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What is a Curriculum?

The curriculum is essentially the roadmap for your child's learning. It outlines the subjects and topics that will be taught throughout the school year, along with the skills and knowledge that students are expected to gain. This includes everything from English and maths to science, history, arts, PE and Life Skills. The curriculum also encompasses how these subjects are taught, the materials and resources used, and the goals we set for students' progress.

What is my child learning this year?

Our curriculum is published on our website.

[Click here for the link!](#)

Our curriculum is carefully designed to ensure that all students receive a well-rounded education, preparing them not only for academic success but also for life beyond the classroom. We strive to make learning engaging, relevant, and challenging so that every student can reach their full potential.

How do we decide what to teach students?

“The ambitious curriculum is well designed and coherent. The school has identified precisely the knowledge and skills pupils need to know and learn...Pupils learn and remember crucial knowledge and skills” – OFSTED, February 2024

At Key Stage 3 and 4, the curriculum is largely governed by what is set out in by exam board specification. Exam boards are given directives from the government's Department for Education about the broad content of the specifications. Schools do get some degree of choice in the topics, for example, we, at Hazeley, choose to teach Macbeth rather than Romeo and Juliet in GCSE English Literature. You can find more information about your child's exam boards at the end of this document. You are encouraged to read through the specification summaries with your child.

In Year's 7, 8 and 9 we build a curriculum that suits the needs of our students. Careful consideration ensures that we select challenging, relevant and enjoyable topics. We also ensure that our curriculum content support our diverse community, for example, in history students explore the medieval history of Milton Keynes, The British Empire and its relationship with India, and compare to the Ashanti Empire. We also ensure that students are taught valuable social, moral, spiritual and cultural information, for example the rule of law, healthy living as well as vital life skills like financial education, careers and first aid. We review and develop our curriculum annually to ensure that it is fully up to date and responds to the needs of our students.

How can I support my child to learn the curriculum well?

You don't need to be an expert in trigonometry or renaissance art to support your child to learn! The best way you can support is to ask questions:

Can you explain what you have learned?
How did you learn this?
How do you know you are on the right track?
What was tricky? What was easy?
What would you change next time?
How can you get extra help?
How can you apply what you have learned to the real world?
How does this learning connect to your other subjects?

These questions help to develop metacognitive thinking.

Our Exam Boards

Years 10-11: GCSE/Vocational Qualifications

Qualification Name	Name of Exam Board	Specification Name	Specification Number	Link to Specification
Art & Design	Eduqas	GCSE Art Craft and Design	C650QS	GCSE Specification Template (eduqas.co.uk)
Biology	Edexcel	Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in Biology (1BI0)	1BI0	GCSE Biology (pearson.com)
Business	Edexcel	Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in Business (1BS0)	1BS0	Specification (pearson.com)
Chemistry	Edexcel	Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in Chemistry (1CH0)	1CH0	GCSE Chemistry (pearson.com)
Child Development	Edexcel	Pearson BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2 in Child Development	CCD01	Specification - Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Tech Award in Child Development 2022 Issue 2
Computer Science	AQA	GCSE Computer Science	8525	Specification for first teaching in 2020: Specification (aqa.org.uk)
DT	AQA	GCSE Design and Technology	8552	GCSE Design and Technology Specification Specification for first teaching in 2017 (aqa.org.uk)
Drama	Edexcel	Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in Drama (1DR0)	1DR0	GCSE Drama (pearson.com)
English Language	AQA	GCSE English Language	8700	GCSE English Language Specification Specification for first teaching in 2015 (aqa.org.uk)
English Literature	AQA	GCSE English Literature	8702	GCSE English Literature Specification for first teaching in 2015 (aqa.org.uk)
French	AQA	GCSE French (Outgoing specification)	8658	GCSE French Specification Specification for first teaching in 2016 (aqa.org.uk)
French (Y10 onwards)	AQA	GCSE French (First teaching 2024)	8652	GCSE French Specification for first teaching in 2024: Specification (aqa.org.uk)
Geography	AQA	GCSE Geography	8035	GCSE Geography Specification Specification for first teaching in 2016 (aqa.org.uk)
Health and Social	Edexcel	Pearson BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2 in Health and Social Care	CHS01	Specification - Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Tech Award in Health and Social Care 2022
History	AQA	GCSE History	8145	GCSE History Specification Specification for first teaching in 2016 (aqa.org.uk)
Hospitality and Catering	AQA	GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition	8585	GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition Specification Specification for first teaching in 2016 (aqa.org.uk)
IT	OCR	Cambridge Nationals IT Level 1/Level 2 – J836	J836	OCR Level 1/Level 2 Cambridge National in IT specification
Maths	OCR	GCSE Mathematics (9-1)	J560	ocr.org.uk/Images/168982-specification-gcse-mathematics.pdf
Media Studies	Eduqas	GCSE Media Studies	C680QS	GCSE Specification Template (eduqas.co.uk)
Music				
Philosophy	AQA	GCSE Religious Studies A	8062	Specification for first teaching in 2016: Specification (aqa.org.uk)
PE		GCSE Physical Education		
Physics	Edexcel	Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in Physics (1PH0)	1PH0	GCSE Physics (pearson.com)
Psychology	Edexcel	Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in Psychology (1PS0)	1PS0	GCSE-Psychology-draft-specification.pdf (pearson.com)
Combined Science	Edexcel	Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in Combined Science (1SC0)	1SC0	GCSE Combined Science (pearson.com)
Sociology	Eduqas	GCSE Sociology	C200QS	GCSE Specification Template (eduqas.co.uk)
Spanish (Y11)	AQA	GCSE Spanish (Outgoing specification)	8698	GCSE Spanish Specification Specification for first teaching in 2016 (aqa.org.uk)
Spanish (Y10 onwards)	AQA	GCSE Spanish (First teaching 2024)	8692	GCSE Spanish Specification for first teaching in 2024: Specification (aqa.org.uk)
Textiles	AQA	GCSE Design and Technology	8552	GCSE Design and Technology Specification Specification for first teaching in 2017 (aqa.org.uk)

Years 12 and 13 – A-Level and Vocational Qualifications

Qualification Name	Name of Exam Board	Specification Name	Specification Number	Link to Specification
Art	Eduqas	A-Level Art, Craft and Design	A650QS	https://www.eduqas.co.uk/media/a3ndenvr/eduqas-a-level-art-and-design-spec-from-2015-e-090119.pdf
Biology	AQA	A-level Biology	7402	AS and A-level Biology Specification Specifications for first teaching in 2015 (aqa.org.uk)
Business A-Level	Edexcel	Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Advanced GCE in Business (9BS0)	9BS0	Pearson Edexcel A Level Business: Specification
Business BTEC	Edexcel	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Business	UDF05	Specification - BTEC National Diploma in Business (pearson.com)
Business BTEC	Edexcel	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Business	UDF03	Specification - BTEC National Extended Certificate in Business (pearson.com)
Chemistry	OCR	A Level - Chemistry A	H432	ocr.org.uk/Images/171720-specification-accredited-a-level-gce-chemistry-a-h432.pdf

Computer Science	OCR	A Level - Computer Science	H446	OCR A Level Computer Science H446 Specification
Drama	Edexcel	Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Advanced GCE in Drama and Theatre (9DR0)	9DR0	Specification (pearson.com)
Economics	Edexcel	Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Advanced GCE in Economics A (9EC0)	9EC0	Edexcel GCSE and GCE 2014 (pearson.com)
English	AQA	A-level English Literature A	7712	English Literature A AS and A-level Specification Specifications for first teaching in 2015 (aqa.org.uk)
Extended Project	AQA	Level 3 Extended Project Qualification	7993	Level 3 Extended Project Qualification 7993 Specification Specification (aqa.org.uk)
Financial Studies	LIBF	Diploma in Financial Studies	DipFS	Microsoft Word - DipFS Qualification Specification LIBF - Nov 2021.docx (cloudinary.com)
French	AQA	A-level French	7652	A-level French Specification Specification for first teaching in 2016 (aqa.org.uk)
Further Maths	OCR	A Level Further Mathematics B (MEI)	H654	A Level Further Mathematics B (MEI) H645 Specification (ocr.org.uk)
Geography	Edexcel	Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Advanced GCE in Geography (9GE0)	9GE0	Edexcel GCSE and GCE 2014 (pearson.com)
Government and Politics	Edexcel	Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Advanced GCE in Politics (9PL0)	9PL0	A level Politics - Specification (pearson.com)
Health and Social Care	Edexcel	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Health and Social Care	UMC30	Specification - BTEC National Diploma in Health and Social Care (pearson.com)
History	OCR	A Level History A	H505	ocr.org.uk/Images/170128-specification-accredited-a-level-gce-history-a-h505.pdf
IT BTEC	Edexcel	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Information Technology	UTE92	BTEC 2016 Specification (pearson.com)
Mathematics	Edexcel	Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Advanced GCE in Mathematics (9MA0)	9MA0	A level Mathematics (pearson.com)
Media Studies	Eduqas	A-Level Media Studies	A680QS A Level	A level specification template (eduqas.co.uk)
Philosophy	OCR	A Level Religious Studies	H573	OCR A Level Religious Studies H573 Specification
PE				
Physics	OCR	A Level Physics A	H556	https://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/171726-specification-accredited-a-level-gce-physics-a-h556.pdf
Psychology	Edexcel	Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Advanced GCE in Psychology (9PS0)	9PS0	Edexcel GCSE and GCE 2014 (pearson.com)
Sociology	AQA	A-level Sociology	7192	AS and A-level Sociology Specifications for first teaching in 2015 (aqa.org.uk)
Spanish	AQA	A-level Spanish	7692	A-level Spanish Specification Specification for first teaching in 2016 (aqa.org.uk)