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Curriculum Letter - Year 10

Our curriculum is at the heart of our provision to ensure equality of opportunity for all our students. It is our intent that all students will develop the necessary academic habits in order to achieve the highest qualifications and so reach their true potential. In short our vision is to ensure we reach two main goals, to support our students to get their dream job and to become respectful, model citizens.

What is Curriculum?

Curriculum is the totality of a student's experiences in school, this includes form time, PSHE, break and lunch, assembly, clubs, intervention, interactions with teachers but above all it is what is taught in lessons.

Our Curriculum Structure

Key Stage Four – Year 10

Progressing into year 10 represents a different approach to study, students will now have opted into subjects that will allow them to progress into careers/professions that they aim to work in one day. Students will study core subjects such as English, Maths and Science but must also choose option subjects from the humanities (Spanish, History, Geography) and also from our open bucket (PE, Product Design, Music, Art, Media, Photography).

What are we learning?

Each half term we will provide an overview on what is being taught in each subject area so that you can support your child to keep focussed upon their learning. Please see below:

Year 10 – Learning Overview Half Term 4 February – April

Subject	Topic	Subject	Topic	Subject	Topic	Subject	Topic
English	Power & Conflict Poetry Creative Writing	Maths Foundation	Fractions, Decimals, Percentages & Probability	Maths Higher	Algebraic fractions, Simultaneous Equations, fractions, decimals & Percentages.	Science	Biology: Respiration, fermentation & metabolism. Chemistry: Periodic table, atomic structure & bonding.
Music	Music sequencing & Managing a Music Project	Spanish	Una vida Sana (A Healthy Lifestyle)	Food	Meeting customer needs, Personal safety and Risk.	Art	Contrasts & Nature
Design Technology	NEA coursework Project	History	American West	Geography	Urban Regeneration & Eco Systems	RS	Religion & Life
Photography	Abstract Photography	PSHCE	Exploring Influence	Sports Studies	Cardiovascular System	Health and Social Care	Barriers when caring
Media	Music Videos Introduction to coursework.						

*a more detailed breakdown can be found on the school website by clicking [here](#).

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Please use the assessment report to see details about how your child is doing in relation to their learning thus far.

Home Learning

We use www.satchelone.com/login to set and collect all of your child's homework. We expect all of our students to log in each week to complete their weekly homework task. To see our home learning rota and more help and advice on how to help your child at home please click [here](#).

****Please ensure your child has signed up to Satchel One: Show My homework so they can reap all of the rewards of extra learning at home****

Curriculum Updates

Throughout lockdown we worked hard to maintain learning and moved our teaching online and this has benefitted our students in staying on track. In order to prevent students falling behind we have adapted our curriculum to allow students to recover any lost learning and learn in a COVID-secure way. We have adjusted assessment points so that meaningful learning can take place before testing learning and some subjects have re-ordered the topics they teach.

In planning for the full return of students we will again be adapting our curriculum to ensure that we can deliver our high quality lessons but in a COVID secure way. Although COVID will limit the way we teach in some lessons we will find ways to ensure learning is engaging, meaningful but most of all safe.

I hope you found this curriculum overview useful keeping you up-to-date with what your child is learning this half term. In the meantime, please follow our Twitter, Instagram and Facebook pages to keep updated with school life.

Yours sincerely,

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