

Curriculum statement 2017-2018

At Wigmore School we offer an innovative, broad and balanced curriculum which meets the needs of individuals whilst creating the best conditions for all our pupils to excel and succeed to the best of their ability. We believe that our curriculum offers a wide range of opportunities for every pupil.

Pupils study the full range of national curriculum subjects and we also provide a wide range of additional experiences to support academic subjects. Opportunities for pupils encompass visits linked to curriculum areas; work related learning experiences and residential trips which encourage confidence and independence. We believe that our curriculum offers a wide range of opportunities for every student.

Years 7 to Year 9 (Key Stage 3 of the National Curriculum)

All pupils in Key Stage 3 follow the National Curriculum. All students in Key Stage 3 will study a broad and balanced curriculum. Generally pupils are taught in mixed ability groupings at Key Stage 3 with set ability groupings in some subjects.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Art & Design	Art & Design	Art & Design
Biology	Biology	Biology
Chemistry	Chemistry	Chemistry
Computing	Computing	Computing
Design Technology (Food & Nutrition, Materials Technology, Product Design, Textiles)	Design Technology (Food & Nutrition, Materials Technology, Product Design, Textiles)	Design Technology (Food & Nutrition, Materials Technology, Textiles)
Drama	Drama	Drama
English	English	English
French	French	French
Geography	Geography	Geography
History	History	History
Lifeskills	Mathematics	Mathematics
Mathematics	Music	Music
Music	PE	PE
PE	Physics	Physics
Physics	SMSC (including RE)	SMSC (including RE)
RE	Spanish	Spanish

Note: In Mathematics and Science pupils begin studying the GCSE syllabuses in Year 9

Year 10 to Year 11 (Key Stage 4 of the National Curriculum)

All pupils study the following core curriculum subjects;

English language

English literature

Mathematics

Science – two pathways are available to pupils. In pathway 1 pupils study individual GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry and Physics. In pathway 2 pupils study GCSEs in core science and additional science.

Lifekills – including healthy lifestyles, PSHE, careers, SMSC

PE

In addition the vast majority of pupils choose to study five of the following GCSE option subjects:

Art & Design

Business Studies

Computer Science

Drama

Food preparation & Nutrition

French

Geography

History

ICT

Music

PE

Religious Studies

Materials Technology

Spanish

Art Textiles

GCSE option subject choices are made as part of the preferences process which begins in January of Year 9 and involves consultation with pupils and parents before final decisions are made. Pupils are encouraged to choose a broad, balanced range of option subjects and the vast majority must include one humanities subject and one modern foreign language in their choices. The school makes every effort to allow pupils to study their preferred option subjects at GCSE; however there are inevitably restrictions on class sizes and timetable which may impact on individual choices.

Further information about individual subjects is available in the subject areas of the website.

Further curriculum information is found in the curriculum policy available on request from school.