

Information on curriculum provision, content and approach

'Changing lives, shaping futures'

The curriculum at Wednesfield High Academy provides students with a diverse and personalised learning experience. It provides them with a firm foundation upon which students can build for academic success and personal development, ensuring that students embed the academy values of respect, resilience, pride, opportunity and success.

The curriculum is broad and balanced and builds upon prior learning. The structure and content reflects the needs and interests of our students and is bespoke for each year group. Students in year 8 and 11 are consulted about their preferred subjects to study and this will inform the curriculum offer and the grouping of subjects in different option blocks.

The Academy chooses to deliver the curriculum through faculties to ensure students are taught by subject specialists. We operate a two year key stage 3 (years 7 and 8), a three year key stage 4 (years 9 – 11) and a two year key stage 5 (years 12 and 13).

In key stage three students will be taught in ability groups for all subjects apart from PE, which are mixed ability. Students will choose to specialise in some subjects at the end of year 8, starting GCSE and vocational courses in year 9. The subjects offered at both key stages is detailed below.

A dedicated enrichment programme operates from 2.55 – 3.55pm on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday accessible to all year groups and this enables students to take part in a wide variety of sporting and other faculty based activities. These activities develop student confidence and self – esteem and complement our taught curriculum. We want our students to leave us as well rounded individuals with a love for learning and a passion for success.

Careers Education advice and guidance is delivered weekly for all year groups and is essential to support students in pursuing their preferred career choices.

Spiritual, Social, Moral and Cultural education runs throughout the curriculum. In addition, it is specifically delivered through tutor periods, assemblies, citizenship and the enrichment programme.

The Academy has a designated safeguarding lead plus a further three safeguarding officers. All Academy staff receive annual safeguarding training with regular updates during the academic year. A planned programme on student safety and wellbeing is delivered through tutor periods and assemblies throughout the year.

Curriculum overview

The timetable consists of 5 taught lessons a day, each lesson being 1 hour in length.

Year 7

Subject	Number of lessons
English	4
Maths	4
Science	4
Creative Arts: Art, Music, Drama	1 lesson per subject in rotation
Life for learning: RE, Food and nutrition, ICT	1 lesson per subject in rotation
PE	2 lessons
Computing	1 lesson
Citizenship	1 lesson
Engineering	1 lesson
Geography	2 lessons
History	2 lessons
Literacy and numeracy* (for some students in the place of Geography and ICT) in order to support their learning	3 lessons

Year 8

Subject	Number of lessons
English	4
Maths	4
Science	4
Creative Arts: Art, Music, Drama	1 lesson per subject in rotation
Life for learning: RE, Food and nutrition, ICT	1 lesson per subject in rotation
PE	2
Computing	1
Citizenship	1
Engineering	1
Geography	2
History	2
Literacy and numeracy* (for some students in the place of Geography and ICT) in order to support their learning	3

Year 9

Students will start GCSE and Vocational qualifications in year 9.

Subject	Number of lessons
English	4
Maths	4
Ebacc 1: Science	2
Ebacc 2: Science	2
Ebacc 3: one option choice of triple science, History, Geography, Computer Science	3
PE	1 (non-examined)
Open block 1: one option choice of Finance, Art, Media, History, Sport, Engineering	3
Open block 2: one option choice of Health and Fitness, Engineering, Music, Business, Child Care, Sociology	3
Open block 3: Health and Social Care, ICT, Food and Nutrition, Geography, Drama, Citizenship	3

Year 10

Subject	Number of lessons
English	4
Maths	4
Ebacc 1: Science: core and additional or triple Science	2
Ebacc 2: Science: core and additional or triple Science	2
Ebacc 3: one option choice of triple science, History, Geography, Computer Science	3
PE	1 (non-examined)
Open block 1: one option choice of Finance, Art, Media, History, Sport, Engineering	3
Open block 2: one option choice of Health and Fitness, Engineering, Music, Business, Child Care, Sociology	3
Open block 3: Health and Social Care, ICT, Food and Nutrition, Geography, Drama, Citizenship	3

Year 11

Subject	Number of lessons
English	4
Maths	4
Ebacc 1: Science: core and additional or triple Science	2
Ebacc 2: Science: core and additional or triple Science	2
Ebacc 3: one option choice of triple science, History, Geography, Computer Science, Sport	3
PE	1 (non-examined)
Open block 1: one option choice Business, Citizenship, Computer Science, Media, Music, Psychology, Sport	3
Open block 2: one option choice of Drama, Food and Nutrition, Geography, Engineering, Health and Social Care, Sociology, Sport, Product Design	3
Open block 3: one option choice from Art, Business, Child Care, Engineering, History, Media, Sport	3

All option blocks open to change dependent on student choice

Post 16 provision

The Sixth Form at Wednesfield High offers students the opportunity to study a wide range of both academic and vocational courses, providing them with the qualifications required to follow their chosen career path. Some of this provision may be offered as part of a consortium with other schools in order to provide as wide a range of subjects as possible. The wide ranging bespoke curriculum currently consists of:

A Levels

Biology

Chemistry

English Literature

Geography

History

Maths

Physics

Psychology

Sociology

Level 3 Vocational qualifications

Applied Science

Business

Child Care

Engineering

Health and Social Care

ICT

Media

Sport

All subjects are delivered for 5 x 1 hour lessons.

Students have a personalised study programme, selecting subjects within option blocks to ensure they are gaining qualifications that will allow them to progress to either Higher Education, an apprenticeship or employment.

As part of their 16 to 19 study programme, students are required to complete weekly enrichment activities and to participate in relevant work experience and other non-qualification activities. Careers education, advice and guidance is integral and students receive specific support to apply to their chosen destination.

Students who have not achieved a GCSE grade 4 in English and / or Maths will continue to study the relevant GCSE as part of their programmes of study.

Should you require additional information regards the curriculum, please contact Mrs Beazley, Assistant Headteacher: Curriculum and Key Stage 5 Learning Director, at the Academy.