

Curriculum Information 2019-2020

Curriculum Aims

Our aim is to encourage students to achieve the highest standards of which they are capable. We make every effort to ensure that work is stimulating, enjoyable and matched to their individual needs, so that all students fully engage in the learning process. We aim to help our students across the curriculum:

1. To give students the equal opportunity to develop their academic and applied studies, creative talents and leisure interests
2. To raise aspirations so that everyone strives for success
3. To help establish self-confidence, self-motivation and self-discipline
4. To encourage pleasure and pride in one's own and others' achievements
5. To provide a rich and stimulating learning environment and a curriculum that meets the needs of all our learners
6. To promote a capacity for independent learning and the motivation to use that capacity
7. To identify individual needs and offer the opportunity to succeed to all
8. To provide the highest possible level of care and access to support that is appropriate and effective
9. To offer a wide range of experiences beyond the formal curriculum and extend their learning in opportunities outside the classroom, including learning through appropriate homework
10. To celebrate all excellence and achievements
11. To prepare students for the opportunities and responsibilities of adult life and local and global citizenship
12. To promote an active involvement in caring for the environment of the Academy, the local community and the wider world
13. To encourage participation and teamwork
14. To encourage the interest and involvement of parents, Governors, industry, commerce and the community in the life of the Academy and furthering the success of our students
15. To develop the use literacy and numeracy skills effectively

As a result, the curriculum at Park Hall Academy aims to provide all students with a rich and broad curriculum that engages them and prepares them for their life and employment. It has been planned carefully with due regard to the context of the Academy as well as national legal requirements and financial probity. At Park Hall Academy, we pride ourselves on the breadth and choice in our curriculum. We believe that, as our students move through the school, they need to study courses that stimulate their interest, support their future aspirations and give them strong foundations for their future education and career choices. This commitment to a wide range of courses, coupled with high quality teaching and learning within each course, supports student achievement and thus the best possible results. We are delighted that this commitment to matching flexible curriculum courses to student need has been recognised by Ofsted. We also strive to ensure that each child can maximise their Progress 8 score by undertaking a broad and balanced curriculum

Park Hall Academy Key Stage 3 and 4 Curriculum at a Glance for 2019-20

What follows is a description of the key features of the taught curriculum here at Park Hall Academy. It is, however, essential to recognise that much of our learning takes place outside of the classroom or in wider educational experiences. These are numerous and varied at Park Hall, ranging from educational visits to enrichment and enhancement opportunities. Similarly, the curriculum work is supported by the wider work of all staff in the Academy, including the pastoral system, external agencies and other support systems such as externally purchased websites like MyMaths.

In Year 7, students study the following:

- Art
- English
- Design and Technology
- French or Spanish
- Geography
- History
- It
- Maths
- Performing Arts, including Music
- Physical Education (Statutory)

- Religious Education (Statutory)
- Science
- Social Education (Statutory PSHE included)

In Year 8, students study the following:

- Art
- English
- Design and Technology
- French or Spanish
- Geography
- History
- It
- Maths
- Performing Arts, including Music
- Physical Education (Statutory)
- Religious Education (Statutory)
- Science
- Social Education (Statutory PSHE included)

In Year 9, students study the following:

- Art
- English
- Design and Technology
- French or Spanish
- Geography
- History
- It
- Maths
- Performing Arts, including Music
- Physical Education (Statutory)
- Religious Education (Statutory)
- Science
- Social Education (Statutory PSHE included)

In Year 10, students study the following:

- English (Literature and Language)
- Maths
- Science
- PE
- Citizenship/ RE/ PSHE
- Various combinations of courses from the BTEC/ GCSEs lists below

In Year 11, students study the following:

- English (Literature and Language)
- Maths
- Science
- PE
- Citizenship/ RE/ PSHE
- Various combinations of courses from the BTEC/ GCSEs lists below

GCSE (Years 10 and 11)			
Type	Exam Board	Qualification	Qualification Title
Core			
Academic	AQA	GCSE 9-1	English Language

GCSE (Years 10 and 11)			
Type	Exam Board	Qualification	Qualification Title
Academic	AQA	GCSE 9-1	English Literature
Academic	OCR	GCSE 9-1	Mathematics
Academic	AQA	GCSE 9-1	Combined Science: Trilogy
Academic	AQA	GCSE 9-1	Citizenship Studies
Optional EBacc			
Academic	AQA	GCSE 9-1	Physics
Academic	AQA	GCSE 9-1	Biology
Academic	AQA	GCSE 9-1	Chemistry
Academic	OCR	GCSE 9-1	Computer Science
Academic	Pearson	GCSE 9-1	History
Academic	AQA	GCSE 9-1	Geography
Academic	AQA	GCSE 9-1	French
Academic	AQA	GCSE 9-1	Spanish
Optional			
Academic	Pearson	GCSE 9-1	Statistics
Academic	AQA	GCSE 9-1	Dance
Academic	OCR	GCSE 9-1	Art and Design: Fine Art
Academic	OCR	GCSE 9-1	Art and Design: Photography
Academic	WJEC	GCSE 9-1	Media Studies
Academic	Pearson	GCSE 9-1	Religious Studies B
Academic	AQA	GCSE 9-1	Sociology
Academic	Pearson	GCSE 9-1	Business
Technical Award	Pearson	BTEC Level 2 Tech Award	Health and Social Care
Technical Award	OCR	OCR Level 2	Child Development
Technical Award	WJEC	WJEC Level 2	Hospitality and Catering

GCSE (Years 10 and 11)			
Type	Exam Board	Qualification	Qualification Title
Technical Award	Pearson	BTEC Level 2 First Award	Sport
Technical Award	Pearson	BTEC Level 2 First Award	Music
Technical Award	Pearson	BTEC Level 2 Tech Award	Performing Arts
Technical Award	Pearson	BTEC Level 2 Tech Award	Creative Media Production
Technical Award	Pearson	BTEC Level 2 Tech Award	Enterprise
Technical Award	NCFE	NCFE Level 2 Tech Award	Health and Fitness

Park Hall Academy Key Stage 5 Curriculum at a Glance for 2019-20

All pupils take part in

- Enrichment
- Various combinations of courses from the BTEC/ GCEs lists below

Sixth Form (Years 12 and 13)			
Type	Exam Board	Qualification	Qualification Title
A Levels	OCR	Advanced GCE	Biology A
A Levels	OCR	Advanced GCE	Chemistry A
A Levels	Pearson	Advanced GCE	Physics
A Levels	AQA	Advanced GCE	Psychology
A Levels	Pearson	Advanced GCE	Mathematics
A Levels	OCR	Advanced GCE	Art and Design
A Levels	OCR	Advanced GCE	History A
A Levels	AQA	Advanced GCE	Geography
A Levels	AQA	Advanced GCE	Sociology
A Levels	Pearson	Advanced GCE	Politics
A Levels	AQA	Advanced GCE	English Literature A
A Levels	Pearson	Advanced GCE	Business
Applied Generals	Pearson	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate	Health and Social Care
Applied Generals	Pearson	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma	Health and Social Care
Applied Generals	Pearson	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate	Children's Play, Learning and Development

Sixth Form (Years 12 and 13)			
Type	Exam Board	Qualification	Qualification Title
Applied Generals	Pearson	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate	Applied Psychology
Applied Generals	Pearson	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate	Sport and Exercise Science
Applied Generals	Pearson	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma	Sport and Exercise Science
Applied Generals	Pearson	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate	Performing Arts
Applied Generals	Pearson	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate	Creative Digital Media Production
Applied Generals	Pearson	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma	Creative Digital Media Production
Applied Generals	Pearson	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificat	Enterprise and Entrepreneurship
Tech Levels	OCR	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical	Introductory Diploma in IT
Vocational	Pearson	BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma	Pearson in Public Services