



13th November 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: KS4 Curriculum

As you know, we launched our draft proposals for our KS4 curriculum on the 31st October. Thank you to everyone who has responded with feedback; it has been helpful in redrafting the curriculum to better match all our learner's needs.

We will go through the new proposals at the Parents Information Evening on Monday 19th November. This evening will start at 6pm and will be an excellent opportunity for us to go through the process with you. Please book a place through <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk> and enter code **c5h8n**. Please book your place by 12.00pm Friday 16th November.

The new proposals are below. The changes in summary:

- The Philosophy and Ethics qualification has been removed from the core element and placed in the options block. This has allowed us to open up more choices to more learners;
- The humanities option has had its hours doubled, allowing us to complete the teaching of the GCSE in a year and, provided learners are ready to do so, they will sit at least one GCSE in Year 10. (This is better for learner wellbeing, allowing us to spread the number of exams across two exam seasons and will also allow learners to select courses which we currently can't offer due to the delay with the school building);
- Learners who sit their humanities GCSE in Year 10 will then be able to select another option;
- Learners ready to do so, will sit GCSE Maths in Year 10, allowing them to pick up an additional Maths qualification in Year 11. This will allow some learners to take as many as 11 GCSEs.

The Pathways:

Year 10

Hours per Week	Pathway 1	Pathway 2	Pathway 3
4	English Language & English Literature	English Language & English Literature	English Language & English Literature
4	Trilogy Science (Double award = 2 GCSEs)	Biology/Chemistry/Physics (Triple award = 3 GCSEs)	Trilogy Science (Double award = 2 GCSEs)
3	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics
2	Core PE	Core PE	Core PE
6	History or Geography	History or Geography	History or Geography
3	Spanish	Spanish	Art Photography Drama

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3	Business Studies Computer Science Art Sociology Photography Psychology	Sport Drama History Geography Religious Studies Media Studies	Biology/Chemistry/Physics (Triple award = 3 GCSEs)	Business Studies Computer Science Art Sociology Photography Psychology	Sport Drama History Geography Religious Studies Media Studies
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Year 11

Hours per Week	Pathway 1	Pathway 2	Pathway 3	
3	English Language & English Literature	English Language & English Literature	English Language & English Literature	
4	Trilogy Science (Double award = 2 GCSEs)	Biology/Chemistry/Physics (Triple award = 3 GCSEs)	Trilogy Science (Double award = 2 GCSEs)	
4	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	
2	Core PE	Core PE	Core PE	
3	Spanish	Spanish	Art Photography Drama	
3	Business Studies Computer Science Art Sociology Photography Psychology Music Food Tech	Sport Drama History Geography Religious Studies Media Studies DT	Biology/Chemistry/Physics (Triple award = 3 GCSEs)	Business Studies Computer Science Art Sociology Photography Psychology Music DT Food Tech
6	Business Studies Computer Science Art Sociology Photography Psychology Music Food Tech	Sport Drama History Geography Religious Studies DT Media Studies	Business Studies Computer Science Art Sociology Photography Psychology Music Food Tech	Sport Drama History Geography Religious Studies Media Studies

Any further feedback please do get in contact with us. My email address is:
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Yours faithfully,



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