

## CURRICULUM OFFER

As we say in our prospectus, many schools talk about having a ‘broad and balanced curriculum’ but what does that mean at Heart of England? For us it means that students should have every opportunity to build on their learning from primary school and develop further knowledge and understanding of core subjects. It is also a time to discover new interests, skills and talents which they have time to develop and refine. As such we want our curriculum offer to be a *greenhouse* rather than a hot-house so that our students can flourish, feel successful and achieve highly. Our aim for Key Stage 3 is that students become so successful in their learning that they feel confident in their own ability to pursue any of the varied subjects on offer in Key Stage 4 and achieve highly.

The table below shows the subjects students will study in KS3 and the relative weighting of each subject.

For more information about the specific curriculum content of each subject please see the Key Stage 3 overview: [Key Stage 3 Overview](#).

Yet more detail about the key assessments for each term, as well as the topics and key skills that your child

will be assessed on are available via the Assessment in the curriculum tab underneath the academic dropdown list.

### KEY STAGE 3

Subject	Periods allocated to subject per fortnight		
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
<b>Core Subjects</b>			
Mathematics	6	6	6
English	6	6	6
Science	6	6	6
<b>Foundation Subjects</b>			
Design Technology	4	4	4
Modern Languages (*1)	6	6	6 or 8
Geography	3	3	3
History	3	3	3
Religious Studies (*3)	2	3	2
Art	3	3	2
Music	2	2	2
Drama	2	2	2
PE	5	4	4
Computer Science	2	2	2
ICT (*2)	0	0	0 or 2
<b>Total</b>	50	50	50

#### Notes

(\*1) In Years 7 and 8 pupils will study French, German or Spanish for 6 periods per fortnight, depending on which side of the year they are in. In Year 9 the top two sets in each year half will pick up a second language which they will study for 4 hours a fortnight and their first foreign language will drop to 4 a fortnight also.

(\*2) Students not doing a second language have two sessions of ICT

(\*3) All pupils begin the GCSE RE full course at the start of January in Y9.

Shaded areas are where students are taught in sets.

## KEY STAGE 4

Key Stage 4 is explained in full detail in the Y9 options booklet which is available here: [Year 9 Options booklet](#).

A basic overview of curriculum hours looks like this:

Core Subjects	Periods allocated to subject per fortnight	
	Year 10	Year 11
Mathematics	7	7
English (*1)	8	8
Science (*2)	9	9
Core PE	4	4
RE Full Course	2	2
OPTION A	5	5
OPTION B	5	5
OPTION C	5	5
OPTION D	5	5

### Notes

(\*1) All students will study both English and English Literature

(\*2) Students doing Triple Science opt for it within the Option Blocks bringing their total Science time up to 14 hours

All students must do at least ONE of the following: French, Spanish, German, History, Geography, Computer Science across any of the blocks.

Each subject can be looked at in more detail via the subject tabs on the Academic drop down list.

## KEY STAGE 5:

For full detail about our KS5 curriculum offer please see the Sixth Form prospectus here: [Sixth Form Prospectus](#).

In Key stage 5 we offer a choice of 28 subjects. Students choose 3 subjects which they study for the two years. Some students who have high GCSE grades choose to study 4 subjects at A level.

Humanities	Social Science	Arts	Digital Communication	Maths
English Literature English Language History Geography Religious Studies	Psychology Sociology Law Health & Social Care Government & Politics Business Studies Economics	Art Drama Music	Computer Science Media Studies	Maths Further Maths
Sport	Languages	Science	Technology	
PE	French Spanish German	Biology Chemistry Physics	Design Textiles	