

Key Stage 4 (Years 10-11)

When students come to make their options choices for Years 10 and 11, we offer an even wider selection of courses to suit all interests and aspirations. We ensure that all students pursue an ambitious and wide subject offer, with strong encouragement to continue to pursue some of the 'facilitating' A Level subjects and the subjects which make up the EBacc. We also offer a suite of relevant vocational subjects to ensure that all students have relevant and effective pathways to support them to their eventual destinations.

One significant change for 2021-22 is to make Religious Studies a core option in our curriculum, meaning that all students will take the subject through to Year 11. Our reason for this change is continuing to build on how our students engage with the wider world and have an appreciation for other cultures both within their own school and in their communities. We see this as vital to developing young people with real character and ability to be successful in society, who can think critically and philosophically, with an appreciation of ethical dilemmas.

All students make three subject choices as they move into Year 10 – two others if they pursue the Single Sciences. More details about the Options process and the choices available can be found on our Year 9 Options page, found on the school website.

Below is summary of our Key Stage 4 curriculum, including the different subjects that we offer inside and outside of the core curriculum:

Subject	Key Stage 4 time (mins. per fortnight)
Core Subjects – all students	
English	540 (9 lessons)
Mathematics	480 (8 lessons)
Science	480 (8 lessons)
Religious Studies	300 (5 lessons)
Core PE	180 (3 lessons)
Enrichment Wednesday	120 (2 lessons)
Optional Subjects – EBacc suite	
Geography	300 (5 lessons)
German	300 (5 lessons)
Computer Science	300 (5 lessons)
History	300 (5 lessons)
Optional Subjects – other options	
Business (Enterprise) BTEC	300 (5 lessons)
Design and Technology - Food	300 (5 lessons)
Design and Technology - Graphics	300 (5 lessons)
Design and Technology - Textiles	300 (5 lessons)
Health and Social Care BTEC	300 (5 lessons)
IT BTEC	300 (5 lessons)
Performing Arts BTEC (Dance/Drama/Music)	300 (5 lessons)
Single Sciences (additional lessons)	300 (5 lessons)
Sport BTEC	300 (5 lessons)

The curriculum is based on strong work with exam boards and continually refined and reflected upon by our Curriculum Leaders. It is further underpinned by an assembly rota and form time curriculum, and with a vast array of opportunities for extra-curricular learning and intervention towards success in exams.

We continue to deliver our Life Skills curriculum to all student, through our Enrichment Wednesday slot and through form periods. In Key Stage 4, we also continue to broaden also have a significant Careers curriculum which involves significant contact with external employers and universities, as students seek to choose their next steps as they near the age of 16.