



Curriculum Statement 2017/18

The curriculum we offer to the students at Westwood strives to;

- Promote diversity, individuality, partnership and creativity;
- Be flexible and guided by the needs of our students;
- Allow students to negotiate a path through their learning that is both relevant and appropriate to their development;
- Offer choices of learning opportunities that are inclusive and provide a genuine variety of pathways.

YEAR 9

Students in Year 9 follow a common curriculum of Maths, English, Science, French, Art, Design, Drama, Geography, History, ICT, Music, Pd, RE and PE.

Key Features of Year 9 for 2017/18;

- 25x 1hr lessons
- 8 Form Entry with two mixed ability half year populations
- Setting in Maths, English, Science and Languages, mixed ability groupings in other subjects
- All students experience a broad and representative range of lessons, to allow informed choices when making options for KS4
- Personal Development course (Pd) includes elements of PSHE, enterprise education and careers
- All students have access to 2 hours of active sport per week
- Top Science sets follow GCSE course material to allow students to follow a Triple Science course in Years 10 and 11
- The most able Mathematicians and Scientists are in one half population to allow them to study both GCSE Maths and Level 2 Further Maths qualifications and Triple Science.
- In addition to French the vast majority of students will experience a 2nd foreign language of either German or Spanish.

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KEY STAGE 4

Our KS4 curriculum has evolved from a traditional GCSE structure with all students following courses in Maths, English (up to 2 GCSEs), Science (2 or 3 GCSEs), Games and PSHE (both not examined with PSHE providing the time for the delivery of Careers, Core IT, Citizenship and Enterprise Education as well as RE) alongside other Option Block chosen subjects. In recent years we have introduced elements of vocational study into this package, to broaden our provision, and currently have Level 2 BTEC courses in Sport, Business, ICT and Health and Social Care alongside traditional GCSE options. Up to 60 students in Year 10 will also work towards a Sports Leader Award in PE/Games sessions.

Structurally, the compulsory part of the curriculum is organised in the same half year groupings that start in Year 9, but all Option Blocks are accessed by the whole year.

Students in Years 10 and 11 study 4 Option subjects which is two fewer subjects than studied previously - this change was to allow one extra teaching hour per fortnight in every subject, with English benefiting from two extra teaching hours per fortnight too. On average Year 10 students study 9 subjects at GCSE, with students who take Triple Science studying 10 subjects.

With the introduction of the new GCSE Maths specification in September 2015, students who are in the accelerated Mathematician's group will no longer take GCSE Maths at the end of Year 10. Instead, the most able Mathematicians will be entered for examination in both GCSE Maths and AQA Level 2 Further Maths at the end of Year 11.

Curriculum diagram for Year 10:

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Curriculum diagram for Year 11:

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KEY STAGE 5

With open access entry to our Sixth Form, the post-16 curriculum provides access to a wide range of Level 3 courses with both traditional and vocational A-Levels. In recent years we have introduced A2 Photography, bringing the total of post-16 courses available at Westwood to 25. Level 2 provision can also be catered for as the demand arises; currently we have students following resit courses in GCSE English and Maths.

The Sixth Form curriculum is based around 5 Option Blocks, with the majority of Level 3 courses being offered in Blocks A-D allowing Resit English and Maths to be offered in Block E. Students are encouraged to follow 3 subjects throughout KS5, with a small proportion taking 4 courses. Variations on this arrangement are negotiated on an individual basis with Sixth Form Tutors. Vocational courses are timetabled in parallel with traditional subjects and the majority of those students who follow a Level 3 BTEC course will also be studying an additional A2 subject to give them the equivalent of a 3 A-Level course. Students also have the opportunity of accessing Core Sport sessions each week. In addition we have a number of Year 13 students who are completing an AS Extended Project - students are encouraged to opt into this where it will be particularly valuable for them to do so.

Discussions with Leek High School about collaboration regarding Sixth Form provision continue. Currently, two Year 12 and Year 13 Option blocks are timetabled at the same time - this allows students to travel between the two sites to access additional KS5 courses. Students from Leek High School presently study Media, Biology, Further Maths, Geography, Physics, Photography, Sociology, Spanish and BTEC Business Studies at Westwood. In addition, there is also joint provision for OCR IT and BTEC Level 3 Sport where teaching is split equally between both sites.

Curriculum diagram for Year 12:

?	Tutorial	10	A	Y12 Block1	10	B	Y12 Block 2	10	C	Y12 Block 3	10	D	Y12 Block 4	10	E	Y12 Block 5	10		
WS1	17	Tu ₈	8	A	17	Ma ₈	8	B	13	Pg ₈	8	D	17	Dr ₈	8	LT	50	En ₈	8
WS2	17	Tu ₁₀	10	A	17	Pe ₈	8	B	13	Sb ₈	8	D	17	Sb ₈	8	FM	50	Ma ₈	8
WS3	17	Tu ₁₀	10	A	17	Hs ₈	8	B	13	Ge ₈	8	D	17	Hs ₈	8				
WS4	17	Tu ₁₀	10	A	17	Bi ₈	8	B	13	It ₈	8	D	17	Py ₈	8				
WS5	16	Tu ₁₀	10	A	16	Hi ₈	8	B	12	So ₈	8	D	16	Dn ₈	8				
WS6	16	Tu ₈	8	A	16	Ge ₈	8	B	12	Ch ₈	8	D	16	Ma ₈	8				
								LN	12	En ₈	8								
								B	12	Fi ₈	8								

Curriculum diagram for Year 13:

?	Tutorial	10	A	Y13 Block1	11	B	Y13 Block 2	18	C	Y13 Block 3	10	D	Y13 Block 4	12	E	Y13 Block 5	11		
WS8	15	Tu ₆	6	A	15	Ar ₈	8	B	15	Bi ₈	8	D	13	Ch ₈	8	LT	34	En ₈	8
WS9	15	Tu ₁₀	10	LN	15	En ₈	8	FM	15	Ma ₈	8	D	13	Dr ₈	8	COR	33	Ma ₄	4
W10	14	Tu ₆	6	A	14	Ma ₈	8	B	14	Pg ₈	8	D	13	Sb ₈	8	E	33	Mu ₈	8
W11	14	Tu ₁₀	10	A	14	Pe ₈	8	B	14	Sb ₈	8	D	13	Hs ₈	8				
W12	14	Tu ₉	9	A	14	Hs ₈	8	B	14	Ge ₈	8	D	12	Py ₈	8				
W13	14	Tu ₈	8	A	14	Bi ₈	8	B	14	It ₈	8	D	12	De ₈	8				
W14	14	Tu ₁₀	10	A	14	Hi ₈	8	B	14	So ₈	8	D	12	Dn ₈	8				
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