



Key Stage 4: Years 11 and 12

Academic studies become more focused when pupils start studying for GCSEs in Year 11 and 12 (or for some Yr10 Mathematics students). We place a huge emphasis on choosing the right GCSE subjects as we see it as fundamental for success. Through extensive work completed by the careers department pupils are encouraged to choose subjects which they enjoy, suit their learning style and that engages them. As part of this process we hold Options Information Evenings to allow us to work closely with both students and parents to enable them to make the best decisions. This is clearly successful given our excellent examination results.

The school provides all pupils at Key Stage 4 with the opportunity to follow a diverse and stimulating curriculum. When pupils have made their selection of subject choices we then design our timetable around this to allow for a best fit approach. As far as reasonably possible pupils who have made a free choice are accommodated.

We currently offer 3 programmes of study at Key Stage 4 with some slight variations available which are tailored to meet the needs of the pupil:

Various Pathways available:

- A full GCSE programme, with pupils studying for 8 – 9 GCSEs, through the offer of approximately 27 subjects.
- A blend of GCSE and BTEC courses delivered in school
- Pupils study GCSE English and Maths along with a range of equivalent qualifications. They have the opportunity to study Occupational Studies, OCN, Princes Trust or BTEC courses in various areas of learning.

Core Subjects:

English

Maths

Science- both single and double award are available (available as an option to AEP students)

RE

Personal Development (Preparation for Adult Life)

PE

Careers



Optional Subjects:

Art & Design

Business Studies

Child Development

English Literature- only chosen following consultation with English Department

Further Maths- only chosen following consultation with the Maths Department

Digital Technologies

Drama

Geography

Health and Social Care

History

Home Economics

Hospitality

Learning for Life and Work (GCSE)

Music

Physical Education (GCSE)

Religious Education (GCSE)

Spanish

Technology & Design

BTEC Agriculture (equivalent to 4GCSEs)

BTEC Business (equivalent to 3 GCSEs)



Occupational Studies:

Childcare

Construction

Engineering

Environment and Society

OCN:

Religious Education

Digital Skills

Alternative Qualifications:

Food Preparation

Prince's Trust