



## **CURRICULUM OVERVIEW**

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*"It is easier to build strong children, than to repair broken men"*

Frederick Douglass

## **CURRICULUM VISION**

The quality of the curriculum at City Academy is fundamental to ensuring that all our students can achieve their full potential.

The curriculum at City Academy is the heart of the school, underpinning student achievement and progress, whilst also reflecting and influencing the school's wider culture and ethos. We fully believe that our curriculum is more than a set of exam results, it is the development of happy, curious, kind, knowledgeable and successful citizens, who can help shape the world into a better place.

The curriculum at City Academy is effectively designed and implemented and will provide a strong foundation that will enable our teachers to thrive and truly enjoy their work, so they can imbue their students with a lifetime love of their subject and empower students with the tools and skills that they will need to be able to stand shoulder to shoulder with peers from all walks of life, so that they can achieve excellence in whatever pursuit or route they wish to take to fulfil their aspirations.

**At City Academy, we aim for 'Excellence in Everything'; which includes:**

- **Excellence in Teaching**
- **Excellence in Outcomes**

**The curriculum is an integral element in achieving both of these goals.**

## **YEARS 7 – 9 (KEY STAGE 3)**

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In Years 7 – 9, students follow the Key Stage 3 National Curriculum in the following subjects:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- History
- Geography
- Religious Education
- Computer Science
- Modern Foreign Languages
- Art and Design
- Performing Arts/Drama
- Music
- Design and Technology
- Physical Education

Students study four one-hour lessons each of English, Maths and Science, two one-hour lessons each of History and Geography, one hour of Computer Science and one hour of Religious Education per week. Additional to this, students study two hours of Modern Foreign Languages (Spanish) and one hour of Physical Education per week.

With respect to the creative subjects, pupils have:

- One hour of Performing Arts/Music
- One hour of Art
- One hour of Design and Technology

Students also have one hour per week of Personal Development; in which they study age-appropriate issues and learn about life skills/consider future aspirations.

In addition, students have a structured Form Period for 25-minutes everyday in which they carry out guided reading of an age-appropriate text, a numeracy programme, and build their vocabulary with a Word of the Week. These programmes are designed to support students in their literacy and numeracy skills, which can then be transferred across the suite of subjects they study.

During Year 9, students have the opportunity to choose their GCSE Options; the subjects they will study in addition to the compulsory study of English (Literature and Language), Mathematics and Science.

# YEARS 10 AND 11 (KEY STAGE 4)

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In Years 10 and 11, students study GCSE Courses in the following areas:

- English Literature
- English Language
- Mathematics
- GCSE Combined Science or GCSE Triple Science (an option that provides **three GCSEs**, one each in Biology, Chemistry and Physics)
- History or Geography

In addition, students will engage in statutory studies in Core PE and Personal Development.

Students will also have selected one subject from the following option blocks:

## Option A

- GCSE Art and Design: Fine Art
- GCSE Art and Design: 3D Design
- OCR Health and Social Care
- GCSE Computer Science
- GCSE Religious Studies
- GCSE Spanish
- BTEC Business and Enterprise
- Triple Science (GCSE Biology, Chemistry and Physics)

## Option B

- GCSE RE
- GCSE Spanish
- BTEC Business and Enterprise
- GCSE Religious Studies
- BTEC Performing Arts
- BTEC Music and Technology
- OCR Sports Studies
- BTEC Hospitality and Catering
- Triple Science (GCSE Biology, Chemistry and Physics)

Below is a list of the different subjects studied in Years 10 and 11, along with Qualification Numbers/QAN Codes and exam boards for each subject.



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Subject Name	Qualification Number QAN Code	Exam Board
English Literature	60144476	AQA
English Language	60142923	AQA
Mathematics	60147003	Pearson Edexcel
Combined Science: Trilogy	6018758X	AQA
GCSE Biology	60187529	AQA
GCSE Chemistry	60187578	AQA
GCSE Physics	60187517	AQA
History	60182179	AQA
Geography	60182246	AQA
Computer Science	6018355X	OCR
Art and Design: Fine Art	60180699	AQA
Art and Design: 3D Design	60180882	AQA
Performing Arts	60304066	Pearson Edexcel
Music and Technology	60329737	Pearson Edexcel
Spanish	60187104	Pearson Edexcel
Business and Enterprise	60319161	Pearson Edexcel
Hospitality and Catering	60177032	WJEC
Health and Social Care	6004780X	OCR
Sports Studies	60051231	OCR

Every student in Years 10 and 11 at City Academy has five one-hour lessons a week of English, Science and four one-hour lessons of Mathematics.

Additionally, each student has three one hour lessons a week in either History or Geography, depending on which option they select at the end of Year 9.

Students also have three one-hour lessons a week of their Option A and Option B subjects, again depending on the subjects they select at the end of Year 9.

Finally, all students have one hour a week of PD and one hour a week in Core PE.