

Report to Governors

Curriculum update May 2017

Timetable 201 - 2018

Key stage 3

The changes to the key stage 3 curriculum is the formation of another year 7 class so that key stage 3 will now have 2 x year 7, 2 x year 8 and 2 x year 9 classes.

Key stage 2 and the year 7 and 8 classes have timetabled lessons for drama; we hope to establish this subject into our curriculum into key stage 4 in the same way that Spanish and Music has been incorporated.

They will continue to follow the successful curriculum model that is now established at Archers Brook with the majority of lessons being 30 minutes long (this suits a lot of our learners who have ADHD), apart from some practical lessons e.g. cooking that are an hour long which enables learners to carry out practical tasks within the lesson.

Key Stage 4

All pupils now have a choice of 2 options instead of 3 (but from the same 5 subjects) as all pupils now have to be taught combined science that is worth 2 GCSE's.

Year 9 pupils chose their options after a comprehensive option week which included 1 to 1 conversations with staff and taster lessons, information sent home etc. After this a number of pupils expressed that they would like to continue learning Music and or Spanish. We have organised these year 10 lessons on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to facilitate this. So that it does not have a negative impact on their other subjects the lessons missed are timetabled so they are withdrawn in the same way as if they accessed any of the therapy sessions, they will be able to achieve recognised qualifications in these subjects.

Catering has changed their examination board so it now includes an external assessment unit.

Year 11 again have had two mock examination weeks, one in January and one in March with the same staff and rooms as they will have in their final exam to prepare them as fully as we can.

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