

Curriculum Policy



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1.0 Curriculum Structure

The Academy follows the curriculum guidance outlined in the Single Academy Model Mainstream Funding Agreement.

The curriculum design relates specifically to the Academy's aims as detailed in section 3.0 of the ADP.

1.1 Form Time

Form time is 15 minutes per day from 8.35 – 8.50 a.m. Registration occurs during this time and pupils are expected to undertake literacy, numeracy and/or theme-based activities.*

For each year group, one form period a week is allocated to an assembly.

1.2 Teaching Periods

The Academy operates a one-week timetable covering 25 periods a week.

To maximise the amount and quality of learning time, each teaching period is 65 minutes in length and only one period is allocated after lunch.

Period	Time
Morning Registration	8.35-8.50
P1	8.50-9.55
P2	9.55-11.00
Break	11.00-11.20
P3	11.20-12.25
P4	12.25-13.30
Lunch	13.30-14.10
P5	14.10-15.15

*Year 7 Catch-up-Premium pupils work with teaching staff and LSAs until they reach the Expected Standard in English and Mathematics. Sessions run from **8.25 – 8.50 a.m.**

1.3 Curriculum Intent

1.31 Aims

In Education, the 'curriculum' is broadly defined as the '*totality of pupil experiences that occur in the educational process*'.

The intent of the curriculum is synonymous with many of the Academy's core aims:

- To provide a broad and balanced curriculum that is accessible to all pupils.
- To provide opportunities for all pupils to develop a high level of literacy and numeracy required for success in adult life.
- To broaden pupils' horizons through a range of spiritual, moral, social and cultural opportunities.
- To ensure that all pupils can thrive and develop as healthy individuals.
- To ensure that all pupils understand how to stay safe.
- To develop a strength of character, and resilience that will help pupils to overcome the challenges they are likely to encounter in adult life.
- To provide an appropriate range of opportunities and experiences to allow pupils to succeed in the next stage in their education, training or employment.

1.32 Highlights

- A broad and balanced KS3 curriculum designed to develop competencies to prepare pupils for KS4.
- A broad and ambitious KS4 curriculum that provides **all** pupils with the opportunity to achieve the EBacc.
- An extended KS4 programme to allow pupils to develop a deeper understanding of subject specific knowledge and skills.
- A curriculum underpinned by a mastery approach.
- An extensive Personal Development and Enrichment (PDE) curriculum, designed to develop pupils' character, confidence, resilience, independence, leadership skills, health and wellbeing and preparation for life, and provide access to a wide and rich set of experiences.

1.4 Key Stage 3

The Key Stage 3 curriculum is delivered in Year 7 and Year 8.

The subjects and number of lessons per week are shown below.

Year	English ¹	Maths ¹	Science ¹	MFL ²	PE ³	Geography	History	Computing	DT	Food Technology	Music	Business	Drama	Art	Citizenship and RE	PDE ⁴
7	3	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
8	3	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2

¹English, Maths and Science are allocated the highest amount of curriculum time to prepare pupils for KS4.

²MFL is allocated the third highest amount of curriculum time to prepare pupils for KS4.

³PE is allocated double the curriculum time (compared to other Foundation subjects) to facilitate physical wellbeing.

⁴Personal Development and Enrichment (PDE) is allocated double the curriculum time (compared to Foundation subjects) to ensure comprehensive coverage of PHSE and RSHE, development of self and enrichment activities.

1.5 Key Stage 4

The Key Stage 4 curriculum is delivered in Year 9, 10 and 11.

Year	English ¹	Maths ¹	Science ¹	MFL ²	Citizenship (including RE) ³	Option 1 ⁴	Option 2 ⁴	Option 3 ⁴	Recreational PE	PDE ⁵
9	4	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	1	2
10	4	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	1	2
11	4	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	1	2

¹GCSE English, Mathematics and Science are compulsory and are allocated the most curriculum time.

²MFL is compulsory, however, between 5-10% of pupils may have modified timetables which include additional English and Mathematics and/or work skills courses/work experience placements.

³GCSE Citizenship is compulsory and is the primary means of promoting SMSC and British Values. It is taught alongside the statutory provisions of RE so the Academy is compliant in terms of sections 69 and 71 and schedule 19 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

⁴Pupils opt for three additional subjects – refer to section 1.51.

⁵Personal Development and Enrichment (PDE) – refer to section 1.6.

1.51 Option Subjects

All pupils are expected to follow three subjects which constitute the Personalised Pathway of their curriculum entitlement. The subjects are arranged into three blocks which, along with the Core Pathway, cover the four statutory entitlement areas outlined in the National Curriculum.

Block 1	Block 2	Block 3
Humanities	Design and Technology	Arts
Geography	Graphic Products	Art
History	Food Preparation	Drama
	Business Studies	Music
	Creative Media (Technical Award)	P.E
	Statistics	R.E
	Computer Science	Sociology

Refer to [Curriculum Pathways Booklet 2021](#)

1.6 Personal Development and Enrichment

The Academy provides an extensive Personal Development and Enrichment (PDE) curriculum, designed to develop pupils' character, confidence, resilience, independence, health and wellbeing, leadership skills, preparation for life, and provide access to a wide and rich set of experiences.

PDE is organised into three broad areas:

- PSHE and RSHE.
- Development of Self.
- Enrichment.

1.61 PSHE and RSHE

To ensure comprehensive coverage and aid curriculum planning, the Academy uses the [Programme of Study \(KS3-KS4\)](#) produced by the PSHE Association, the national body for PSHE and RSHE education, which includes the compulsory elements as stipulated in the [DfE guidance - Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education \(RSHE\)](#)

The knowledge, skills and attributes are delivered through discreet timetabled lessons; timetabled subjects e.g. PSHE/RSHE, Science, Citizenship, RE, P.E and Computing; Development of Self lessons; 'Drop down' sessions; and presentations/workshops from businesses, industry leaders, health professionals and guest/motivational speakers.

1.62 Development of Self

The Development of Self Programme is designed to provide pupils with substantive opportunities to develop their sense of identity, purpose, character, essential life skills that prepare them for their future, and collectively aim to create a well-rounded individual able to function effectively and contribute positively to society.

1.63 Enrichment

The Academy operates a wide range of extra-curricular activities and educational visits which **all** pupils are encouraged to avail - [Extra-Curricular Activities and Educational Visits](#) and [Extracurricular Timetable](#). The Academy also operates an 'Enrichment Week' in July, where pupils have the opportunity to explore and partake in a wide range of events and activities.

2.0 Mastery Curriculum

Refer to [Mastery Curriculum Policy](#).

3.0 Teaching and Learning

Refer to [Teaching and Learning Policy](#).

4.0 Marking and Assessment

Refer to [Marking and Assessment Policy](#).

5.0 Homework

Refer to [Homework Policy](#).

6.0 PSHE and RSHE

Refer to [PSHE and RSHE Policy](#).

7.0 Literacy and Numeracy

Refer to [Literacy Policy](#) and [Numeracy Policy](#).

8.0 SMSC and British Values

At KS3, all pupils study Citizenship and R.E (1 hour a week).

At KS4, all pupils study GCSE Citizenship which is taught alongside the statutory provisions of R.E so the Academy is compliant in terms of sections 69 and 71 and schedule 19 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

Across KS3 and KS4, the Academy offers a bespoke PDE curriculum – refer to section 1.6.

9.0 Collective Worship

Refer to [Collective Worship Policy](#).

Refer to [SMSC Assemblies Programme](#)

Any parent who objects to their child attending an act or acts of collective worship may request that they are withdrawn under the [Education Act 1996 Part V, Chapter 3, Section 389](#) or the [School Standards and Framework Act 1998 Part II, Chapter 6, Section 71](#).

10.0 Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG)

All pupils from Year 8, receive independent CEIAG from Connexions.

CEIAG is delivered through the Personal Development and Enrichment (PDE) Programme.

11.0 Celebrating Success

Refer to [Celebrating Success Policy](#).

12.0 Remote Learning

Remote learning is delivered via **MS Teams**.

MS Teams is all-in-one hub for the collaborative classroom. Teams meetings allow teachers to host video and audio calls, share documents, conversations, files and notes, collaborate on virtual whiteboards and issue and mark assignments.

Refer to [Remote Learning Policy](#) and [Remote Learning FAQ](#)