

Sheffield Park Academy Curriculum Expectations 2024-25

Key Stage 3

Curriculum expectations:

- We provide the full National Curriculum throughout Key Stage 3 for all students including access to PE, Music, Art, and DT.
- We deliver a three-year Key Stage 3, meaning that students do not drop subjects before the end of Year 9.
- Religious Studies and Sex & Relationships Education are also compulsory as part of the 'basic curriculum'.
- Personal, Social & Health Education (including Citizenship and Relationships & Sex Education), is delivered as part of the timetabled curriculum at KS3.
- The humanities subjects (History, Geography and Religious Studies) are taught as separate subjects throughout Key Stage 3.
- All students follow the same foreign language throughout Key Stage 3 (and into Key Stage 4 if they choose a language for GCSE).

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Subject	Lessons
English	8
Maths	8
Science	8
Geography	4
History	4
MFL	4
PE	4
Art	2
Music	2
RE	2
DT	1
Computing	1
Drama	1
PHSE	1

Key Stage 4

Curriculum expectations:

- Our curriculum serves the education of our students, not points-scoring in league tables. We do not want young people to sit meaningless qualifications which do not help to take them anywhere.
- Pupils do not sit GCSEs in any subjects before the end of Year 11 as this does not support their progression to further education.
- All students select History or Geography, and we offer the opportunity for all students to select a language to achieve the full Ebacc.
- Personal, Social & Health Education (including Citizenship and Relationships & Sex Education), is delivered outside of the timetabled subject curriculum at KS4 (e.g. through tutor programme, drop-down days, assemblies
- We expect pupils to take 9 GCSEs (or equivalent qualifications). This will mean pupils taking:
 - English Language and English Literature
 - Maths
 - Science x2
 - Guided option 1 (typically History or Geography)
 - Guided option 2 (typically a modern foreign language)
 - Guided option 3
 - Guided option 4
 - Core PE (practical)

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Subject	Lessons
English	9
Maths	9
Science	10
Guided option 1	5
Guided option 2	5
Guided option 3	5
Guided option 4	5
PE	2

KS4 guided option subject offered:

GCSE History	GCSE Geography
GCSE RE	GCSE French
GCSE Triple Science	GCSE PE
BTEC Sports Studies	BTEC Health & Social Care
GCSE Business Studies	OCR Enterprise & Marketing
GCSE Computing	BTEC Digital IT
GCSE Fine Art	GCSE Textiles
GCSE Music	BTEC Construction
WJEC Hospitality & Catering	GCSE Psychology
GCSE Sociology	

Key Stage 5

Curriculum expectations:

- All students study a minimum of 3 A-levels or the equivalent, with a minimum of 580 planned hours.
- Students can study A-levels, vocational qualifications or a combination of both.
- All qualifications are ESFA approved qualifications and are level 3 qualifications, we do not offer level 2 qualifications at post-16.
- The exception for to this is the provision for GCSE English and Maths for students who did not achieve a grade 4 at the end of Year 11.
- All students study a form time curriculum which is compulsory for all.
- Students have timetabled independent study periods that are supervised by members of staff.

KS5 subjects offered:

A Level Biology	WJEC Criminology Diploma
A Level Chemistry	BTEC Health & Social Care Extended Certificate
A Level Physics	BTEC Health & Social Care Diploma
BTEC Applied Science Extended Certificate	BTEC Business Extended Certificate
BTEC Applied Science Diploma	BTEC Business Diploma
A Level English Literature	BTEC IT Extended Certificate
A Level Maths	BTEC IT Diploma
A Level Further Maths	
A Level Psychology	
A Level Sociology	