

DAA Curriculum

2018/19



The start of Key Stage 3 marks an exciting phase in the lives of our students. It is the period when they build on their primary education and prepare for their Key Stage 4 choices, most of which will be made in Year 8. Our curriculum is designed so that students can master the basics as well as offer more flexibility so that teachers can tailor their teaching to students' needs and aspirations.

Our Key Stage 4 curriculum is broad and balanced with an increasingly strong focus on the on the EBacc (English, mathematics, science, one language and history / geography) and a range of high value subject options such as classics, computing, art, music and PE.

There are four key principles underpinning the design of the academy's curriculum:

- All students have access to a broad, balanced and coherent curriculum that supports learning.
- A strong core ensures that basic skills are embedded at an early stage so that students are able to access the wider curriculum.
- A range of learning pathways to support and challenge all students.

Subjects studied and time allocations at DAA – 2017/18:

Subject	Weekly Lesson Allocation					
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12/13
English	5	5	6	6	7	
Mathematics	5	5	5	5	7	
Science	5	5	5	6	8	
PE	2	2	2	1	1	
Geography	1	1				
History	1	1				
RE	1	1				
MFL	3	3				
Performing Arts/Technology/Art	4	4				
ICT	1	1	3	3		
Literacy	2	2				
Period 1	5	5	5	5		
Humanities Option			3	3		
Option A			3	3	4	5
Option B			3	3	4	5
Option C					4	5
Option D						5
Skills						2
Total	35	35	35	35	35	22

All KS3 students are expected to complete one independent 'Stretch Project' each assessment cycle. Projects are mainly completed at home; however, students are supported through stand-alone year group sessions that take place at intermittent points within a cycle.