

KS4 Curriculum

2018/19



Our Key Stage 4 curriculum is broad and balanced with a strong core in the EBacc (English, mathematics, science, one language and history / geography) and a range of high value subject options such as classics, computing, art, music and PE. We have limited the number of GCSE subjects to be studied by our students. This will reduce the exam burden and help ensure that our students are given the time and opportunity to develop intellectually.

Co-Curricular Electives (CCE) in the arts, science and sports, further enhance the education being offered to students at Key Stage 4.

Subjects studied and time allocations at KS4 – 2018/19:

Subject	Weekly Lesson Allocation		
	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
English	5	5	5
Mathematics	5 / 6	5 / 6	5
Science	5 / 6	6 / 7	6 / 8
Humanities	3	3	3
MFL	3	3	3*
RE	2	2	2
Option	2	2	3
Computing	2 / 3	2 / 3	0
Statistics / ICT / Triple Science	0	0	2
PE	1	1	1
CCE	1.5	1.5	0
Drill	0.5	0.5	0
Prep	0	0	2
Total	31	32	32

**A small group of students do not currently study a modern foreign language at KS4; instead, they will participate in extra practice sessions in the core.*

Each week, all students in years 7 to 10 spend an afternoon taking part in Drill and Co-Curricular. The 20 minute Drill session can take many forms: whether learning something new that the students would not typically come across within the curriculum or having a short lecture based on feedback from cycle assessments. Students sit in their houses during Drill and compete for House Points. Following the short Drill session, students are dismissed to their Co-Curricular activities. In KS4 the options include games, drama, photography, music, fencing, sign language and YouTube.