



Wade Deacon High School

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Curriculum Policy 2016-17



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Policy & Procedure Number:

Date of Governing Body Review:

Next Review Due: July 2017

School Link: Mr A. McKeegan

The Curriculum at Wade Deacon High School:

Wade Deacon High School is committed to providing a broad and balanced curriculum for its pupils to:

- provide the core skills, knowledge and understanding that are required for the 21st century
- to provide every child, regardless of social background, with the opportunity to succeed
- to provide a firm foundation for further education, employment or training

The curriculum is reviewed every year to ensure that the school offers high quality provision for all pupils. Specific detail re: content and objectives can be found in the plans for each subject area which are produced and delivered by all subject teams and reviewed each year.

Year 7 and 8 is known as the Foundation years, KS4 starts in Year 9 until the end of Year 11. In Year 9 pupils develop key skills, knowledge and understanding in their GCSE subjects to support the transition between Foundation and KS4. During Years 10 and 11 pupils further develop their understanding, master skills and prepare for their final examinations at the end of year 11.

Pathways:

The curriculum model is split into two pathways in the foundation years: English baccalaureate (EBACC) and Success, a third pathway, Creative, is introduced at KS4. The three pathways provide different curriculum diets depending on the needs of the pupils, their progress and their prior and current attainment levels. Pupils are able to move between the pathways for their core subjects and access a wide range of option subjects that are appropriate at KS4. The two different pathways at foundation provide pupils with a curriculum diet that develops their skills, knowledge and understanding to fully prepare them for their futures and allows the correct pathway at KS4 to be identified.

Pupil groups:

Pupils are placed into groups when they arrive in year 7 based on a wide variety of information including KS2 test scores in reading, writing and Maths, Cognitive ability tests (CATS), KS2 teacher assessments, numeracy and reading ages as well as a broad range of pastoral information collected through our transition programme with primary schools. The groups are regularly reviewed during the first term to ensure that pupils are placed in the most appropriate place. After each round of P2S, and especially at the end of each year, changes to which group pupils are in may be made. Any changes are considered very

carefully and any decision is based on a wide variety of factors such as prior and current attainment, progress, Attitude to Learning (AtL) and Behaviour, group dynamics as well changes to the curriculum model across school.

Bands:

For timetabling reasons we split each year group into three bands in year 7 and 8: Yellow, Green and Purple. Pupils following the EBACC pathway, the yellow and green band, are placed into parallel sets. This supports the school drive to raise aspirations as well as enabling the school to provide a broad and balanced curriculum to each year group and minimise split classes.

Foundation Curriculum:

The Foundation Curriculum covers Years 7 and 8. Strong links with Primary School partners provide a smooth transition of curriculum knowledge and skills into Y7. There is a comprehensive transition process in place to support pupils with the move from Y6 into year Y7.

The Foundation Curriculum is designed to build up the knowledge, skills and understanding in preparation for the KS4 courses to ensure that pupils become independent learners who achieve highly.

From year 7, pupils access two different pathways based on their prior attainment and the results of CAT tests that are carried out within the first few weeks of Y7. Those pupils who enter Y7 with below average literacy and numeracy skills follow the Success pathway. The majority of the curriculum provision per week is focussed on these key skills to bring them up to a level where they can access the mainstream curriculum. They are taught a thematic curriculum that includes literacy, numeracy, History, Geography and an awareness of French. If a child makes enough progress, then they are placed in mainstream groups for English and Mathematics.

English and Mathematics, throughout both key stages, are given high priority to ensure that literacy and numeracy skills are high. Some pupils receive additional time for Numeracy and Literacy instead of studying French; some pupils receive additional time for Literacy and Numeracy whilst still studying a reduced amount of French.

KS4: Year 11 (Legacy Curriculum to be phased out and replaced as detailed further in the document)

Pupils are offered a broad range of option subjects at the end of Year 8. Depending on the pathway pupils follow they are provided with option choices that best suit their needs. The core curriculum consists of Maths, English, Science, PE, and a Language (for the majority of pupils). Pupils, in Year 9, following the EBACC pathway have three option choices; one of which is either History or Geography. Some pupils follow a slight variation of this pathway and have three option choices and are supported with additional time for Maths, English and Science instead of studying a Language. Success pathway pupils follow a core curriculum of English, Maths, Science and PE, however we tailor the remaining curriculum time to support their Literacy and Numeracy skills as well as developing key life and work skills to fully prepare them for future employment.

In Science pupils will study either the Separate Science courses of Biology, Chemistry and Physics or the core and additional science courses. Most pupils will study GCSE PE. However, the PE curriculum is carefully personalised to suit pupils' strengths. Those pupils who find sport challenging may be entered for OCR Sport (equivalent GCSE) as this course is more suited to those pupils who are academic but their attributes do not lie in physical activity. Other pupils will study BTEC Dance.

KS4: Years 9-11 (Amended Curriculum from September 2015)

Pupils are offered a broad range of option subjects at the end of Year 8. Depending on the pathway pupils follow they are provided with option choices that best suit their needs. The core curriculum consists of Maths, English, Science, PE, and a Language (for the majority of pupils). Pupils, in Year 9, following the EBACC pathway have three option choices; one of which is either History, Geography or Separate Science. Pupils following the Creative pathway have three option choices and are supported with additional time for Maths, English and Science instead of studying a Language. Success pathway pupils follow a core curriculum of English, Maths, Science and PE, however we tailor the remaining curriculum time to support their Literacy and Numeracy skills as well as developing key life and work skills to fully prepare them for future employment.

In Science pupils will study either the separates Science course of Biology, Chemistry and Physics or the core and additional Science courses. Only pupils who choose Separate Science as an option will study Biology, Chemistry and Physics as distinct GCSEs. Most pupils will study GCSE PE. However, the PE curriculum is carefully personalised to suit pupils' strengths. Those pupils who find sport challenging may be entered for OCR Cambridge National in Sport Science (equivalent GCSEs) as this course is more suited to those pupils who are academic but their attributes do not lie in physical activity. Other pupils will study BTEC Dance.

The options available are chosen from the following GCSEs: **Drama, Music, Spanish, Art, Business Studies, Computing, ICT, Design and Technology, Food Technology (which may involve Catering), Creative I Media.**

As outlined with the options booklet, courses will only run when group sizes are viable however four preferences are requested on the options form to cater for this situation.

Those pupils who are in Pathway 3 (Success Pathway) will follow a personalised course that may include any of the following:

- Creative I Media course (to achieve an equivalent GCSE qualification and build on life and work place skills).
- Literacy and numeracy qualifications (equivalent to GCSE).
- Humanities equivalent GCSE course.
- English GCSE or entry level English.
- Mathematics GCSE.
- Science GCSE.
- ICT GCSE (or equivalent).
- Physical Education (either GCSE PE or Cambridge National Sport Science or BTEC Dance)
- Two GCSE options from: **Drama, Art, Business Studies, Design and Technology, Food Technology, Music.**
- A vocational college course.

NB – The EBacc pathway is a name for the option pathway that contain the subjects contained within the EBacc. Depending on the choice of KS4 options a pupil may not necessarily qualify as part of the EBacc performance measures.

Compulsory Non-Exam Courses all key stages:

PSHE is taught through discreet lessons and is part of the SMSC Curriculum.

Citizenship and Enterprise, spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development is delivered throughout the SMSC and main school curriculum and also through SMSC days throughout the year where the timetable is collapsed. Spiritual and moral development of pupils is especially delivered through the Humanities (History and Geography) curriculum, assemblies, thought for the day/week, SMSC Lessons and SMSC days.

The school provides many cultural experiences for pupils through links with other schools both in Britain and internationally.

Our Career provision is delivered through the curriculum and across the curriculum through our Citizenship and Enterprise days as well as our career events and work experience weeks.

Foundation stage: Year 7 2016-17

EBacc Pathway

Subject	English	Maths	Music	Science	Design and Technology	Religious studies	Computing	MFL	Drama	PE	Geography	History	Art	Total
Lessons over 2 weeks	8	7	1	8	2	1	2	6	1	4	4	4	2	50
% of curriculum	16%	14%	2%	16%	4%	2%	4%	12%	2%	8%	8%	8%	4%	100%

Success Pathway

Subject	English + Drama	Literacy based Geography	Literacy based History	Maths	Religious Studies	Science	Design + Technology	Computing	PE	Music	Art	Total
Lessons over 2 weeks	15	4	4	7	1	8	2	2	4	1	2	50
% of Curriculum	30%	8%	8%	14%	2%	16%	4%	4%	8%	2%	4%	100%

Foundation stage: Year 8 2016 – 17

EBacc Pathway

Subject	English	Maths	Science	Design + Technology	Religious Studies	Computing	MFL	PE	Drama	Music	Geography	History	Art	Total
Lessons over 2 weeks	7	8	8	2	1	2	6	4	1	1	4	4	2	50
% of Curriculum	14%	16%	16%	4%	2%	4%	12%	8%	2%	2%	8%	8%	4%	100%

Success Pathway

Subject	English + Drama	Literacy based Geography	Literacy based History	Maths	Religious Studies	Science	Design + Music Technology	Computing	PE	Art	Music	Total
Lessons over 2 weeks	14	4	4	8	1	8	2	2	4	2	1	50
% of Curriculum	28%	8%	8%	16%	2%	16%	4%	4%	8%	4%	2%	100%

Year 9 2016 – 17

EBacc Pathway

Subject	English	Maths	Science	Languages	PE	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Total
Lessons over 2 weeks	8	8	9	5	5	5	5	5	50
% of Curriculum	16%	16%	18%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	100%

Creative Pathway

Subject	English	Maths	Science	PE	Humanities	Option 2	Option 3	Total
Lessons over 2 weeks	10	10	10	5	5	5	5	50
% of Curriculum	20%	20%	20%	10%	10%	10%	10%	100%

Success Pathway

Subject	English	Maths	Science	PE	Life Skills/ Work Related Learning	Option 2	Option 3	Total
Lessons over 2 weeks	10	10	10	5	5	5	5	50
% of Curriculum	20%	20%	20%	10%	10%	10%	10%	100%

Year 10 2016 – 17

EBacc Pathway

Subject	English	Maths	Science	Languages	PE	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Total
Lessons over 2 weeks	8	8	9	6	4	5	5	5	50
% of Curriculum	16%	16%	18%	12%	8%	10%	10%	10%	100%

Creative Pathway

Subject	English	Maths	Science	PE	Humanities	Option 2	Option 3	Total
Lessons over 2 weeks	10	10	11	4	5	5	5	50
% of Curriculum	20%	20%	22%	8%	10%	10%	10%	100%

Success Pathway

Subject	English	Maths	Science	PE	Life Skills/ Work Related Learning	Option 2	Option 3	Total
Lessons over 2 weeks	10	10	11	4	5	5	5	50
% of Curriculum	20%	20%	22%	8%	10%	10%	10%	100%

Year 11 2016 – 17

EBacc Pathway

Subject	English	Maths	Science	Languages	PE	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Total
Lessons over 2 weeks	8	8	9	6	4	5	5	5	50
% of Curriculum	16%	16%	18%	12%	8%	10%	10%	10%	100%

Creative Pathway

Subject	English	Maths	Science	PE	Humanities	Option 2	Option 3	Total
Lessons over 2 weeks	10	10	11	4	5	5	5	50
% of Curriculum	20%	20%	22%	8%	10%	10%	10%	100%

Success Pathway

Subject	English	Maths	Science	PE	Life Skills/ Work Related Learning	Option 2	Option 3	Total
Lessons over 2 weeks	11	11	9	4	5	5	5	50
% of Curriculum	22%	22%	18%	8%	10%	10%	10%	100%

Y8: Key Stage 4 Courses 2016-2019

Baccalaureate pathway

Name:		Tutor Group:	
English Set:	KS4 MEG:	Maths Set:	KS4 MEG:

The Baccalaureate pathway is named after the subjects available in the English Baccalaureate (EBacc) suite of subjects. In order to fulfil the criteria for the Ebacc pupils will need to achieve Grade 5 in English, Mathematics, Modern Foreign Language, History or Geography and two Science qualifications.

Compulsory courses		Compulsory non examinable courses
English and English Literature	Combined Science	Personal, Social, Health, Economic & Religious Education Careers
Mathematics	Or	
French	Separate Sciences (chosen from box below)	
Physical Education		

Option Pool 1

Select ONE of the following and write it in the space below:

Geography	OR	History
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Please write down your option 1 choice:

Option Pool 2

From this option pool, your child will study TWO of the following options. Please indicate 2 choices in order of preference and a RESERVE choice

Art Business Computer Science Drama Design and Technology Food Technology Geography History * Separate Sciences

* Spanish * Statistics * Music

1st Preference:..... 2nd Preference:..... Reserve Preference:.....

Pupils will be guided towards the most appropriate option based on their MEGS, their progress and current attainment and our professional judgement. Be aware that courses will only run if there is a viable number opting for that particular subject. Some subjects have a maximum number of places available. Please refer to the options booklet for any subject specific requirements. Due to the nature of these courses, pupils will be guided to the most appropriate option according to their attainment and progress and professional judgement.*

FINAL DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF OPTIONS FORM TO YOUR PERSONAL TUTOR IS 29th February 2016

Y8: Key Stage 4 Courses 2016-2019

Creative Pathway

Name:

Tutor Group:

English Set:

KS4 MEG:

Maths Set:

KS4 MEG:

Compulsory courses

English and English Literature

Combined Science

Mathematics

Physical Education

Compulsory non examinable courses

Personal, Social, Health, Economic & Religious Education

Careers

Option Pool 1

Select ONE of the following and write it in the space below:

Geography

OR

History

Please write down your option 1 choice:

Option Pool 2

From this option pool, your child will study TWO of the following options. Please indicate 2 choices in order of preference and a **RESERVE** choice

Art Design studies Drama Food Technology * Music * iMedia

1st Preference:..... 2nd Preference:..... RESERVE Preference:.....

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Y8: Key Stage 4 Courses 2016-2019

Success pathway

Name:		Tutor Group:	
English Set:	KS4 MEG:	Maths Set:	KS4 MEG:

Compulsory Courses		Compulsory non examinable courses
English and English Literature	Combined Science	Personal, Social, Health, Economic & Religious Education
Mathematics	Physical Education	Careers
		Personal and Social Development with Work Related Learning

Option Pool

From this option pool, your child will study **TWO** of the following options. Please indicate 2 choices in order of preference and a RESERVE choice

Art Design studies Drama Food Technology * Music iMedia

1st Preference:..... 2nd Preference:..... RESERVE Preference:.....

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