

Senior School Curriculum

There are seven periods per day, Monday to Friday. Each period is 50 minutes in length; some of these are arranged in double periods, particularly in the GCSE and A-level years.

On Monday to Thursday, Period 5 is given over to co-curricular activities. On Friday Period 5, all pupils have a PSHCE lesson.

First and Second Forms (Years 7 and 8)

English	3 periods per week
Mathematics	4 periods per week
Science	4 periods per week
Languages	4 periods per week
History	2 periods per week
Geography	2 periods per week
RS	1 period per week

Drama	1 period per week
Music	1 period per week
Art/Textiles	2 periods per week
DT/F&N	2 periods per week
Computing	1 period per week
Sport	4 periods per week

In Languages, the pupils are divided into three sets by ability. They study French, German and Spanish as a carousel. In the Second Form there is also a small fourth set who only study Spanish and who have Learning Support instead of two of their language lessons.

Art, Textiles, DT and Food and Nutrition are taught in half-classes for half the academic year.

From the Second Form onwards, the pupils are taught as ability-based sets for Mathematics.

Third Form (Year 9)

English	4 periods per week
Mathematics	4 periods per week
Biology	2 periods per week
Chemistry	2 periods per week
Physics	2 periods per week
Sport	4 periods per week

Language 1	2 periods per week
Language 2	2 periods per week
Humanity 1	2 periods per week
Humanity 2	2 periods per week
Creative 1	2 periods per week
Creative 2	2 periods per week

Each pupil chooses two languages, two humanities and two creative subjects. The choices are:

Languages: French, German, Spanish

Humanities: History, Geography, RS

Creatives: Art, Computing, DT, Drama, Food and Nutrition, Music, Textiles

Fourth and Fifth Forms (Years 10 and 11)

Compulsory subjects:

- English 4 periods per week, leading to two GCSEs - English Language and English Literature.
Mathematics 4 periods per week.
Sport 4 periods per week

Options:

Each pupil chooses six GCSE subjects from the following list:

Art Biology Chemistry DT Drama Food and Nutrition French Geography German	History Music PE Physics Psychology RS Spanish Textiles
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Each option subject is taught for 3 periods per week.

Each pupil should study: at least one Science subject;
 at least one foreign language;
 at least one Humanities subject.

No other restrictions are made.

Sixth Form (Years 12 and 13)

The subjects available are:

Art	Graphics
Biology	History
Business Studies	Mathematics
Chemistry	Further Mathematics
Computing	Music
DT	PE
Economics	Physics
English	Psychology
Food and Nutrition	RS (from September 2017)
French	Spanish
Geography	Textiles
German	Theatre Studies
Government and Politics	

The availability of these subjects is dependent on sufficient pupils choosing that option.

Each subject is taught for 5 periods per week in the Lower Sixth Form and 6 periods per week in the Upper Sixth Form.

All Sixth Form pupils have Sport for 4 periods per week.

In the Lower Sixth Form, most pupils study 4 subjects to AS-level. In addition to their AS studies, all Lower Sixth Form pupils have 1 period per week of Study Skills

In the Upper Sixth Form, most pupils study 3 subjects to A-level. A few may continue with all four subjects whilst others, if the timetable allows, may start a new AS subject.