

## The Timetabled Curriculum 2009/2010

Our aim is to provide a broad and balanced curriculum which is responsive to students' needs and which will enable them to enjoy and achieve. Our curriculum is designed to maximise the students' opportunities to gain worthwhile learning experiences and qualifications so that they can progress with confidence to the next stage of their education or into employment.

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<b>Maths</b>	CORE MATHS			GCSE MATHS	Additional Maths <b>OR</b> GCSE Statistics <b>OR</b> GCSE Maths	Advanced Maths	Advanced Maths
						Advanced Further Maths	Advanced Further Maths
All students are entered for GCSE Mathematics in November of year 11. They then choose to either study Additional Maths or GCSE Statistics or to retake their Maths examination in the summer to improve their grades. Many year 11 students also have the opportunity to tackle Adult Numeracy qualifications at level 1 and 2.							
<b>Science</b>	CORE SCIENCE		GCSE PHYSICS, GCSE CHEMISTRY, GCSE BIOLOGY <b>OR</b> BTEC SCIENCE			Advanced Physics	Advanced Physics
						Advanced Biology	Advanced Biology
						Advanced Chemistry	Advanced Chemistry
						Advanced Human Biology	Advanced Human Biology
2009/10 is a transitional year for the Science curriculum. Year 11 students will be last to study our previous Science offer which was either Triple Science, Double Science or BTEC.							

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English	CORE ENGLISH			GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE <b>OR</b> GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND GCSE MEDIA		Advanced ENGLISH LANG/LIT	Advanced ENGLISH LANG/LIT
						Advanced LITERATURE	Advanced LITERATURE

In year 10 students are allowed a guided option where they may either choose Media Studies or English Literature to study alongside their English Language course. Many year 11 students also have the opportunity to tackle Adult Literacy qualifications at level 1 and 2.

ICT	CORE ICT	OCR NATIONAL ICT LEVEL 2	Advanced COMPUTING	Advanced COMPUTING
			OCR National ICT level 3	OCR National ICT level 3

Students begin study towards their OCR national qualification in year 9. By the end of year 11 some students will have achieved up to 4 GCSE equivalent qualifications in ICT.

RE	RE	GCSE SHORT COURSE RE	
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RE is a core entitlement throughout the students' career. Classroom experiences are reinforced through the moral and spiritual components of our tutorial and assembly programme. In the sixth form, elements of the General Studies course make particular reference to moral and ethical issues.

PE	PE	CORE PE	Sports Enrichment	
		GCSE PE	Advanced Sports Studies	Advanced Sports Studies
		BTEC Sports Studies Diploma		
		GCSE Dance	Advanced Dance	Advanced Dance

At key stage 4 and 5 some students have the opportunity to achieve the JSLA and CSLA.

CITIZENSHIP	Citizenship		
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Our Citizenship programme comprises a broad range of subject matter including Citizenship, PSHEE, Work related learning and careers education. All students have a week of work experience in year 10.

MUSIC	MUSIC	Coordinated Music and Drama	GCSE MUSIC	Advanced Music	Advanced Music
DRAMA	DRAMA		GCSE DRAMA	Advanced Drama	Advanced Drama

Drama is a compulsory component of our curriculum in years 7, 8 and 9. In year 9 students work on joint Music and Drama projects.

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<b>Art, Design, Textiles</b>	ART/TEXTILES			BTEC Level 2 Certificate or Diploma Art and Design		Advanced Art	Advanced Art
<b>Design Technology</b>	DESIGN TECHNOLOGY			GCSE Graphic Products		Advanced Product Design	Advanced Product Design
				GCSE Resistant Materials			
				GCSE Food Technology		Advanced Food Technology (Consortium)	Advanced Food Technology (Consortium)

Textiles is taught as a component of the Art curriculum. In year 9 students may opt for additional opportunities in particular areas of Art/Technology.

<b>Modern Foreign Languages</b>	FRENCH OR SPANISH		GCSE Spanish		Advanced Spanish (Consortium)	Advanced Spanish (Consortium)
	FRENCH OR SPANISH	GERMAN AND FRENCH OR GERMAN AND SPANISH	GCSE German		Advanced German	Advanced German
			GCSE French		Advanced French	Advanced French

All students are offered the option of studying French or Spanish on entry to the school in year 7. In year 9 the most able linguists will be offered the opportunity to study German as a second language. Year 9 students participate in the Asset Languages Scheme. In years 7, 8 and 9 a small number of students are disapplied from MFL to enable them to benefit from intensive literacy support.

<b>Learning to Learn</b>	Learning to Learn						
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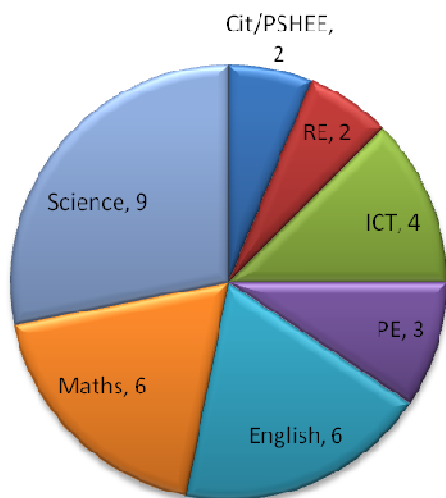
Students in years 7 and 8 benefit from our L2L course which is designed to help them with their metacognition and to develop their learning and thinking skills.

<b>History</b>	History	Some topics are coordinated in term 5 and 6	GCSE History		Advanced History	Advanced History
<b>Geography</b>	Geography		GCSE Geography		Advanced Geography	Advanced Geography

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<b>Other Humanities</b>				GCSE Sociology		Advanced Sociology	Advanced Sociology
						Advanced Psychology	Advanced Psychology
						Advanced Politics	Advanced Politics
						Advanced Economics	Advanced Economics
						Advanced Geology (Consortium)	Advanced Geology (Consortium)
<b>General Studies/EPQ</b>						Advanced General Studies	Advanced General Studies
						EPQ	
The majority of 6th formers take General Studies. This year we are piloting the Extended Project Qualification with a small number of selected students.							
<b>Business Studies</b>				GCSE Business Studies		Advanced Business	Advanced Business
						Advanced Applied Business	Advanced Applied Business
The Business Studies department also takes a lead role in our enterprise day event and our year 8 social enterprise project.							
<b>Child Development</b>				GCSE Child Development			
Taught within the science department.							

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<b>Construction</b>				Construction level 2			
Taught at Berkshire College of Agriculture							
<b>Public Services</b>				Public Services level 2			
Taught at Berkshire College of Agriculture							
<b>Motor Vehicles</b>				Motor Vehicles level 2			
Taught at Berkshire College of Agriculture							
<b>Hair and Beauty</b>				Health and Beauty level 2			
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<b>Work Skills</b>				BTEC Work Skills level 2			
New this year the course provides a range of work related opportunities. The Safe Learner qualification forms part of this course.							
<b>Construction and Built Environment</b>				Specialist Diploma level 2			
This is a new course this year. We plan to roll out other diploma lines as they come on stream. Furze Platt took the lead in the RBWM IT diploma bid for Gateway 4.							

## The Core Curriculum at KS4



## Key Stage Four Curriculum

The chart opposite shows the number of hours per fortnight allocated to each subject in the key stage four core.

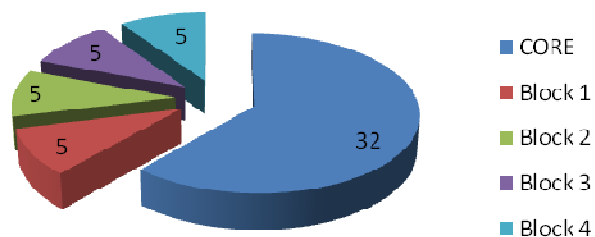
Our curriculum is comprised predominantly of GCSE qualifications and in recent years we have broadened this with an increasing range of other qualifications to enable increased personalisation. ICT is a core entitlement for all students in years 7 to 11.

BTEC qualifications in Science, Art, Physical Education and Workskills and OCR National ICT are taught at Furze Platt. We work in close partnership with other providers to offer additional vocational opportunities.

Many students tackle ALAN tests.

Diplomas were offered for the first time this year.

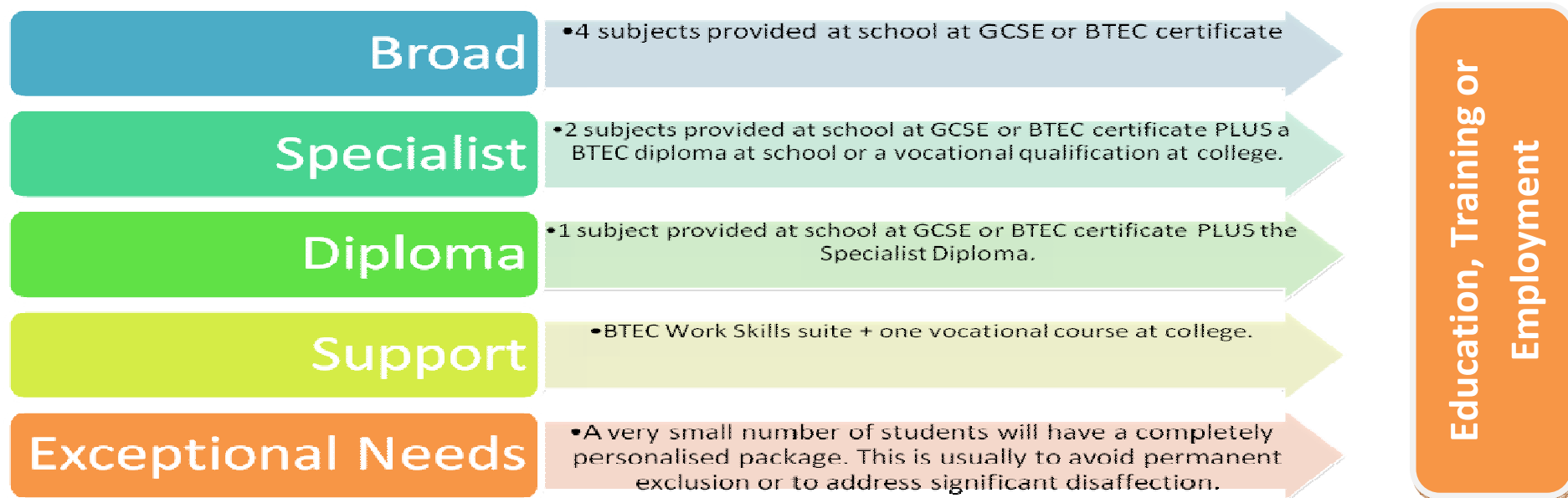
## Core plus four learning blocks



## Pathways for Progression

Our Core offer at Key Stage four is augmented by four additional blocks of learning time which may be combined into a range of flexible pathways. When generating the timetable we allow a free option choice and produce the best fit timetable pattern. Students are carefully guided through the process to ensure a programme of study best suited to their needs, aptitude and aspiration.

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## The Sixth Form Curriculum

Our sixth form curriculum is comprised predominantly of GCE Advanced level courses. OCR level 3 ICT is also offered. The majority of students will study 4 AS levels in year 12 and then reduce to 3 A2 levels in year 13. The most able students may continue with 4 or even 5 A2 subjects. All students also either take General Studies or the Extended Project Qualification in addition to their chosen courses.

Our Sixth Form operates within the well established Maidenhead Consortium and our own extensive advanced level offer is augmented by further courses at neighbouring schools. This provides increased flexibility, a broader curriculum and improved cost effectiveness.

For a few students a reduced number of qualifications is offered and a personalised package is produced which often includes work placement.