

Curriculum Model – Overview 25-26

At Smith's Wood, we offer a broad and balanced curriculum that meets the needs of all students.

Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9)

At Key Stage 3 (KS3), we offer a rich and varied programme with all students studying the core subjects of English, Mathematics, Science, ICT and PE. In addition, students will also have lessons in Technology (Food and Design Technology), Humanities (History, Geography), (Modern Foreign Languages (Spanish), RE, Citizenship, Creative Arts (Art, Drama and Music).

The tables below show the number of hours curriculum time for each subject the students have each week.

Subject	Hours allocated per week		
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
English	5	5	5
Mathematics	4	4	4
Science	4	4	4
History	1	1	1
Geography	1	1	1
MFL - Spanish	1	1	2
ICT	1	1	1
Citizenship	1	1	1
Religious Education	1	1	1
Physical Education	2	2	2
Technology	1	1	1
Art	1	1	1
Drama	1	1	0.5
Music	1	1	0.5
Intervention*	0	1	2

*Intervention lessons are for students who do not study Spanish in Year 8 and Year 9. These lessons focus on literacy as well as developing the students' knowledge in a range of life skills which allow them to access our curriculum more effectively.

In Year 9, students are supported to make choices about the courses they would like to continue studying at Key Stage 4 (KS4).

Key Stage 4 (Year 10 and 11)

We offer a personalised KS4 curriculum, which engages all students. Students continue to study English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Science, PE, Citizenship and RE. In Year 11 students will be taught Citizenship and RE through our tutor programme.

In KS4, we offer a wide range of GCSEs and vocational qualifications. Students select 3 options. They can then choose from a range of options including;

- GCSE Triple Science (Biology, Chemistry and Physics)
- GCSE Art & Design – Fine Art
- GCSE Art & Design – Photography
- GCSE Geography
- GCSE History
- GCSE RE
- GCSE Spanish
- GCSE Food and Nutrition
- GCSE Design Technology
- GCSE Drama
- BTEC Music
- BTEC Engineering
- BTEC Tech Award in Sport
- BTEC Tech award in Health and Social Care
- OCR Cambridge National in Creative iMedia (IT)
- OCR Cambridge National in Enterprise and Marketing (Business)

Subject	Hours allocated per week	
	Year 10	Year 11
English	5	5
Mathematics	4	5
Science	5	5
Citizenship/RE	1	0
Physical Education	1	1
Option 1	3	3
Option 2	3	3
Option 3	3	3