



**Bower Park
School
Curriculum Guide
2012 – 2013**

The Curriculum and its Organisation

The school's Key Objectives for the Curriculum are as follows:

- To create a varied, personalised and challenging curriculum, for all.
- To ensure that the curriculum is fully inclusive and accessible to all.
- To encourage students to attend extra-curricular clubs.
- To promote physical and emotional wellbeing.
- To help students develop their literacy and numeracy skills.
- To meet the requirements of the National Curriculum and Awarding Bodies as appropriate.
- To ensure all students aspire to attain the highest standards possible for them
- To develop students' personal thinking skills in all subject areas.
- To encourage independence and help students to develop confidence.
- To make learning enjoyable.

At Key Stage 3 (years 7 – 9) students are mostly taught in groups of mixed ability.

At Key Stage 4 the core subjects (English, Maths & Science) are taught in sets based on ability.

There are thirty periods per week, and each lesson lasts for 50 minutes.

We offer an extensive range of Extra curricular activities

Year 7

Periods per week	Subject	Comments
5	English	
4	Maths	Sets based on ability
4	Science	
1	Art	
1	Drama	
2	French	
2	Geography	
2	History	
2	ICT	
1	Music	
3	P.E	
1	R.E	
2	Technology	

Year 8

Periods per week	Subject	Comments
4	English	
5	Maths	Sets based on ability
4	Science	
2	Art	
1	Drama	
2	French	Sets based on ability
2	Geography	
2	History	
1	ICT	
1	Music	
3	P.E	
1	R.E	
2	Technology	

Year 9

Periods per week	Subject	Comments
5	English	Sets based on ability
5	Maths	Sets based on ability
4	Science	Sets based on ability
2	Art	
1	Drama	
2	French	Sets based on ability
2	Geography	
2	History	
1	ICT	
1	Music	
2	P.E	
1	R.E	
2	Technology	

For more information on individual subjects, please see the 'Department' pages of the schools website.

Years 10 & 11

Periods per week	Subject	Comments
5	English	Sets based on ability
4	Maths	Sets based on ability
5	Science	Sets based on ability
2	ICT	
1	PE	
1	RE	
3	Option 1	
3	Option 2	
3	Option 3	
3	Option 4	

At Key Stage 4, students choose four option subjects from our prospectus. This is the first time they have the opportunity to have an input into their own curriculum. Students are guided through this process, by their Subject teachers, Attainment manager and ultimately the schools Senior Leadership team.

Our current curriculum offer includes the following subjects:

GCSEs

Art & Design
Business & Communication Studies
Dance
Drama
French
Geography
Graphic Products
History
Hospitality & Catering
ICT
Moving Image Arts (year 11 Only)
Music
P.E
Resistant Materials
Triple Science

Btec Extended Certificates

(Equivalent to 2 GCSEs in 2013 league tables and 1 GCSE in 2014 league tables)

Art & Design (Year 11 Only)
Construction
Creative Media Production
Dance (Year 11 Only)
Engineering
Health & Social Care
Music (Year 11 only)

In addition to the above we also offer the following courses to a limited number of candidates

VTCT Level 2 Hairdressing

(Equivalent to 2 GCSEs in 2013 league tables and 1 GCSE in 2014 league tables)

Youth Award ASDAN