

Curriculum Overview

ACADEMIC YEAR 2017 - 2018

Ash Hill Academy provides education for students aged from 11-19 years and is firmly committed to the principle of providing a broad and balanced curriculum for all students. The academy aims to provide the highest quality of learning and teaching.

Students at Ash Hill Academy follow a two year Key Stage 3 programme (Years 7 & 8) and a three year Key Stage 4 programme (Years 9, 10 & 11). Students opt and specialise at the end of Year 8 and will choose another option as they go into Year 11.

Key Stage 3

In Key Stage 3, students follow a broad and balanced curriculum including a wide range of subjects: English, Maths, Science, Geography, History, French, Religious Studies/Life, Design & Technology, Performing Arts, Art, ICT and Physical Education. The number of hours studied is detailed in the table below. Students who require further support with literacy will receive specialist assistance instead of studying a French. Students may be re-integrated into French if it is felt that they have made sufficient progress with their literacy skills.

Subject	Number of Hours Year 7	Number of Hours Year 8
English	4	4
Mathematics	4	4
Science	3	3
History	1	2
Geography	2	1
RE/Life	1	1
French	2	2
ICT	1	1
Physical Education	2	2
Art	1	1
Design & Technology	2	2
Performing Arts	2	2
Total number of hours	25	25

During Year 8, students will choose to study from History, Geography and French and will study this subject until the end of Year 11. They will also choose two option subjects which they will study in Years 9 and 10. A further subject will be chosen as students go into Year 11. Where appropriate, students are also given the opportunity to study Triple Science. Students are able to choose subjects from a wide range of academic, technical and creative qualifications.

In order to ensure that students study a curriculum which is bespoke to the individual, we ask students to select their subjects from a list rather than from fixed option blocks. This enables us to provide a Key Stage 4 curriculum which is a "best fit" for each students.

Year 9

Due to the demands of studying both English Language and English Literature, Year 9 sees an increase in time given to English lessons. Students also receive an extra hour of science teaching.

Subject Area	QAN	Qualification	Hours	
English	60152461	WJEC Eduqas Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in English Literature	5	
	60145055	WJEC Eduqas Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in English Language		
Maths	60147003	Pearson Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Mathematics	4	
Science	60008866	AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Biology	4	
	60008891	AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Chemistry		
	6000891X	AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Physics		
	60008921	AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Science A		
	60008854	AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Additional Science		
PE	N/A	Core PE	2	
RE	N/A	Religious Studies/Life	1	
Option Subjects (students choose 3 subjects)				
Art	60180882	AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in Art and Design [Art and Design (Art, craft and design)]	3	
DT	6014533X	NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Food and Cookery (VRQ)		
DT	60146618	NCFE Level 1 Certificate in Food and Cookery (VRQ)		
DT	60145328	NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Engineering Studies (VRQ)		
DT	60145924	NCFE Level 1 Certificate in Engineering Studies (VRQ)		
Health & Social Care	6004780X	OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Certificate in Health and Social Care		
Humanities	60184103	AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in Geography		
Humanities	60180924	Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in History		
ICT & Media	60068310	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Creative Digital Media Production		
ICT & Media	60066271	Pearson Edexcel Level 2 Certificate in Digital Applications		
MFL	60181576	AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in French		
Performing Arts	60304066	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Tech Award in Performing Arts		
PE	60051218	OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Certificate in Sport Science		
Total number of hours				25

Year 10

In Year 10, all students will begin a further option which they will continue to study in Year 11. All option subjects that were started in Year 9, and are non-Ebacc qualifications, will be completed at the end of Year 10. Religious Studies/Life is delivered via immersion days and our tutor programme.

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Maths	60147003	Pearson Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Mathematics	4
Science	60008866	AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Biology	4
	60008891	AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Chemistry	
	6000891X	AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Physics	
	60008921	AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Science A	
	60008854	AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Additional Science	
PE	N/A	Core PE	1
Option Subjects (students choose 3 subjects)			
Art	60180882	AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in Art and Design [Art and Design (Art, craft and design)]	3
DT	6014533X	NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Food and Cookery (VRQ)	
DT	60146618	NCFE Level 1 Certificate in Food and Cookery (VRQ)	
DT	60145328	NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Engineering Studies (VRQ)	
DT	60145924	NCFE Level 1 Certificate in Engineering Studies (VRQ)	
Humanities	60184103	AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in Geography	
Humanities	60180924	Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in History	
ICT	60068310	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Creative Digital Media Production	
ICT	60066271	Pearson Edexcel Level 2 Certificate in Digital Applications	
MFL	60181576	AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in French	
Performing Arts	60304066	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Tech Award in Performing Arts	
PE	60051218	OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Certificate in Sport Science	
Additional Option Subjects			
PE	60051218	OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Certificate in Sport Science	2
Health & Social Care	6004780X	OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Certificate in Health and Social Care	
ICT & Media	60066271	Pearson Edexcel Level 2 Certificate in Digital Applications	
Maths	60310844	Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in Statistics	
Total number of hours			25

Year 11

As two options qualifications are completed at the end of Year 10, this provides the opportunity for students to have a tighter focus on core subjects and enables us to provide a high level of support and intervention, based upon individual students' needs. We recognise the importance of English and maths in providing students excellent opportunities in the Post-16 landscape, so a whole package of support, including support from Subject Directors, one-to-one subject tutors and intervention lessons in English and maths, is employed in order to help each student to achieve the highest possible outcomes in those subjects.

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	60145055	WJEC Eduqas Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in English Language		
Maths	60147003	Pearson Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Mathematics	5	
Science	60008866	AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Biology	9	
	60008891	AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Chemistry		
	6000891X	AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Physics		
	60008921	AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Science A	6	
	60008854	AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Additional Science		
		Intervention English or maths	2	
PE	N/A	Core PE	1	
Option Subjects (Students choose 2)				
Art	60180882	AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in Art and Design [Art and Design (Art, craft and design)]	3	
DT	6014533X	NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Food and Cookery (VRQ)		
DT	60146618	NCFE Level 1 Certificate in Food and Cookery (VRQ)		
Humanities	60184103	AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in Geography		
Humanities	60180924	Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in History		
ICT	60047896	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Information and Creative Technology		
MFL	60181576	AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in French		
Performing Arts	60047859	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Performing Arts		
PE	60051218	OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Certificate in Sport Science		
Total number of hours				25