

## A3 Curriculum

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**WORKSHOP COLLEGE**  
AND  
**RANBY HOUSE**

## **CURRICULUM POLICY**

**School Tier:** Whole School

**Related Policies:**

SEN; Teaching and Learning; Assessment, Recording and Reporting; Feedback and Marking; English; PHSEE; Gifted and Talented; Equal Opportunities; Individual Subject Policies; EYFS Policy.

**POLICY AIMS**

Through the operation of this policy and through our Learner Profile we aim:

- To encourage our pupils to become independent, adaptable and resilient learners;
- To provide a planned and monitored curriculum which ensures that learning is continuous and that the pupils make good progress;
- To allow all pupils to experience a full and rounded entitlement to learning including, linguistic, mathematical, scientific, technological, human and social, physical and aesthetic and creative education;
- To provide engaging subject matter which is appropriate for the ages and aptitudes of pupils, including those with a statement or SEN;
- To ensure children reach standards in speaking and listening, literacy and numeracy;
- To set high expectations of teaching and learning;
- To provide a thorough and broad curriculum with a wide variety of learning experiences that engage, excite and challenge our pupils to the best of their ability;
- To promote a positive attitude towards learning, so that children enjoy coming to school, and acquire a solid basis for lifelong learning;
- To enable children to be creative and to develop their own thinking; encouraging them to take an active part in the learning process and develop independent learning skills;
- To promote British values, while recognising, appreciating and valuing the contribution made by all groups in our multi-cultural society and grow up committed to equal opportunities for all;
- To enable pupils to be positive citizens, to enable them to have respect for themselves and high self-esteem, and to be able to live and work co-operatively with others;
- To prepare pupils for examinations, experiences at their next schools, universities and for adult life;

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- To help children to be physically fit and regard sport and physical exercise as an important part of a healthy and well-balanced life;
- To provide opportunities for children to experience the Christian faith amongst other faiths. Enabling them to build their own values towards life, making responsible and informed choices in line with the whole school values: Bold and ambitious; supportive yet challenging; inquisitive and thoughtful.

Subject Leaders at the Prep School and Heads of Department at The College ensure that subject Schemes of Work are appropriate for ages and aptitudes of pupils.

### Statement

Workshop College and Ranby House (including EYFS) is a non-selective school with a broad and balanced curriculum that is accessible for all students. We respect the right of all children in our school, irrespective of differences in ability, to access all areas of learning and to develop the skills, attitudes, knowledge and understanding that are necessary for their self-fulfilment and their eventual development into active, responsible and caring members of our community.

The school is committed to ensuring that the curriculum is broad and balanced, in order that the needs of all children are provided for, whatever their abilities, gifts and talents. We aim to make provision for academic achievement and spiritual, social, moral, cultural, physical and creative development of our children. Thus, pupils are prepared for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life.

We believe that intelligence is multi-faceted, and children learn in different ways; the curriculum must support this. Workshop College and its Prep School provide an academic curriculum supplemented by a generous provision of time for sport, performing and creative arts, as well personal, social, health and economic education, and extra-curricular activities.

### Prep School (including EYFS)

#### The Prep School

At the Prep School, the curriculum is, where suitable, delivered through Imaginative Learning Projects and planned activities in order to promote learning, personal growth and development. It includes: the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage; the Key Stage One and Two National Curriculum; and the many extra-curricular activities that the school organises in order to enrich the children's experience.

The Prep School recognises opportunities offered through a simple, yet effective, mission statement – 'Aiming High – Be the best you can be'. The teamwork between staff and pupils ensures that every child can realise his or her potential and develop self-esteem and confidence.

#### Organisation

The Prep School follows the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum in Nursery and Reception. Most children will complete this aspect of the curriculum upon transfer to Year 1. From Year 1, up to and including Year 6, the School responds to the broad expectations of the National Curriculum.

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However, it does not follow these in every detail allowing for greater flexibility to reach our children's needs both in terms of those with learning difficulties and those who need greater challenge than the National Curriculum offers.

Our curriculum reflects the school's mixed ability intake and aims to provide for the needs of potentially very able students and those requiring learning support. The classes/forms are all mixed ability from Kindergarten to Year 6.

Pupils are in ability groups for maths in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6. Although Computing and Information Technology skills are taught as an individual subject, they are increasingly taught through activities based within other curriculum areas. Teaching staff are also encouraged to use ICT as a learning tool across the curriculum. From Years 1 to 6, all pupils study Maths, English, Spanish, Mandarin, Science, Humanities, ICT, Religious Education, Art, Music, Design and Technology, Physical Education and Personal, Social, Health and Economic education (PSHE). In addition, children have games, including swimming (Years 1 to 6).

Teaching and learning periods at Ranby House are in single 25 minute lessons, mainly taught as double 50 minute lessons and occasionally triple (75 minute lessons).

### Planning

At the Prep School, the curriculum is planned in three phases. Long-term plans are agreed through meetings between the class teachers, subject leaders and Deputy Head. Long-term plans are set out in the form of a curriculum map, indicating the Imaginative Learning Project (ILP) and areas of study to be taught in each term to which age groups of children.

Medium-term plans are written half-termly and are held in a staff accessed network drive in order to allow clarity and quick access for all staff. The half-termly plans are designed for each individual teacher's needs, enabling the planning to be working, useable documents for staff. They allow for change in light of what is happening in the classroom, and reflect our commitment to the teaching and learning at Ranby House being led by the professional assessment of what the children are achieving. As a result, teachers are encouraged to annotate on printed versions or make changes and/or reflections for future reference as they work through the half-termly plans.

Short-term plans are those that teachers write on a weekly basis for each session, and can be used to identify what resources and activities are going to be used in the lesson, including differentiation.

### Learning Support

Pupils requiring Learning Support are assessed on entry to the Prep. The Head of Learning Success will then recommend to parents additional lessons for those in need. Pupils may be withdrawn from existing lessons in order to receive specialised support, which incurs an additional charge. Every effort is made to minimise the disruption to existing courses of study. The school will ensure that pupils with a statement of SEND will be given an education that meets the requirements of that statement. Pupils' individual needs are addressed in class through differentiation and from information collected in the screening process.

### EAL

English as an Additional Language lessons are provided for selected pupils as needed. See English Policy for further details.

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### The College

#### Organisation

##### Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9)

All departments at the College follow programmes of study in line with the aims and expectations of Key Stage 3 of the National Curriculum.

Pupils are assessed on their ability and placed into sets on entry to the College. All pupils in Years 7-8 study English, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Religious Studies, PSHEE, Art, Design Technology, Food and Nutrition, Geography, History, Music, Computing, Theatre Studies, Physical Education, French, Spanish and Latin & Classical Civilisation. There is additional time given to Outdoor Education and to the completion of prep in order to instil good study habits and in recognition of the length of the College day and the age of these pupils.

In Year 9 pupils can choose to study French or Spanish or both and three subjects from Latin, Classical Civilisation, Theatre Studies, Design and Technology, Food and Nutrition and Art.

##### I/GCSE (Years 10 and 11)

Pupils make a choice of four options from Psychology, Art, Photography, Computing, Design Technology, Food and Nutrition, Geography, History, French, Latin, Music, Physical Education, Religious Studies, Spanish and Theatre Studies at the end of the Year 9. It is strongly advised (although not compulsory) to study a Modern Foreign Language at GCSE. These choices are taken with the core subjects of English Language (and upper set(s) will undertake Literature alongside this), Mathematics, Double or Triple Award Science. In addition there will be one lesson of PHSE. Some pupils may be invited to take a 'Reduced Curriculum', replacing one their four option choices with additional support for Maths and English or time for other subjects as appropriate to their needs.

##### 6th Form

All pupils are asked to make their selection of Key Stage 5 courses in the Spring Term of Year 11, after which the subjects are placed into 4 blocks for timetabling. Most pupils choose 3 subjects; some take only 2. In addition, all pupils take part in the Life Skills Programme. An option to retake GCSE Mathematics and English is offered for those requesting it; in addition the Level 3 EPQ, IELTS English and a Leith's Toolbox course are also offered. Most pupils continue with three subjects to A level/BTEC/CTec Level 3 in the Upper 6th Form. A programme of super-curricula lectures is provided for all 6th Form pupils, with visiting speakers (academics or other leaders in their field) speaking to the students. The aims of this programme are to help broaden pupils' interests and knowledge and to prime them for university application; all pupils are encouraged to attend a variety of talks. All 6th formers are expected to take responsibility for their own learning, using their study periods and prep sessions effectively in order to consolidate what has been learnt in class and to explore their fields of study more widely.

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Please refer to Appendix 2 - Timetable allocation for Years 7-13 for further information. It demonstrates the number of periods currently allocated to the subject within each year group. Teaching periods at Worksop College are in single 45 minute lessons or in double 90 minute lessons.

### **PSHE and Religious Education**

Both through chapel services and classroom teaching, pupils are encouraged to develop their own value system, to explore the meaning of faith and their own spirituality. This is within the context of the Anglican framework of this Woodard School. The College welcomes pupils of all faiths and those of no faith at all, and the Religious Studies course introduces all pupils to the world's major religions. Religious Studies and Chapel present opportunities to learn about and reflect on spiritual themes. A course in Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education is provided for all pupils up to and including Year 11, and the College lecture programme, assemblies and Chapel services explore some of these issues further in the 6th Form.

### **Careers Education and Guidance**

Careers guidance aims to provide every student at the College with clear, accurate careers education and guidance that enables every individual to make an informed decision about his or her career path. The College also aims to raise student aspirations, improve relations between local / national employers and the School and increase the contact between existing students and Old Worksopians. The Careers Policy covers the guidance in more detail.

### **Learning Support / English as an Additional Language (EAL)**

In line with related policies, pupils are assessed on entry for both Learning Support and EAL (where applicable), with provision tailored accordingly. Pupils' individual needs are addressed in class through differentiation and from information collected in the screening processes.

### **Planning**

At the College, long-term plans are developed by Departments in the form of Schemes of Work, indicating the areas of study to be taught in each term to which age groups of children and they provide clear guidance on the objectives and teaching strategies for each area of study. Heads of Departments are expected to keep abreast of any specification changes that may impact on examination classes at GCSE and Level 3/ A Level. Exam board choices are reviewed annually in Departmental Q&S meetings between HoDs and SLT annually. This is important as it allows amendments to be made to the long-term curriculum plans and timetable arrangements in the light of changing circumstances. Subject handbooks provide further information to departmental staff with regards to specific departmental issues or processes.

Short-term plans are those that teachers write on a weekly or daily basis in teacher's planners or in individual formats. These can be used to set out the learning objectives for each session, and might identify what resources and activities are going to be used in the lesson, including differentiation. This work is supported by a budget for training, to which all staff have access, whole College (or School) Inset days, and initiatives such as Peer Observation which, together, ensure teaching remains lively and effective.

### **Review**

Curriculum and timetable arrangements are kept under regular review, and may be altered in the light of changing circumstances. The School responds to the requirements of the Early Years

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Foundation Stage, the broad expectations of the National Curriculum from Key Stage 1 to 4 and the expectations of examination boards at (I)GCSE and Level 3/A level.

**References:**

Legal Framework:

General Guidance:

Technological:

Boarding School

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**College Curriculum Plan**

| <b>Year 7 &amp; Year 8</b>     |
|--------------------------------|
|                                |
| 4 Maths                        |
| 4 English                      |
| 3 Science                      |
| 2 PE                           |
| 2 History                      |
| 2 Geography                    |
| 2 French                       |
| 2 Spanish                      |
| 2 Latin & Classics             |
| 2 DT/F&N [ <i>carousel</i> ]   |
| 1 Theatre Studies              |
| 1 Music                        |
| 1 Computing                    |
| 1 Art                          |
| 1 Religious Studies            |
| 1 Outdoor Education            |
| 1 PSHE                         |
| 2 Junior Games                 |
| Wed PM & Sat PM Fixtures/Games |
|                                |
| 1 Tutorials                    |
| 1 Chapel                       |

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| <b>Year 9</b>                                 |
|-----------------------------------------------|
|                                               |
| 4 Maths                                       |
| 4 English                                     |
| 5 Science                                     |
| 2 PE                                          |
| 2 History                                     |
| 2 Geography                                   |
| 1 Religious Studies                           |
| 1 Computing                                   |
| 1 Music                                       |
| 1 PSHE                                        |
|                                               |
| 3 French <i>or</i> Spanish                    |
|                                               |
| 2 x 3 <b>Option Choices</b> of the following: |
| DT                                            |
| F&N                                           |
| Classics                                      |
| Theatre Studies                               |
| Art                                           |
| Latin                                         |
| Additional Modern Foreign Language            |
| Additional Music                              |
|                                               |
| 2 Junior Games                                |
| Wed PM & Sat PM Fixtures/Games                |
|                                               |
| 1 Tutorials                                   |
| 1 Chapel                                      |

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| <b>Y10 &amp; Y11</b>                          |
|-----------------------------------------------|
|                                               |
| 4 Maths                                       |
| 4 English                                     |
| 2 Physics                                     |
| 2 Chemistry                                   |
| 2 Biology                                     |
| 1 Science Revision                            |
| 1 PSHE                                        |
|                                               |
| 4 x 4 <b>Option Choices</b> of the following: |
| Spanish                                       |
| French                                        |
| Latin                                         |
| Business Studies                              |
| PE                                            |
| History                                       |
| Geography                                     |
| Religious Studies                             |
| Psychology                                    |
| Photography                                   |
| Fine Art                                      |
| Theatre Studies                               |
| DT                                            |
| F&N                                           |
| Computing                                     |
| Music                                         |
|                                               |
| 2 Senior Games                                |
| Wed PM & Sat PM Fixtures/Games                |
|                                               |
| 1 Tutorials                                   |
| 1 Chapel                                      |

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| <b>Y12 &amp; Y13</b>                                           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 Sixth Form Assembly                                          |
| 2 Senior Games                                                 |
| Wed PM & Sat PM Fixtures/Games                                 |
|                                                                |
| 7 x 3 U6, 6 x 3 (or 2) <b>Option Choices</b> of the following: |
| Maths                                                          |
| Further Maths                                                  |
| English Language                                               |
| English Literature                                             |
| French                                                         |
| Spanish                                                        |
| Latin                                                          |
| Biology                                                        |
| Chemistry                                                      |
| Physics                                                        |
| Computing                                                      |
| History                                                        |
| Geography                                                      |
| Religious Studies                                              |
| Economics                                                      |
| Business Studies                                               |
| Fine Art                                                       |
| Music                                                          |
| Photography                                                    |
| DT                                                             |
| PE                                                             |
| Psychology                                                     |
| Classical Civilisation                                         |
| Theatre Studies                                                |
| F&N [ <i>Level 3</i> ]                                         |
| Sport [ <i>BTec</i> ]                                          |
| Applied Business [ <i>Level 3</i> ]                            |
|                                                                |
| Optional Additions:                                            |
| EPQ                                                            |
| Leiths Toolbox                                                 |
|                                                                |
| 1 Tutorials                                                    |
| 1 Chapel                                                       |
| 1 Life Skills                                                  |