

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.

In Year 9 students will be given a suggested 'pathway' which we think best suits their needs. For example, one pathway includes Triple Science for our high attaining students, while another pathway includes our inclusive laser learning lessons where students are given access to additional access to Maths and English teaching, and develop employability skills.

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	480 (8 lessons)
Mathematics	480 (8 lessons)
Science	480 (8 lessons)
Core PE	240 (4 lessons)
Religious Studies (non-examined)	120 (2 lessons)
PSHE	120 (2 lessons)
Optional Subjects – EBacc suite	
Geography	360 (6 lessons)
German	360 (6 lessons)
Computer Science	360 (6 lessons)
History	360 (6 lessons)
Optional Subjects – other options	
Business (Enterprise) BTEC	360 (6 lessons)
Dance	360 (6 lessons)
Design and Technology – Hospitality	360 (6 lessons)
Design and Technology – 3D Design	360 (6 lessons)
Drama	360 (6 lessons)
Health and Social Care BTEC	360 (6 lessons)
IT BTEC	360 (6 lessons)
Music	360 (6 lessons)
Religious Studies	360 (6 lessons)
Sport BTEC	360 (6 lessons)
Sociology	360 (6 lessons)
Citizenship	360 (6 lessons)
Travel & Tourism BTEC	360 (6 lessons)
Film Studies	360 (6 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.

PSHE continues with differentiated content for Years 10 and 11, including financial literacy, mental health, and post-16 pathways. Parents have the legal right to withdraw their child from

Religious Education. Requests should be made in writing to the Headteacher. Our careers curriculum involves significant contact with external employers and universities, as students seek to choose their next steps as they near the age of 16.