

# Ormiston Endeavour Academy

## Curriculum Policy

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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

At Ormiston Endeavour Academy we operate a two week timetable based on five lessons of sixty minutes per day. There are 25 lessons each week.

British Values and students' Social, Moral and Cultural Development are addressed across a range of subjects as well as in morning form periods and weekly assemblies. Literacy and Numeracy development is also built into schemes of learning across all subject areas and opportunities to ensure a good working standard of IT are also throughout a range of subjects.

The school believes that every pupil is entitled to a broad and balanced curriculum. Everyone currently takes:

- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Science
- PE
- PSHE

Students also take the following subjects during Key Stage 3 (studied in Years 7 and 8):

- Art
- Computer Science
- Design Technology (Resistant Materials)
- Drama
- Ethics
- Food and Nutrition
- History
- Geography
- Modern Foreign Languages (French and/or Spanish)
- Music

### **GCSE and BTEC Qualifications**

In addition there are a wide range of other GCSE and BTEC options which include:

- Art
- BTEC PE
- Computer Science
- Design Technology (Resistant Materials)
- Ethics
- Food and Nutrition
- BTEC Health and Social Care
- History
- Geography
- Modern Foreign Languages (French and/or Spanish)
- Music
- Photography
- Triple Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)

Whilst previously some early entry has been offered to students (with courses ending in Years 9 or 10 in some cases) the academy has reviewed this approach. Once pupils have selected their preferences and been allocated to options courses they now follow these courses until they complete their Key Stage 4 education at the academy in Year 11.

The academy also provides a timetabled enrichment afternoon, once a fortnight on every other Wednesday. This has allowed us to introduce an array of clubs and activities which further develop students' Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development.

Students in Year 11 are also given additional timetabled support three times a week. This ensures equity of provision and allows all students to have access to specialist teachers for personalised intervention and catch-up opportunities. These lessons support all students by offering the time and expertise to consolidate learning or iron out any misconceptions that they may have regarding their understanding in a timely fashion.

## 2.0 CURRICULUM TIME ALLOCATION

Detailed below are the numbers of periods per fortnight which are allocated to each subject in each year group for the academic year 2016-17. Following the review of curriculum structure during 2015-16, we are currently operating some variation between Years 9, 10 and 11. In time, as the new model is fully phased in, the curriculum structure for Year 9 will remain stable into Years 10 and 11.

### Year 7 and 8

|                     |                       |                                    |                                |                                   |                    |
|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Maths – 7 lessons   |                       |                                    |                                | PE – 3 lessons                    |                    |
| English – 7 lessons |                       |                                    |                                | Geography – 3 lessons             |                    |
| Science – 7 lessons |                       |                                    |                                | History – 3 lessons               |                    |
| PSHE – 1 lesson     | Enrichment – 1 lesson | French – 2 lessons                 | Spanish – 2 lessons            | ICT/ Computer Science – 2 lessons | Ethics – 2 lessons |
| Art – 2 lessons     |                       | DT Resistant Materials – 2 lessons | Food and nutrition – 2 lessons | Music – 2 lessons                 | Drama – 2 lessons  |

### Year 9

|   |  |                      |                       |
|---|--|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Maths – 7 lessons                           |  | PE – 2 lessons       | PSHE – 1 lesson       |
| English Language and Literature – 8 lessons |  |                      | Ethics – 2 lessons    |
| Science – 9 lessons                         |  |                      | Enrichment – 1 lesson |
| Option 1 – 5 lessons                        |  | Option 2 – 5 lessons |                       |
| Option 3 – 5 lessons                        |  | Option 4 – 5 lessons |                       |

### Year 10\*

|  |  |  |                       |
|--|--|--|-----------------------|
| Maths – 8 lessons                                |  | PE – 2 lessons                                   |                       |
| English Language and Literature – 9 lessons      |  |  | PSHE – 1 lesson       |
| Science – 9 lessons                              |  |  | Enrichment – 1 lesson |
| Option 1 – 5 lessons (Continuing course 2015-18) |  | Option 2 – 5 lessons (Continuing course 2015-18) |                       |
| Option 3 – 5 lessons (New course 2016-18)        |  | Option 4 – 5 lessons (New course 2016-18)        |                       |

\* Students in Year 10 completed an Ethics (Religious Studies GCSE) course in the 2015-16 academic year.

**Year 11\*\***

|  |  |  |                       |
|--|--|--|-----------------------|
| Maths – 8 lessons                                |  | PE – 2 lessons                                   |                       |
| English Language and Literature – 9 lessons      |  |  | PSHE – 1 lesson       |
| Science – 9 lessons                              |  |  | Enrichment - 1 lesson |
| Option 4 – 5 lessons (Continuing course 2015-17) |  | Option 5 – 5 lessons (Continuing course 2015-17) |                       |
| Option 6 – 10 lessons (New course 2016-17)       |  |  |                       |

\*\* Students in Year 11 completed one GCSE course in Year 9 and two further GCSE/BTEC courses in Years 9-10.