

## **The Curriculum**

### **The Rationale**

These proposals are based on the premise that Year 7 and 8 will be taught as often as possible in home rooms in home groups. Students will be prepared to sit SATS at the end of Year 8. That the optional curriculum will begin in Year 9 with the introduction of specialist teaching throughout all subjects. That Year 10 and 11 will drop one of the options from Year 9 and students will have the opportunity to study for a specialist diploma from one of each of the learning areas.

The curriculum will be delivered in four nine week modules each will be assessed and reported on. This allows for additional days for whole school activities, additional delivery of preparation for adult life and consultation days.

The curriculum should offer flexibility so that alternative pathways can be delivered and different speeds of delivery is possible

### **The Formal Curriculum**

#### **Years 7 and 8**

The curriculum will be split into Home Base Learning 10 hours per week and Specialist Learning 15 hours per week

Home Base will be for the first two hours each day and will cover English, Humanities, RS, PSHE, ICT and Learning to Learn

Specialist Learning will cover Mathematics (4 hours in half year group sets), Science (4 hours in half year group sets), PE (2 hours), Art and Technology (2 hours in four modules), Performing Arts (1 hour), MFL (2 hours).

#### **Year 9**

The curriculum will be divided into a core with options, the core will have 15 hours per week and there will be 10 hours per week for options.

The core will have English (4 hours), Maths (4 hours in sets), Science (4 hours in sets), PE (2 hours), RS and Citizenship (1 hour),

The options will be grouped from the four learning areas and each student will be asked to pick one from each area plus one more. Each subject will be taught for 2 hours per week.

This has the flexibility to accommodate IB if we wish

From Humanities: Geography, History, Sociology and RS

From Science and Technology: Textiles, Graphics, Resistant Materials, Art

Communication: Music, Drama, Spanish, Chinese.

Maths and Enterprise: Business Studies, PE, Economics, ICT

### **Years 10 and 11**

Will continue with the same core but will drop one option and continue with four subjects for 2 ½ hours per week.

In addition each of the learning areas will deliver one specialist diploma

Science and Technology – Manufacturing

Humanities – Public Services

Communication – Creative and Media

Maths and Enterprise – Business Administration and Finance

Setting in Maths and Science will allow for early entry and the delivery of separate sciences. The basic offer to students will be 9 GCSE's or 6 GCSE's and a Specialist Diploma. More able students will have the opportunity to take additional GCSE's.

### **The Extension Curriculum**

Three hours per week will allow for additional subjects such as a second Modern Foreign Language, Community Languages. Sporting, Aesthetic and Creative Activities including team games, art, technology, drama, music clubs, community service, Duke of Edinburgh award, chess, debating.

This will allow students to be engaged in cross phase activities.