



Curriculum Policy

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1 Rationale

- i. We believe that the curriculum of the school should be designed to enable our children to enjoy and achieve, to grow and prosper, and to be stimulated by learning
- ii. We believe that the curriculum of the school must look to serve the full breadth of student ability and the variety of interests and skills
- iii. We believe that good quality educational provision in school must be coherent and well planned

2 Aims

- i. To enable our children to develop as successful learners who enjoy learning, are reflective and inquisitive, make progress and achieve
- ii. To enable our children to develop as confident individuals who are able to lead safe, healthy and fulfilling lives
- iii. To enable our children to develop as responsible citizens who make a positive contribution to society
- iv. To provide a broad and balanced curriculum
- v. To deliver the National Curriculum and other statutorily required programmes based on a secondary model.
- vi. To provide a curriculum that enables students to make good progress in skills for life – Literacy, Numeracy, ICT and economic awareness
- vii. To provide a curriculum that addresses the social, moral, spiritual, cultural and emotional needs of our children and help them grow in environmental awareness.
- viii. To provide a curriculum that is differentiated and responsive to individual student needs
- ix. To provide a range of assessment routines which enable students and families to understand where they are in their learning, where they need to go and what they need to do to get there.
- x. To support as wide a range of extra-curricular opportunities as possible

3 Practice and Procedures

- i. The taught curriculum is delivered substantially through discrete national curriculum subjects
- ii. Classes will normally be organised as mixed ability but in sets in English and Maths throughout the school. The school will also work to support setting by ability for year 8 students in Science and French lessons.
- iii. The curriculum will be reviewed each academic year and, where appropriate, revised by subject leaders in consultation with SLT.
- iv. SLT will ensure that there is regular staff CPD to support and reinforce the cross-cutting themes set out in the aims above
- v. SLT will work with subject leaders to ensure that staff continuously access CPD that promotes current best practice and understanding for high quality curriculum provision
- vi. Parents will be given a termly formal update on their child's effort and attainment across all subjects.

4 Review

- i. The Curriculum Committee of the Board of Governors will monitor and review the Curriculum policy.
- ii. The Curriculum Committee of the Board of Governors will contribute to the school's annual self-evaluation processes in relation to the delivery of this policy
- iii. The Curriculum Committee of the Board of Governors will work with SLT and key school leaders on the strategic direction and implementation of the curriculum policy through the identification of priorities for improving further the delivery of the policy, practice and procedures.

Cross reference this policy with the following policies

- Special Educational Needs
- Homework and Enrichment
- Sex Education
- PSHE and Citizenship
- Assessment and marking
- Equal opportunities
- Acceptable User (ICT safeguarding)

APPENDICES:

- Curriculum organisation
- Activities List – Example of extra-curriculum programme

Agreed by Board of Governors

APPENDIX 1

Schemes of Learning cover the National Curriculum Programmes of Study. Lessons are between 55 and 60 minutes long. Students have the following allocation of lessons during the week:

		<u>Art</u>	<u>Drama</u>	<u>English</u>	<u>French</u>	<u>Geography</u>	<u>History</u>	<u>ICT</u>	<u>Maths</u>	<u>Music</u>	<u>PE</u>	<u>RE</u>	<u>Science</u>	<u>Technology</u>	<u>Option</u>
<u>Y8</u>	<u>Lessons</u>	1	1	4	2	2	1	1	3	1	2	1	3	2	1
-	<u>Groups</u>	5	5	6	6	5	5	6	6	5	5	5	6	10	6
<u>y7</u>	<u>Lessons</u>	1	1	4	2	1	2	1	4	1	2	1	3	2	-
-	<u>Groups</u>	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	-
<u>y6</u>	<u>Lessons</u>	1		6	1	1	1	1	6	1	2	1	3	1	-
-	<u>Groups</u>	6		6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	-
<u>y5</u>	<u>Lessons</u>	1		6	1	1	1	1	6	1	2	1	2	1	-
-	<u>Groups</u>	6		6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	-

In Year 8 students have an 'Option' lesson in their weekly timetable. Students choose from a wide range of subjects – Music Technology, Sports Leadership, Art, Drama and Making Movies. This prepares students for the very important choices they will be making about Options soon after arriving in Upper School. It was a part of the curriculum to which Ofsted gave particular praise. In addition, for students the option lesson creates a very popular variety to our KS3 curriculum.

Year 8	153 students
Year 7	161 students
Year 6	162 students
Year 5	160 students

AUTUMN TERM 2017 - ACTIVITIES LIST

	Early	Lunch Time	After School
MONDAY	EARLY RISERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D.T. Club (1.05pm – 1.30pm) • Art Club (all years) • Library • String Group • The Bubble • Years 7 & 8 Girls' Rugby • Years 5 & 6 Girls' Netball • ICT club 	
TUESDAY	EARLY RISERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D.T. Club (1.05pm – 1.30pm) • Library • Ensembles and Keyboard Club • Cheerleading • All Years – Health and Fitness • Years 5 & 6 Mixed Hockey • ICT club • Italian club (Rm 28) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orchestra • Table Tennis
WEDNESDAY	EARLY RISERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensembles • Library • Maths Club (1.05pm) – Rm 16 • Years 7 & 8 Table Tennis • Year 5 Boys' Football • Years 5 & 6 Girls' Football • ICT club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Years 7 & 8 Badminton
THURSDAY	EARLY RISERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choir • Library • The Well • Years 5 & 6 Mixed Tag Rugby • ICT club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS3 Art Club (Miss J) 3.45-4.45 • Years 5 & 6 Badminton
FRIDAY	EARLY RISERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chamber Choir • All Years Irish Dancing • Years 7 & 8 Girls' Football • ICT club • D.T club (1:05pm – 1:30pm) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Years 5 & 6 Dodgeball