



SMITHDON HIGH SCHOOL

**POLICY DOCUMENT
ON CURRICULUM**

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1. Introduction

Smithdon High School is a comprehensive school catering for students in Years 7 to 13.

A stimulating and challenging curriculum is essential to enable the school to become the centre of excellence it seeks to be. All students will be offered equal access to a broadly based and balanced curriculum founded on the National Curriculum and other statutory entitlements. In addition, Governors expect that the school will endeavour to create a rich and varied programme, designed to address the needs of the many different learners in its care, enabling them to develop spiritually, morally, academically and socially.

Curriculum content will be monitored regularly by the Governors' Curriculum & Outcomes Committee and up to date information on curriculum content and organisation will be published in the school prospectus.

Appendix

1. The Curriculum at September 2015

For September 2015 we are meeting the needs of all learners by the development of appropriate pathways designed for different learners.

At Key Stage 3 (Years 7 to 9) the school offers:

Art, English, French, Geography, History, Physical Education, Mathematics, Music, Religious Education, Science, Design & Technology, Citizenship, ICT and Drama.

In addition students in Year 7 participate in 'Learning to Learn' lessons and Year 8 and 9 students participate in a life skills study programme.

At Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11) the school offers both a core curriculum and a range of option subjects from which students may choose.

The core subjects are:

English, Mathematics, Physical Education, Religious Education, Science, and Citizenship.

The options subjects are:

Art, BTEC Sport, Child Development, Drama, French, Geography, Health and Social Care, History, ICT, Music, Physical Education, Hospitality and Catering, Graphic Design, Computer Science, Physics, Chemistry and Biology.

At Key Stage 5 (Years 12 and 13):

Students usually elect to study three or four subjects, from the following:

Advanced:

Art & Design, Art & Design (Photography), Biology, Chemistry, English Literature, French, Geography, Health & Social Care, History, Information and Communication Technology, Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics, Psychology, Sociology

Departments will publish details of up to date curriculum content on the individual department pages of the school website.

This policy will be reviewed annually.