

14. CURRICULUM

Curriculum Information

Years 7, 8 & 9

In Years 7, 8 and 9 students study the following subjects:

- English
- Mathematics (GCSE course is started in Year 9)
- Science (taught as separate subjects Biology, Chemistry and Physics)

- Geography
- History
- Religious Studies

- French, German, Spanish (two languages are studied in Key Stage 3)

- Dance
- Drama
- Music

- Physical Education

- Art
- Design Technology (Food Technology, Graphic Design)
- Computer Science

There is also a period of PSHE which covers a broad range of issues, skills and concerns. This will include Citizenship, Sex & Relationships Education and Work Related Learning, as well as time spent discussing personal progress with the appropriate tutor.

Most lessons take place in subject specialist rooms which means that students will usually move around the school between classes.

The two languages to be studied by each student in Key Stage 3 are determined by the school. Only in exceptional circumstances are we able to change the allocation.

Years 10 & 11

Students in these year groups study the following 'core' subjects:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science (must study at least one of Biology, Chemistry and Physics)
- Religious Studies (GCSE half-course)
- Physical Education

Additionally, in January, Year 9 students make choices for the 'options' they will take to GCSE level in the range of subjects noted below:

- Art
- Business Studies
- Computer Science
- Dance
- Design Technology (Food Technology, Graphic Design)
- Drama
- French
- Geography
- German
- History
- Music
- Religious Studies (GCSE full course)
- Spanish

Year 9 students and their parents/carers are invited to an Options Information Evening at the beginning of the Spring Term and are provided with full details to assist with the choices made.

Years 12 & 13

Students in the Sixth Form are able to study a range of subjects at either A level or as part of the International Baccalaureate. Full details of these and the entry level requirements are to be found in the Sixth Form Prospectus.

A Sixth Form Options Evening is held in November for Year 11 students and their parents/carers to assist with the choices made.

Special Educational Needs – All Years

If your son/daughter is identified as having a special educational need, it would help us in planning for their arrival if contact could be made with Mr Sharpe msharpe@shfgs.co.uk

Form 15 should also be completed to provide Mr Sharpe with the information required to assess specific provision for your child.