stage 4 their progress is reported in terms of a consistent working grade.

Homework (consolidation, extension and enrichment activities outside the classroom) helps to develop independent learning, research skills and personal work disciplines (e.g. time management and planning to meet deadlines) and is set for all students. However, the amount and frequency with which is set is balanced with other important features of a healthy life, such as physical exercise, membership of clubs and other out of school activities.  Full details of the expectations for homework are given in the school's Homework Policy