Curriculum Overview

Key Stage 4

Core examined subjects are: Maths, English Literature, English Language, Science. Core non-examined subjects are: PE, ViP and RE. Students also select up to 3 additional GCSE options from: History, Geography, Separate Sciences, French, German or Spanish, Computing, Design Technology Product Design, Textiles, Art, Photography, Music, Physical Education, Food and Nutrition (ends 2024), Business Studies, Media Studies and Drama with Technical Awards in Health and Social Care, Child Development and Hospitality and Catering (first exam 2025). Most students sit 9 GCSEs or equivalent.

We also offer twilight options in German (current Year 10) and Spanish, German, French and a Technical Award in Engineering (first exams 2025) and Entry Level Computing for all KS4 students by the end of Year 10 (input in Terms 5 and 6 – delivered in non-lesson slots: Eucharists and tutor time). We offer a total of **22 GCSEs and 3 Technical awards.**

Teaching is in mixed ability groups except for Maths (which has ability sets 1 to 8 with some parallel setting within), RE (which has a "top set" and three mixed ability groups in each band) and Science (which has higher and lower groups). We are running small groups in English, Maths and Science from 2023 for SEND students who also benefit from time devoted to developing life skills and supporting the curriculum in one or two option blocks on a case-by-case basis. Students can also study one of 17 community language GCSEs.

Years 10 and 11

English	Maths	Science	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Values in Practice	Core Physical Education	Twilight GCSEs (optional)
7	7	10	5	5	5	2	4	5