Curriculum Structure

Advanced Subsidiary qualifications are taken at the end of Year 13.

Subjects running are as follows:

Agriculture (BTEC Subsidiary Cert/Diploma)

Art and Design

Biology

Business Studies

Chemistry

Classical Civilisation

Construction (BTEC Subsidiary Cert/Diploma)

Digital Technology

Economics

Engineering (BTEC Subsidiary Cert/Diploma)

English Literature

Environmental Technology

French

Further Mathematics

German

Government and Politics

Health & Social Care

History

Mathematics

Media Studies

Music

Nutrition and Food Science

Physical Education

Physics

Religious Studies

Spanish

Technology and Design

All of the above are offered at A2 level. Progression to Year 14 is normally dependent on satisfactory performance at 'AS' level. Courses are subject to viable numbers and time-table constraints.

Enrichment Programme

Careers Education, Games, Study Time. Please see Careers Diary of Events on the school website. Other enrichment activities will be delivered as single events, delivered by members of the teaching staff and outside agencies.



Pastoral Team

Head of Sixth Form

Mr T. McLeister Head of Year

Miss T. Bassett

Pastoral and Learning Support

Mrs C. Harris

Tutors

Dr G. Pyper Mr J. Donnelly Mrs L. Hunter Mrs G. Douglas Mr W Kerr Mrs S. Shaw Miss R. McVea

Teacher in Charge of Pastoral Care and Child Protection

Mr R. Ross

Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection

Dr C. Donnelly

Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator

Mrs C. McNeilly

Parents' Information

Year 13 2019 - 2020

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Term Dates

School Commences

29.08.19

Half Term Holiday

28.10.19 - 1.11.19

Christmas Holiday

23.12.19 - 03.01.20

Half Term Holiday

14.02.20 - 19.02.20

Easter Holiday

06.04.20 - 17.04.20

May Day Holiday

08.05.20

Last Day of Summer Term

30.06.20

Exceptional Closure days

01.10.19

09.01.20

10.01.20

17.03.20 (Provisional)

25.05.20

Morning Assembly

Main Assembly

Monday

Sixth Form Centre

Wednesday / Friday

Year Assembly

Tuesday

Tutor Group Meeting

Thursday

Games

Wednesday Periods 9 and 10

Calendar of Events

Annual Prize Distribution 25.10.19 School Play 14.11.19 – 15.11.19 PPA Christmas Fair 07.12.19 Carol Service - St. Patrick's Church 18.12.19 Annual School Concert 24.03.20 - 26.03.20

Year 13 September - October

Launch Millennium Volunteers
European Day of Languages
Study Skills Workshops
School Photographs
Election of Sixth Form Committee
Enrolment for Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award
Senior CU Weekend
Parents' Information Evening 15.10.20
Health and Social Care Placements
Presentation on Work Shadowing Placements

Year 13 November - December

Anti-Bullying Week
iWill Volunteering Week
Health Talks
Christmas Social
Senior Carol Service
Rotary International Youth Leadership Conference

Year 13 January - April

School Examinations 13.01.20 - 22.01.20
Careers Convention 06.02.20
Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme - Practices
Law Conference and Medical Symposium M.C.B
Engineering Conference
Parents' Consultation Afternoon (invite only) 27.02.20
University Careers Talks and Open Days

Year 13 May - June

Election of Prefects
Oxford - Cambridge Student Conference
Selection of Year 14 Teams
Presentation of Awards
'AS' Examinations
Duke of Edinburgh Gold Expedition

Timetabled Games Activities

Boys

Rugby / Swimming / Cricket / Tennis Golf / Weight Training / Football Volleyball / Fitness Training Power Walking

Girls

Hockey / Netball / Swimming
Athletics / Tennis / Rounders / Football / Softball /
Volleyball / Basketball
Aerobics / Dance / Fitness Training
Power walking

Co-Curricular Activities

Girls

Hockey / Netball / Badminton / Dance

Boys

Tennis / Rugby / Golf / Cricket / Football

Girls and Boys

Percussion / Strings / Orchestra / Choir
Wind Band / Jazz Band / Chamber Choir
Public Speaking / Hockey / Golf / Tennis
Swimming / Table-tennis / Cross-country
Football / Drama / Athletics / Chess
Aerobics / Young Enterprise / Club Rigolo
Delhi Children's Project / Show Jumping
Young Environmentalists Society / Debating
European Parliament / Christian Union
Walking / Cancer Research Committee
Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme
Charity Committee / Sentinus Engineering
Senior Mathematics Challenge
Java C# Programming Club