



Year 10

Curriculum Pathways

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Curriculum Choices

In Year 10, all students will continue to study the core subjects of English, mathematics, science and core PE. They will also continue to study a broad and balanced STEPS curriculum.

For the first time in their school career, students will also be able to choose four subjects. We hope that the year 9 Specialisms programme will have provided a useful insight to help you to make an informed decision.

The information in this booklet provides a brief outline of what is covered in each KS4 option. In year 9 there is flexibility (where possible) for students to change specialism, thereby ensuring they are satisfied with their GCSE subjects at the start of Key Stage 4 in year 10.

Choosing your options

The options available to students are listed in the table below.

All students must select an Ebacc subject (geography, history, Spanish) from the top section as option 1, then 5 more from anywhere in the table in priority order. Students are allowed to select more than one Ebacc subject.

We ask students to select 6 options in total and endeavour to offer pupils their top 4 choices. However, when this is not possible, options 5 and 6 will be used as 'back-ups'

❖ Geography

❖ Spanish

❖ History

- ❖ 3D design
- ❖ Business studies/enterprise and marketing
- ❖ Creative i-Media
- ❖ Design and Technology
- ❖ Food prep & nutrition
- ❖ Health and social care
- ❖ Music
- ❖ Photography

- ❖ Art and Design
- ❖ Citizenship
- ❖ Dance
- ❖ Drama/Performing arts
- ❖ Graphics
- ❖ Media Studies
- ❖ PE/Sports studies
- ❖ Sociology

Ebacc subjects (students must choose at least one)

Geography



Geography matters because places matter. The central focus of geography is places, how they are connected to one another and how they interact with both human and natural processes.

Geographical knowledge gives a student the opportunity to understand in depth what is going on in the world around them. It helps them make sense of current affairs and issues in the news as well as deepening their understanding of different people, cultures, and the world. It is truly a subject for the 21st Century.

For further information please see Ms K Ennis / Ms L Free

History



History is not just about facts and dates. It is a subject for anyone who wants to understand why humans behaved the way they did in the past; for anyone interested in the events that have shaped the world we live in today; and for anyone interested in developing a perception of the world around us. Studying history will develop your ability to think clearly and logically, research, analyse, hypothesize, argue and criticise.

For further information please see Mrs L O'Brien

Spanish



Studying a modern foreign language enables you to travel and broaden your horizons! A foreign language is a good accompaniment to any other subject. Scientists, mathematicians, computer programmers, sportsmen / women, journalists - everyone planning to work with other people – should consider continuing their foreign language. It is not just the language itself, but also the skills: good communication, understanding and respect for other cultures and increased confidence - all these are useful life and work skills; your ability to communicate in another language is a bonus!

For further information please see Mr J Sidaway

Other high value specialism subjects

3D Design



By studying 3D Design it will enhance students thinking about different products around them and how they link to the world historically and practically. Students will develop their practical model making skills using materials such as paper, cardboard and timber. Computer Aided Design is explored along with hand drawn sketches to improve communication of ideas.

For further information please see Ms R Jones

Art and Design



Art and design offers an exciting opportunity to explore a wide range of creative skills and techniques. You will work with a variety of materials and media including paint, printmaking, textiles, sculpture, photography and ICT and will be encouraged to explore and develop your learning creatively.

For further information please see Mrs C Mills

Business/Enterprise and Marketing



Students will learn about a range of businesses in the real world, focusing on what aspects affect businesses in their decision making, how they decide to produce goods, how they advertise their business, the importance of good quality staff and how businesses manage finance. Students will apply their knowledge and understanding to different business contexts ranging from small enterprises to large multinationals and businesses operating in local, national and global contexts.

For further information please see Ms C Gent or Mr A Burrows

Citizenship



As a subject that leads on from the study of STEPS, citizenship further equips students with the skills to play a positive role in public and democratic life as informed and active citizens. Anyone interested in politics and law should consider specialising in this subject. Students learn about democracy through studying politics and government in the UK and the wider world, as well as law and justice. Students are also given the opportunity to take part in a 'citizenship in action' project.

For further information please see Ms C Mackie

Creative i-Media



Creative iMedia is aimed at students with an interest in developing their skills in the more creative aspects of ICT. We are living in an age where we are constantly bombarded with different forms of new media such as magazines and television to YouTube and computer games. For all of these activities to take place there has to be people in industry with the vision and skills to create the content for these different kinds of media.

For further information please see Mr C Dent

Dance



Dance is good for both body and soul. It is an amazing workout, a great way of expressing yourself, an effective method for relieving stress and, most importantly, it is fun. As well as providing you with an opportunity to develop as a dancer and choreographer, you will also study the theory of dance, developing your analytical, evaluative and communication skills.

For further information please see Mrs Z Johnson or Ms S Nelson

Design and Technology



Good design involves creating something that works well and is satisfying to use. Design and technology looks at the way everything we use in everyday life is designed and made, from a t-shirt to a TV. You are designing to meet a commercial need and to design and manufacture a successful product you need to know what consumers need, and want, and how materials and industrial technologies can be used to create it.

For further information please see Ms R Jones

Drama/Performing arts



Drama and performing arts allow students the opportunity to explore a wide range of ideas and themes creatively through performance. Students experiment with theatrical skills and techniques whilst working productively and creatively with their peers. They develop teamwork and communication skills and learn how to work within set time constraints.

For further information please see Mrs R Allaway or Mr G Coles

Food prep and nutrition



Food Preparation and Nutrition will help you to develop a greater understanding of nutrition, food provenance and the working characteristics of food materials. You will learn about food from around the world, through the study of British and international culinary traditions as well as developing an understanding of where food comes from and the challenges surrounding food security. You'll master culinary skills and appreciate the science behind food and cooking.

For further information please see Ms C Selwood

Graphics



By studying graphic communication students will develop skills and experiment with a whole range of new materials, graphic media and industrial applications. Their aim is to develop a wide understanding of graphic products through research and analysis of existing designers' work and then to use this to inform designs. This will then result in a range of high quality outcomes. Use of ICT and CAD/CAM will play a major role in this course.

For further information please see Ms R Jones

Health and Social Care



Student will look at the human lifespan development and investigate how, in real situations, human development is affected by different factors. In addition to this, student also explore health and social care services and values, where students will understand how they meet the needs of real service users.

For further information please see Mrs S Kenwright or Mrs K Farley

Media Studies



Media studies is a subject that offers pupils an exciting opportunity to analyse and create media products from a number of different platforms. Media studies is designed to broaden students' understanding of the media industry and has been developed to allow students to show off their ability to investigate and make judgements as well as create media products.

For further information please see Mr C Dent

Music



Music is an enriching and engaging subject, offering a unique combination of creativity and academic rigour. Studying music will allow you to develop and refine your understanding of music as a performer, composer, and as a listener. Furthermore, it allows you to explore and develop a passion for music, alongside building your confidence and communication skills.

For further information please see Mr J Cameron or Mrs K Harper

Photography



Photography offers a unique opportunity to explore a wide range of lens-based media, techniques and processes, using new technologies. This will allow you to explore and communicate your ideas and values visually. You will be encouraged to demonstrate skills and develop ideas through experimentation. You will acquire an understanding of photography processes and how to compose and interpret photographic images. You will have the opportunity to use professional quality digital SLR cameras, and Photoshop based image manipulation.

For further information please see Mrs A Short

Physical Education/Sport Studies



PE caters for people who are curious about the science and theory behind sports performance. This is a subject for those who already participate in sport at a good level and are now keen to further improve their understanding of the body and how it works in sports performances. It also provides an invaluable opportunity to improve your personal fitness and understand how to keep your body healthy.

For further information please see Mr M Barnes or Ms B Merriman

Sociology



Sociology is the academic study of human society and involves exploring the social interactions and relationships between different groups of people. Many students find the subject interesting as it is relevant to their lives. Sociology encourages students to question the world around them using evidence and challenge issues we face to develop their critical and evaluative skills.

For further information please see Ms K Farley