

## Curriculum Model

The 2016-2017 curriculum model is described below. However, the curriculum is reviewed annually in response to government initiatives. More detailed information about the curriculum at each Key Stage and course outlines for current cohorts are all available on the school website.

### Years 7, 8 & 9

Subject	Teaching time (hours per fortnight)		
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
English	6*	6	6
Literacy	1	0	0
Mathematics	6	6	6
Science	6	6	6
French	4	4	3
German or Spanish	0	4	4
Geography	3	3	3
History	3	3	3
Design & Technology	3	4	4
Music	3	2	2
Religious Studies	2	2	2
Art	3	2	2
Drama	2	2	2
Computer Science	2	1	2
PE	4	4	4
Life Skills	1	1	1
Resilience	1	0	0

\* 1 hour is dedicated to the 'Great Big Read'

## Years 10 & 11

### Core curriculum

The table below provides a summary of the core subjects studied at Key Stage 4 and the allocation of teaching time in hours per fortnight.

Subject	Teaching Time (hours per fortnight)		Comments
	Year 10	Year 11	
English	7	7	Most students will study for a <b>GCSE in English Language</b> and a <b>GCSE in English Literature</b> . A small number of students will study for only one GCSE in English Language.
Maths	6	6	All students will study for one <b>GCSE in Maths</b> .
Science	10	11	<b>Triple Science:</b> students study for <b>GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry &amp; Physics</b> .  <b>Double Science:</b> Year 11 students study for <b>GCSEs in Core Science &amp; Additional Science</b> . Year 10 students study the new <b>GCSE Double Science</b> course.
Religious Studies (short course)	2	2	All students study for <b>half a GCSE in RS</b> .
Languages	5	5	Most students will study for a <b>GCSE in at least one of French, German or Spanish</b> . It is possible to study two languages.  A small number of students will not study a language to GCSE level. These students will follow a study skills course to support their studies in other areas of the curriculum.
Games	4	4	<b>Non-examined.</b> Students have the opportunity to choose from a range of sports to continue to improve their health and fitness. In Year 10 there is also the opportunity for students to undertake the <b>Sports Leaders, Football Leaders or Dance Leaders</b> Level 1 qualification. In Year 11 students are able to choose their own activities.
Life Skills	1	0	<b>Non-examined.</b> This course is designed to prepare students for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life. It includes the statutory provision for sex and relationship education, careers education and citizenship as well as aspects of health education and social responsibility.

## Option subjects

At Key Stage 4 students have an element of choice that allows them to personalise their curriculum. Teaching time is in hours per fortnight.

	Teaching Time (hours per fortnight)		Summary
	Year 10	Year 11	
<b>Option choice 1</b>	5	5	The option subjects currently studied by students in Years 10 and/or 11 are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Art &amp; Design</li> <li>- Business &amp; Communications Systems (BCS)</li> <li>- Computer Science</li> <li>- Design &amp; Technology: Electronic Products</li> <li>- Design &amp; Technology: Food Technology (Year 11 only)</li> <li>- Design &amp; Technology: Graphic Products</li> <li>- Design &amp; Technology: Product Design</li> <li>- Design &amp; Technology: Textiles Technology</li> <li>- Drama</li> <li>- Economics</li> <li>- Engineering (Year 11 only)</li> <li>- French</li> <li>- Geography</li> <li>- German</li> <li>- History</li> <li>- Music</li> <li>- Physical Education (GCSE course)</li> <li>- Spanish</li> </ul>
<b>Option choice 2</b>	5	5	
<b>Option choice 3</b>	5	5	