



**ARENA**  
**ACADEMY**

## **CURRICULUM OVERVIEW**

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DELIVERING A **CORE** EDUCATION

## **CURRICULUM VISION**

Our curriculum promotes a love of lifelong learning by eliciting in students a sense of awe and wonder. It develops student reasoning and promotes depth of understanding; seeks to enrich student opportunities and readies them for the world of work.

Our curriculum does not begin and end at classroom doors. The curriculum identifies opportunities to develop the whole student, as well as promoting attributes we believe are crucial to enjoying lifelong happiness, success, and citizenship.

## **YEARS 7, 8 AND 9**

In Years 7, 8 and 9 all students follow a broad and balanced curriculum, enabling them to gain a wide experience before choosing their subjects for Key Stage 4 at the end of Year 9.

Each lesson is one hour long, and students study the following subjects:

Subject	Lessons per week
English	4
Mathematics	4
Science	4
History	2
Geography	2
RE	1
French	2
DT	1
Computer Science	1
PE	1
Art	1
Performing Arts	1
Personal Development	1

## **YEARS 10 AND 11**

In Years 10 and 11 students study a combination of compulsory subjects plus other guided choices.

### **Compulsory subjects – Year 10**

Subject	Lessons per week
English	5
Mathematics	5
Science	5
French or IT skills	2

### **Option subjects – Year 10**

**Students choose one subject from each block.**

Option A	Option B Business	Option C
Art	Business Studies	Digital IT
Business Studies RE	Computer Science	Business Studies
Food Studies	Design Technology	French
Geography	Sports Studies	GCSE PE
Health & Social Care	Health & Social Care	Geography
History	Performing Arts	History
	History	Photography
	Psychology	Psychology
	RE	Sociology

In addition, all students will study a PE/Health qualification for 2 hours per week which will include Core PE.

### **Compulsory subjects – Year 11**

Subject	Periods per week
English	4
Mathematics	4
Science	5
Core PE	1

## Option subjects – Year 11

Students choose one subject from each block

Option A	Option B	Option C
Child Development	Business Studies	Art
Computer Science	Design Technology	Business Studies
Food Studies	Engineering	Drama
Geography	Geography	Engineering
History	History	Food Studies
Photography	Health & Social Care	Geography
RE	Music	History
Sociology	Psychology	Health & Social Care
	Sociology	Sociology

Below is a list of the examination boards for each subject.

Exam board	Subject	QAN Number
AQA	Biology	601/8752/9
Edexcel	BTEC Children's Play, Learning and Development	600/6814/0
Edexcel	BTEC Digital Information Technology	603/2740/6
Edexcel	BTEC Health and Social Care	603/0395/5
Edexcel	BTEC Performing Arts	603/0406/6
Edexcel	BTEC Performing Arts - Dance	603/0406/6
Edexcel	BTEC Sport	600/4779/3
Edexcel	BTEC Travel and Tourism	600/6512/6
AQA	Chemistry	601/8757/8
OCR	CNAT Enterprise and Marketing	603/0646/4
AQA	Combined Science Trilogy	601/8758/X
AQA	English Language	601/4292/3
AQA	English Literature	601/4447/6
AQA	GCSE Art	601/8088/2
Edexcel	GCSE Business	603/0121/1
OCR	GCSE Computer Science	601/8344/X
AQA	GCSE Design Technology	603/0984/2
AQA	GCSE Drama	601/8575/2

AQA	GCSE Food Science	601/8421/8
AQA	GCSE French	601/8157/6
OCR	GCSE Geography	601/8224/6
AQA	GCSE History	601/8217/9
OCR	GCSE Music	601/8216/7
AQA	GCSE PE	601/8279/9
AQA	GCSE Photography	601/8088/2
AQA	GCSE Psychology	603/0932/5
AQA	GCSE RE	601/8400/0
NCFE	Level 2 Engineering	603/2963/4
WJEC	Level 2 Hospitality	601/7703/2
NCFE	Level 2 Music Technology	601/9774/9
Edexcel	Mathematics	601/4700/3
AQA	Physics	601/8751/7