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Year 9

Curriculum Talk

1st December

2015

Topics

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1. Curriculum Year 9 – 11
2. Options
3. The English Baccalaureate
4. New GCSE Grades
5. Flightpaths and Progress

The Current Curriculum

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	En	Ma	Sc	Hi	Go	Ar	Mu	Dm	IT	DT	PE	OPT	RS	MFL
Year 9	4	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 (2)	1 (2)	1	4 (2)

The Year 9 curriculum model provides a breadth of study and is very similar to that which your child has experienced in Years 7 & 8.

The Year 10 Curriculum Sept 2016

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	En	Ma	Sc	RS	PE	A	B	C	D
Year 10	5	5	4	1	2	2	2	2	2

- Religious Studies and Physical Education are statutory subjects. There will be an opportunity for some students to take qualifications in these subjects during Key Stage Four.
- Two hours per week of all four option subjects.

The Year 11 Curriculum Sept 2017

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	En	Ma	Sc	RS	PE	A	B	C	D
Year 11	4	4	3	1	1	3	3	3	3

- English, Maths, Science and PE all lose one hour of time in Year 11.
- Three hours per week for all four option subjects.

The Options Process

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- We start this process in December with support for students through form time and assemblies.
- Options assemblies will start on Wednesday 9th December and run until Thursday 11th Feb.
- Options Evening will take place on Thursday 11th Feb.

The Options Evening

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- A talk in the Main Hall.
- A chance to meet and talk with subject teachers in the Sports Hall.
- You will also receive the Options Book and Form.

English Baccalaureate

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- This is a combination of subjects which are deemed to be a healthy breadth of core academic subjects.
- To achieve the EBacc performance measure you need to achieve a grade 5 in the following subjects,
 - English
 - Maths
 - Science (including Computer Science)
 - A language
 - History or Geography

New Number Grades

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- The Government Department for Education and Ofqual are currently reforming all GCSEs and A Levels.
- For most subjects, your child will be judged on the new 9 – 1 grading system.
- Resistant Materials, Graphics, Electronics, Media Studies and Business Studies will still receive a letter grade.

New GCSE Grading Structure



NEW GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE	CURRENT GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE
9	A*
8	
7	A
6	B
5	
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
	G
U	U

GOOD PASS (DfE)
5 and above = top of C and above

AWARDING
4 and above = bottom of C and above

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- A 'Good Pass' will be a Grade 5.
- This will be harder to achieve than the current C grade.
- There is more scope to differentiate between the higher grades.

Progress and Flightpaths

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- In every subject we are tracking progress with Flightpaths.
- These show 'Good' and 'Outstanding' progress targets.
- Students and teachers map assessment and progress levels onto the flightpath each term.

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**Thank you for
your time and
support**