

5th July 2018**Key Stage 3 Curriculum**

Dear Parent / Carer

We are writing to give you an overview of your child's curriculum from September 2018. Your child will complete Key Stage 3 (KS3) next year before following a pathways curriculum in Key Stage 4 (KS4) which begins in Year 9. A limited options process will take place in January of Year 8 and you will receive more information about this during the Autumn term.

The core curriculum for KS3 consists of English, maths, science, ICT, geography, history, RE, design technology, PE, art, music, drama, reciprocal reading, PSHE, enrichment, and a modern foreign language (MFL).

Most subjects are offered through a set number of periods over a two week timetable. Next year though, PSHE will be offered through "drop-down" days, where the timetable is collapsed for 3 days during the year. These days will have a range of internal and external providers delivering topics relevant to their age and needs. Also, following a successful trial in form times, we will be adding Reciprocal Reading to the timetabled curriculum in September.

There is also a change next year as to how we are going to deliver modern foreign languages. The modern foreign language offered in Year 7 has historically been French, with approximately half of the students then going on to study Spanish in Year 8, albeit in a reduced time. We have conducted a review of best practice and have decided that it is better for students to focus entirely on one modern foreign language in KS3 and to study it in depth. Hence, in September all students will continue to study French throughout Year 8 with option choices then providing the possibility for gifted linguists to study an additional language, Spanish, should they wish to, as they enter KS4.

We hope that this has kept you up to date regarding our curriculum offer and look forward to sharing more information with you over the coming months.

Yours sincerely



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