

## **Curriculum Policy: Progression Routes in Education from Year 7 (age 11) to Year 13 (age 18)**

The standard routes are indicated in the table below, although individuals may follow slightly different routes on occasions as appropriate.

<p><b>Key Stage 3</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Year 7</b> <b>Year 8</b> <b>Year 9</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During Y9, pupils will receive information about the courses available at the next Key Stage – currently GCSEs – and will make their choices for their GCSE options; the careers programme begins in KS3</li> <li>• Internal assessments including examinations take place throughout KS3</li> <li>• During Y9, pupils will begin working towards their three GCSE Sciences</li> </ul>	<p>In Key Stage 3, all girls take:</p> <p>English, Maths, Science, French, Geography, History, Religious Education, Art, Drama, Music, Physical Education, Technology, Computing and PSHE (which includes Citizenship and Work-Related Learning)</p> <p>In addition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• in Y8 pupils take either German or Spanish</li> </ul>
<p><b>Key Stage 4</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Year 10</b> <b>Year 11</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During Y11, pupils will receive support and guidance regarding their options post-16, including A-level courses here and at partner institutions, and will make their A-level choices</li> <li>• GCSE examinations are taken in the summer of Year 11</li> <li>• An extensive careers programme extends through KS4, including work experience in Y10</li> </ul>	<p>In Key Stage 4, all pupils take:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GCSE courses in English (Language and Literature), Maths, Triple Science, a Modern Foreign Language and RE</li> <li>• Non-examined courses in Physical Education and PSHE (which includes Citizenship and Work-Related Learning)</li> <li>• Three further examined option courses from a list that includes French, German, Spanish, Geography, History, Art, Drama, Music, Design Technology, Food and Computing</li> </ul>
<p><b>Key Stage 5</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Year 12</b> <b>Year 13</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A-level examinations take place in May and June in Y13</li> <li>• A PSHE programme takes place in suspended timetable sessions across the year, as well as tutorials and a number of fortnightly meetings which engage the students in their choice of post-18 pathways</li> <li>• An extensive careers programme extends through KS5, including weekly work experience as well as a full week in July of Y12</li> </ul>	<p>In Key Stage 5, students have a wide range of choices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most stay on into the sixth form to study three A-levels.</li> <li>• All students complete the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)</li> <li>• Students undertake one of our Stretch &amp; Challenge courses as well as a work experience/ volunteering programme and enrichment activities</li> </ul>