

Curriculum Statement

At All Saints Academy Dunstable we are committed to achieving the highest possible standard of teaching and learning which we believe is at the heart of individual achievement.

We have high expectations of all our students and encourage them to take responsibility for their learning through engagement in a varied, active and accessible curriculum. The progress of all students is monitored against ambitious targets that build on the strengths of each student.

Students with particular learning needs are suitably supported enabling them to take full advantage of the opportunities offered by the Academy and to succeed in their learning.

Through our links with the University of Bedfordshire, local businesses and other providers we are able to offer a range of visits, work experience and enrichment activities to enhance students' wider learning opportunities.

At Key Stage 3 (Years 7 & 8)

Students are divided into two ability pathways following a broad and balanced curriculum consisting of:

English, Maths, Science, Modern Foreign Language (Spanish & French), History, Geography, Religious Studies, Computing, Physical Education and Creating & Designing subjects. The students experience a range of subjects on a rotational basis in Creating and Designing. The students also have an additional tutorial period for literacy, life skills and PSHE.

At Key Stage 4 (Years 9 - 11)

Students build upon their experience, learning and knowledge from Key Stage 3 and choose their options early in the Spring term of Year 8. Students are guided in their choices to select the best courses suited to their needs and all students will have a pathways interview with senior member of staff.

As well as the core curriculum (Maths, English, Science, RS, Computing and PE) the students will choose from a selection of EBAcc subjects, GCSEs and BTEC subjects on offer.

Students can select two from the following: Dance, Drama, Media, Art, Business Studies, Catering, Health & Social Care, History, Geography, Media, Music, Triple Science, Travel and Tourism, and Physical Education.

The students are taught in three ability pathways and some students will follow a more selective option route consisting of vocational subjects and additional English and Maths.

During Years 10 and 11, all students are given the opportunity for a 1:1 interview on Impartial Advice and Guidance from our partner provider. At the end of Key Stage 4 students will select their pathways into post-16 with the guidance of a senior member of staff.

At Key Stage 5 (Years 12 &13)

In the Sixth Form we encourage our students to be independent learners, and to develop their life skills to be prepared for the transition to Further/ Higher Education, Apprenticeships and the world of work.

We offer a range of Level 3 courses - A level courses and/or a mixture of A level and BTEC courses best suited to students' needs and aspirations. We also offer Level 2 courses and the opportunity to resit English and Maths with a view to preparing these students for the next stage in their careers.

Please see our Sixth Form Pathways booklet for the range of subject choices. We also encourage Work experience and enrichment subjects such as the Extended Project Qualification.

Students are regularly supported in their future aspirations with the opportunity to have a 1:1 interview with a Careers Adviser. The number of young people deciding to join All Saints Academy Sixth Form is increasing and we encourage all students to consider staying on to further their studies.