

Curriculum Overview

At Manor Croft Academy we follow a 2 year Key Stage 3 (Years 7 & 8) and then a 3 year Key Stage 4 (Years 9, 10 & 11). Students have the opportunity to opt and specialise both at the end of Year 8 and then have a further option choice into Year 11. The students appreciate this as they know their preferences for certain subjects and careers change as they move through school.

In Years 7 & 8 students follow a core curriculum of English, maths and science. They also study both history and geography and then on rotation enjoy a wide range of creative and technical subjects. In addition they study RS / life which incorporates our citizenship curriculum and finally ICT and core PE. The allocated amount of time is shown in the table below.

Depending on need we also offer a number of alternative support packages. For example we follow the 'Read Write Inc. fresh start program for weak readers, this was successfully piloted in 2016/17 and is being rolled out into 2017/18. If students require extra support in literacy or numeracy we will use time from French lessons to support this and 'plug' any gaps we have noticed from primary school. Other interventions include; Lexia, paired reading scheme and nurture groups.

Curriculum 2018 -2019

Year	Subject	Number of Hours
7 & 8	English	4
	Mathematics	4
	Science	3
	French	2
	Geography	2
	History	2
	RE/Life	1
	Creative Studies: Art & Design, Design & Technology and Performing Arts	4
	ICT	1
	Physical Education	2
	Total number of hours	25

At the end of Year 8 students opt for 2 subjects that they will study in Years 9 & 10 and they will accredit those subjects by the end of Year 10 (the list of all the option choices is in the table below). They also opt for either history or geography to enable our students to maximise their attainment scores in the second 'basket'. During Year 8 students will also discuss the potential of studying French and triple science. We design our curriculum around each individual child and is therefore a fully bespoke curriculum. We work with students and parents / carers ensuring their choices will best match their enjoyment and potential in each case.

We offer a wide range of both subjects and qualifications which will cater for all needs from creative and technical qualifications to more academic and health related courses. Students will follow a course that best suits their abilities and could include: GCSE's, BTEC and Cambridge National certificates.

In Year 9 we also give more time to English as they prepare for both literature and language and an additional hour for science. The full list of qualifications and time allocation is in the table below.

Year	Course	Number of Hours
9	WJEC Eduqas English Language WJEC Eduqas English Literature	5
	Edexcel Mathematics	4
	AQA Combined Science AQA Biology AQA Chemistry AQA Physics	4
	<u>Option 1:</u> AQA French AQA Art & Design (Art, Craft and Design) AQA Art & Design (Graphic Communication) Pearson BTEC Creative Media Production WJEC Hospitality & Catering	3
	<u>Option 2:</u> AQA Geography Edexcel History	3
	<u>Option 3:</u> AQA Art & Design (Art, Craft and Design) AQA Art & Design (Textile Design) OCR Sport Science OCR Health and Social Care Pearson BTEC Creative Media Production WJEC Hospitality & Catering	3
	RE/Life	1
	Physical Education	2
	Total number of hours	25

Year	Course	Number of Hours
10	WJEC Eduqas English Language WJEC Eduqas English Literature	5
	Edexcel Mathematics	5
	AQA Combined Science AQA Biology AQA Chemistry AQA Physics	4
	<u>Option 1:</u> [AQA French (3) Edexcel Statistics (1)] AQA Art & Design (Art, Craft and Design) AQA Art & Design (Textile Design) AQA Art & Design (3D Design) AQA Design & Technology OCR Sport Science Pearson BTEC Creative Media Production	4
	<u>Option 2:</u> AQA Geography Edexcel History	2
	<u>Option 3:</u> AQA Art & Design (Art, Craft and Design) Pearson BTEC Creative Media Production AQA Food Preparation & Nutrition OCR Sport Science WJEC Hospitality & Catering	4
	Physical Education	1
	Total number of hours	25

At the end of Year 10 students will have accredited two option courses and will re opt for a third option in Year 11. This design allows the Academy to focus more time on the core subjects in Year 11 and offer more intervention to targeted students to improve their core attainment. For more able students we are also offering further maths and finance qualifications to stretch their thinking beyond the 14-16 curriculum. The time allocation for Year 11 is in the table below.

Year	Course	Number of Hours
11	WJEC Eduqas English Language WJEC Eduqas English Literature	5
	Edexcel Mathematics	5
	AQA Combined Science AQA Biology AQA Chemistry AQA Physics	6
	<u>Option 1:</u> AQA Art & Design (Photography) AQA French IFS Financial Education	3
	<u>Option 2:</u> AQA Geography Edexcel History	3
	<u>Option 3:</u> Intervention English or Mathematics	1
	<u>Option 4:</u> Intervention English or Mathematics	1
	Physical Education	1
	Total number of hours	25