



Aldercar High School

In pursuit of excellence

The Curriculum 2017-18

Our aim is to provide a curriculum that enables all students to thrive and to realise their full potential during their time with us, as well as meeting all statutory requirements. We have a key responsibility to prepare our young people for further education and to live and to work in a fast changing and challenging world.

Central to our curriculum planning is the belief in breadth and balance: similarly, we believe strongly that all our courses must have realistic progression routes that lead to meaningful qualifications or routes to employment. We believe that our current curriculum offers exciting challenges to the most able and also provides support and encouragement for the less confident learner.

The curriculum seeks to address the needs of the whole child by providing a wide range of traditional academic subjects and work related learning courses – all either GCSE or BTEC outcomes.

At Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9) students will study:-

-) English
-) Mathematics
-) Science
-) Geography
-) History
-) RE
-) PE
-) A language
-) ICT
-) Music
-) Art
-) Drama
-) Technology
-) PHSE

At Key Stage 4 (Years 10-11) all students continue to study:-

-) English and English Literature
-) Mathematics
-) A Science – Triple Science, Science Trilogy

And they will choose other courses from the following range:-

-) Art
-) Computing
-) History
-) Geography
-) French

-) Spanish
-) Sport
-) Music
-) Product Design
-) Engineering
-) Health and Social Care
-) Performing Arts

At all times staff will seek to ensure that students choose a balanced and appropriate range of courses that are suitable to each individual's interests and abilities. We make no apology, however, for the continuing centrality of English and Mathematics throughout each child's curriculum in both Key Stages.

Curriculum

The curriculum in both Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 meets the requirements of the National Curriculum with additions and gives our student the opportunity to develop their skills and aptitudes to the fullest extent. The curriculum offers emphasises in the central importance of English Baccalaureate subjects in providing students with a solid foundation for their future.

Periods per Fortnight (Key Stage 3) 2 week timetable hours per week

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
English	8	8	5
Mathematics	8	8	5
Science	8	8	4
Technology	4	4	2
History	4	4	3
Geography	4	4	2
Religious Education	2	2	1
Spanish	4	4	2
Art, Drama, Music	1	1	1
Physical Education	4	4	4
Computing	2	2	2
TOTAL	50	50	50