



Curriculum Statement 2020/21

KEY PRINCIPLES

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;
- Promote equal opportunities to all of our students in line with the Equality Act 2010 throughout our practices.

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 2020/21:

- 50 x 1hr lessons every two weeks
- 8 Form Entry with two mixed ability half year populations
- Setting on entry in half year blocks for 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 in the Spring Term
- Personal Development course (Pd) includes elements of PSCHE, enterprise education and careers
- All students have access to 2 hours of active sport per week
- In addition to French the vast majority of students will experience a 2nd foreign language of either German or Spanish.

Curriculum diagram for Year 9:

Tutor	English	Maths	Science	French	MFL	PE	Art	Design	Drama	Geog	Hist	IT	Music	Pd	RE
9W1	En1 7	Ma1 7	Sc1 6	Fr1 4	Sp 4	Pe1 4	Ar1 2	Dn1 2	Dr1 2	Ge1 2	Hi1 2	It11 2	Mu1 2	Pd1 2	Re1 2
9W2	En2 7	Ma2 7	Sc2 6	Fr2 4	De 4	Pe2 4	Ar2 2	Dn2 2	Dr2 2	Ge2 2	Hi2 2	It12 2	Mu2 2	Pd2 2	Re2 2
9W3	En3 7	Ma3 7	Sc3 6	Fr3 4	Sp 4	Pe3 4	Ar3 2	Dn3 2	Dr3 2	Ge3 2	Hi3 2	It13 2	Mu3 2	Pd3 2	Re3 2
9W4	En4 7	Ma4 7	Sc4 6	Fr4 4	De 4	Pe4 4	Ar4 2	Dn4 2	Dr4 2	Ge4 2	Hi4 2	It14 2	Mu4 2	Pd4 2	Re4 2
9W5	En5 7	Ma5 7	Sc5 6	Fr5 4	Sp 4	Pe5 4	Ar5 2	Dn5 2	Dr5 2	Ge5 2	Hi5 2	It15 2	Mu5 2	Pd5 2	Re5 2
9W6	En6 7	Ma6 7	Sc6 6	Fr6 4	De 4	Pe6 4	Ar6 2	Dn6 2	Dr6 2	Ge6 2	Hi6 2	It16 2	Mu6 2	Pd6 2	Re6 2
9W7	En7 7	Ma7 7	Sc7 6	Fr7 4	Sp 4	Pe7 4	Ar7 2	Dn7 2	Dr7 2	Ge7 2	Hi7 2	It17 2	Mu7 2	Pd7 2	Re7 2
9W8	En8 7	Ma8 7	Sc8 6	Fr8 4	De 4	Pe8 4	Ar8 2	Dn8 2	Dr8 2	Ge8 2	Hi8 2	It18 2	Mu8 2	Pd8 2	Re8 2

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 PSCHE - both not examined with PSCHE providing the time for the delivery of Careers, Core IT, Citizenship and Enterprise Education as well as RE) – as well as ‘Option’ 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 Years 10 & 11 will also work towards a Sports Leader Award in PE/Games sessions.

Year 10 is 7 form entry whilst Year 11 is 8 form entry. 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 group. Students are set in English, Maths and Science in half year blocks. In Option subjects, students are loosely set in Languages and PE, but are in mixed ability groupings elsewhere.

Students in Years 10 and 11 study 4 Option subjects. This is two fewer subjects than studied in the past - this change was to allow one extra teaching hour per fortnight in every subject, with English benefiting from an extra teaching hour per fortnight too. On average students will study 9 subjects at KS4, with students who take Triple Science studying 10 subjects.

Students can choose from a broad range of KS4 subjects, including GCSE and BTEC qualifications, in the following subject areas:

Modern Foreign Languages	French, German, Spanish
Humanities	Geography, History, Religious Studies
Creative Arts	Art, Design Technology (Product), Drama, Media Studies, Music
Other	Business Studies, Computer Science, Information and Creative Technology, Physical Education, Health and Social Care

Students are not restricted when making their Option choices. They select six subjects in preference order from the full range of subjects that we offer, from which four option subjects are then allocated. Option blocks are then created, for timetabling purposes, enabling the KS4 curriculum to be adapted each year to best meet the needs of all learners with the resources that we have. Approximately 85% of students are allocated their top 4 Option choices.

For a few students, studying 4 Option subjects is not appropriate and as such we offer an Alternative KS4 pathway. In addition to three Option subjects, these students will also study for the Award in Personal Effectiveness at Level 1. In the Core subjects (English, Maths and Science) students will study both GCSEs and Entry Level Certificates at Levels 1-3.

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 are entered for examination in both GCSE Maths and AQA Level 2 Further Maths at the end of Year 11.

Curriculum diagram for Year 10:

Tutor	English	Maths	Science	Core PE	Core IT	PSCHE	Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D
10W1	En1 8	Ma1 7	Bi Ch Ph 9	Pe1 3	It 1	Pd 2	Ar 5	Bs 5	Ar 5	Ar 5
10W2	En2 8	Ma2 7	Sc2 9	Pe2 3	It 1	Pd 2	Ge 5	De 5	Dn 5	Bs 5
10W3	En3 8	Ma3 7	Sc3 9	Pe3 3	It 1	Pd 2	Hs 5	Dn 5	Ge 5	Dr 5
10W4	En4 8	Ma4 7	Sc4 9	Pe4 3	It 1	Pd 2	Cs 5	Dr 5	Hi 5	Fr1 5
10W5	En5 8	Ma5 7	Sc5 9	Pe5 3	It 1	Pd 2	Pe1 5	Ge 5	It 5	Fr2 5
10W6	En6 8	Ma6 7	Sc6 9	Pe6 3	It 1	Pd 2	Pe2 5	Hi 5	Mu 5	Ge 5
10W7	En7 8	Ma7 7	Sc7 9	Pe7 3	It 1	Pd 2	Pe3 5	Ms 5	Sp1 5	Ms 5
							Re 5	Re 5	SP2 5	Hs 5
									Cp 5	

Curriculum diagram for Year 11:

Tutor	English	Maths	Science	Core PE	PSCHE	Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D
10W1	En1 8	Ma1 7	Bi Ch Ph 9	Pe1 4	Pd 2	Ar 5	Ar 5	Bs 5	Ar 5
10W2	En2 8	Ma2 7	Sc2 9	Pe2 4	Pd 2	Ge 5	Bs 5	Ge 5	Ge7 5
10W3	En3 8	Ma3 7	Sc3 9	Pe3 4	Pd 2	Hs 5	Ge 5	Hi 5	Hi 5
10W4	En4 8	Ma4 7	Sc4 9	Pe4 4	Pd 2	It 5	Dn 5	Hs 5	De1 5
10W5	En5 8	Ma5 7	Sc5 9	Pe5 4	Pd 2	Pe1 5	Dr 5	Ms 5	De2 5
10W6	En6 8	Ma6 7	Sc6 9	Pe6 4	Pd 2	Pe2 5	Fr1 5	Mu 5	Dn 5
10W7	En7 8	Ma7 7	Sc7 9	Pe7 4	Pd 2	Pe3 5	Fr2 5	Sp1 5	Dr 5
						Re 5	Ms 5	SP2 5	Hs 5
							Re 5	Cp 5	

KEY STAGE 5

With open access entry to our Sixth Form, the post-16 curriculum provides opportunities to study a wide range of Level 3 courses with both traditional and vocational A-Levels and BTECs. Currently there are 25 post-16 courses available to choose from. Level 2 provision can also be catered for as the demand arises; currently we have students following resit courses in GCSE English and Maths. From September 2020 a 'work skills' one-year course has been introduced in Year 12 which provides students the opportunity to complete a work and interpersonal skills-based programme, as well as take resits in GCSE English and Maths, to enable them to be better equipped for the world of work or further study.

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 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. From September 2020 students can study the BTEC National Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care which is equivalent to 3 A-Levels. In addition to this, we have a number of Year 12 and 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.

Initially, as part of the Sixth Form application process, students will indicate in preference order their top 4 preferred subjects to study at KS5 – this enables the 5 Option blocks to then be created and can be adapted each year to best meet the needs of all learners with the resources that we have. In some instances, where demand for a course is low, courses may not be viable to run. A-Level Spanish is currently being offered as an online course with some additional teaching input from our staff.

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, Geography, Physics, Chemistry, Photography, Sociology, Spanish and BTEC Business Studies at Westwood. Westwood students have the opportunity to study Law at Leek High School. In addition, there is also joint provision for BTEC Level 3 Sport and OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical in IT, where teaching is split equally between both sites.

Curriculum diagram for Year 12:

Tutor	Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D	Block E
WS1	Ar 8	Bs 8	Dr 8	Ch 8	Bi 8
WS2	Bi 8	De 8	Ge 8	Dn 8	Fr 8
WS3	Pe 8	Ms 8	Hs 8	ELt 8	Ge 8
WS4	FMa 8	Ph 8	It 8	Hs 8	Py 8
WS5	Eln 8	Py 8	Ma 8	Ma 8	CMa 8
	Hi 8	Sb 8	Pg 8	Mu 8	XPj 2
	Hs 8	Lw 8	So 8	Sb 8	REn 4 RMa 4
Spanish		Work Skills	EPQ		
Sp 2		Cp 8	XPj 2		

Curriculum diagram for Year 13:

Tutor	Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D	Block E
WS6	Ar 9	Ch 9	Bi 9	Dn 9	De 9
WS7	ELt 9	It 8	Bs 9	ELt 9	FMa 9
WS8	Fr 9	Lw 9	Pg 9	Hi 9	Ge 9
WS9	Ge 9	Ma 9	Ph 9	Hs 9	Py 9
WS10	Hs 9	Ms 9	So 9	Sb 9	
WS11	Ma 9	Py 9			
		Sb 9			
Spanish		EPQ			
Sp 2		XPj 2			