

Curriculum Structure

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

Subjects running are as follows:

Agriculture (BTEC National Extended Certificate)
Applied Science (BTEC National Extended Certificate)
Art and Design
Biology
Business (BTEC National Extended Certificate)
Chemistry
Classical Civilisation
Computing
Construction Single Award (BTEC National Extended Certificate)
Construction Double Award (BTEC National Diploma)
Digital Technology
Economics
Engineering (BTEC National Extended Certificate)
English Literature
Environmental Technology
French
Further Mathematics
Government and Politics
Health & Social Care
History
Mathematics
Media Studies
Music
Nutrition and Food Science
Performing Arts
Physical Education
Physics
Religious Studies
Spanish

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

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



Pastoral Team

Head of Sixth Form
Mr T. McLeister

Head of Year
Mrs C. Oakes

Pastoral and Learning Support
Mrs C. Harris

Tutors
Dr G. Pyper
Mrs S. Monteith / Mrs R. Matchett
Mr P. Reid
Mrs C. McNeilly
Mr W. Kerr
Mrs C. Louw
Mr D. Baldwin

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 R. Matchett

Parents' Information

Year 13
2025 - 2026

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Term Dates

School Commences

27.08.25

Half Term Holiday

27.10.25 - 31.10.25

Christmas Holiday

22.12.25 - 02.01.26

Half Term Holiday

09.02.26 - 13.02.26

Easter Holiday

30.03.26 - 10.04.26

May Day Holiday

04.05.26

Last Day of Summer Term

30.06.26

Exceptional Closure days

30.09.25

26.11.25

08.01.26

17.03.26

25.05.26

Weekly Format

Main Assembly

Wednesday (Wk A)

Sixth Form Briefing

Wednesday (Wk B)

Year Assembly

Tuesday / Thursday

Extended Registration / Tutor Group

Friday / Monday

Games

Wednesday Periods 9 and 10

Calendar of Events

Annual Prize Distribution 24.10.25

Carol Service - St. Patrick's Church 17.12.25

Annual School Concert 25.03.26 - 26.03.26

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

Parents' Information Event

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

Parents' Consultation Afternoon (invite only)

Year 13 January - April

School Examinations

Careers Convention

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme - Practices

Law Conference and Medical Symposium M.C.B

Engineering Conference

Senior CU Weekend

University Careers Talks and Open Days

Year 13 May - June

Election of Prefects

Oxford - Cambridge Student Conference

Selection of Year 14 Leadership 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