

Secondary Curriculum Organisation



The academy operates a 2 week timetable with each lesson lasting 100 minutes. There are 3 lessons per day.

Year 7 and 8 Curriculum

National Curriculum Subjects

- Art
- Design Technology: Food Technology, Graphic Products, Product Design and Textiles Technology
- English: Language and Literature
- Humanities: History, Geography, Religious Studies
- Information & Communications Technology incorporating computing
- Mathematics
- Modern Foreign Language-Spanish
- Performing Arts – incorporating Music and Drama
- Physical Education
- Science

Currently in Year 8-11 the PSHCE/Citizenship curriculum is delivered within form and pastoral sessions as well as aspects being covered across curriculum areas as appropriate. Year 7 already have a discreet lesson of PSHCE per fortnight. From the start of the academic year 2020/21 PSHCE will have a discreet lesson on the timetable for all year groups as well as aspects being covered through form time, assemblies and in curriculum areas.

Year 7 Teaching Allocation

Subject	English	Maths	Science	Geography	History	Communication	PA	Art	PD	MFL	RE	Computing	PE	PSHCE
Lessons (Fortnight)	4	4	4	2	2	1	1	1	2	3	1	2	2	1

The communication lessons have been designed to offer opportunities for students to learn through talk. Through debating, discussing and deliberating over ideas students are cognitively stretched and challenged to formulate their own opinions and come to shared decisions. Moreover, it is also fundamental to supporting the development of reading and writing skills. Through debating, discussing and deliberating over ideas students are cognitively stretched and challenged.

Year 8 Teaching Allocation

Subject	English	Maths	Science	Geography	History	Computing	PA	Art	PD	MFL	RE	PE
Lessons (Fortnight)	4	4	4	3	3	1	2	1	2	3	1	2

Year 9, 10 and 11

Students select options to study leading to qualifications to meet individual abilities and needs, including GCSE and vocational qualifications. Students also have access to studying for a wider curriculum offer of alternative certification alongside their GCSE subjects. For example a student taking BTEC Sport will also undertake a sports leader qualification, a first aid qualification and can apply to take the Duke of Edinburgh qualification. (This is new this academic year)

Year 9 Teaching Allocation

Pathway 1 EBACC pathway

Subject	English	Maths	Science	RE	Geography	History	MFL	Cg	Art	PD	PE	Option Subject 1	Option Subject 2
Lessons	5	5	5	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	3

Pathway 2

Subject	English	Maths	Science	RE	Geography	History	Cg	Art	PD	PE	Option Subject 1	Option Subject 2
Lessons	5	5	5	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	3

Pathway 1 is the EBACC pathway and students are encouraged to, (though not forced to) and given guidance around, the importance of taking the EBACC suite of qualifications including triple science and a language. Pathway 2 students must take the core subjects and choose one of history or geography and can opt to take a language plus one other option of their choice including a language. Student's option 1 and 2 choices will be certificated at the end of year 10.

Year 10 Teaching Allocation

Subject	English	Maths	Science	RE	PE	Option Subject 1	Option Subject 2	Option Subject 3	Option Subject 4
Lessons	5	5	5	1	1	4	3	3	3

Those students who have chosen to take EBACC subjects will study Spanish and at least one humanities subject in their option blocks as well as complete their other 2 options.

Those who have chosen not to study a language will study at least one humanities subject. Students will certificate in their option 1 and 2 subjects only at the end of Year 10. (Basket 3 subjects only)

Year 11 Teaching Allocation

Subject	English	Maths	Science	RE	PE	Option Subject 3	Option Subject 4	Option Subject 5
Lessons	5	5	5	1	2	3	3	6

Those students who have chosen to take EBACC subjects will study Spanish and at least one humanities subject as well as take a 1 year option.

Those who have chosen not to study a language will study at least one humanities subject and 2 other option choices.

Appleton Academy has moved to a curriculum model that leads to students certificating two qualifications by the end of Year 10.

New Options Process

In each year, students must study the Core subjects and opt to study four option qualifications by the end of year 11 as outlined in the options booklet.

Core Subjects

- English Language and English Literature
- Mathematics
- Physical Education
- Religious Education– examination for some
- Science

Additional Subjects

Students choose two additional examination subjects.

Subjects currently offered are:

Basket 1	Exam board	Basket 2	Exam board	Basket 3	Exam board
GCSE English Lang	AQA	GCSE Triple Science	AQA	iMedia	OCR
GCSE English Lit	Pearson	GCSE Combined Science	AQA	BTEC Creative Media Production	PEARSON
GCSE Maths	Pearson	GCSE Spanish	AQA	BTEC Performing Arts Dance	PEARSON
		GCSE in own language	AQA	BTEC Performing Arts Drama	PEARSON
		GCSE History	AQA	BTEC Sport	PEARSON
		GCSE Geography	AQA	BTEC Health and Social Care	PEARSON
				GCSE Photography	EDUQAS
				GCSE Product Design	AQA
				GCSE Hospitality & Catering	EDUQAS
				GCSE RE	AQA
				GCSE Art	EDUQAS
				BTEC Child Development	PEARSON
				GCSE Media Studies	AQA