

# Beths Grammar School Curriculum Policy 2022-23

#### Aims

- 1. The aim of the curriculum policy at Beths Grammar School is to promote the individual intellectual and personal growth of each student to enable them to make the most of the opportunities offered in their life. Students should approach new learning with confidence, work well in a variety of contexts whilst taking responsibility for their own learning and be able to evaluate their progress.
- 2. This personalised curriculum is intended to provide breadth, balance and relevance to high ability students. It should deliver progression in understanding, knowledge and skills where the students encounter a variety of teaching and learning styles and have their individual needs met. This should result in enabling students to develop flexibility to adapt successfully to the demands of a rapidly changing society.
- 3. The curriculum aims to promote equality of opportunity and respect for differing cultural and socio-economic backgrounds of all students and staff.
- 4. The curriculum meets the requirements of the National Curriculum and takes into account recent Government initiatives. It is expected that the curriculum will be used to encourage further refinement of a student's literary and numerical skills with reinforcement from all areas. Beths Grammar School was designated both a Technology and a Language College and the curriculum reflects this former Specialist School Status.

## *Implementation*

5. **At Key Stage 3**, the curriculum provision is broad and balanced. Students study a range of subjects including:

English Mathematics Science

Art Computing Design & Technology

Drama French Geography
German History Italian
Latin Mandarin Music

PE & Games PHSCE Religious Studies

Spanish

- 6. In Year 7, students are allocated either French, Mandarin or Spanish. .
- 7. Alongside the Academic Curriculum, a Pastoral Curriculum is delivered with areas of coverage including citizenship, careers, sex education and health education.
- 8. **At Key Stage 4,** the initial stage of the 14-19 Curriculum is begun. Beths Grammar School has recognised the importance of the Ebacc in providing a foundation of learning. To this end we will continue to strongly encourage both a Modern Foreign Language and either History or Geography to be studied up to GCSE level.

#### **Compulsory Core:**

English (Literature and Language) Mathematics Separate Sciences: Biology, Chemistry, Physics Games

9. Students select four courses from the list below:

Art & Design Business Computing Design & Technology Drama Economics Electronics French Geography German History Italian Latin Mandarin Music PE Studies Photography **Religious Studies** Sociology Spanish **Statistics** 

10. Further to satisfying the requirements of the initial stages of the 14-19 Curriculum, Beths Grammar School has the responsibility of determining the nature of the provision and opportunities to acquire work-related learning that each student will be given. This role is pivotal in ensuring that work-related learning can take place across the curriculum with all subjects providing opportunities and contexts to meet the nine key elements. A two-week period of work experience in Year 11 during the Autumn Term embeds such skills in the context of the workplace and an Employability & Skills Day run by Kent EBP provides information regarding the pathways available to post-16 students.

Finally, in Year 12, a week of Internship is organised through Kent EBP for students to experience a placement more-suited to their chosen career-path.

11. **At Key Stage 5**, in the latter stages of the 14-19 Curriculum, the combination of subjects available to students at Beths Grammar School is vast. The current range of subjects are:

Art & Design Biology **Business Studies** Classical Civilisation Chemistry Chinese Mandarin DT: Graphics DT: Product Design Computing Drama & Theatre Studies **Economics Electronics English Literature** Film Studies French **Further Mathematics** Geography German **Government & Politics** History Law Mathematics Music Music Technology

PE Studies Philosophy Photography
Physics Psychology Religious Studies

Sociology Spanish

It is expected that a student will start at least three of the above subjects in Year 12 and students will then continue their chosen subjects to A Level in Year 13. Those for Mathematics with Further Mathematics must do four subjects. Careers Guidance and UCAS preparation is provided within the PHSCE programme.

- 12. The courses available to students at the beginning of Year 12 will depend upon prospective uptake and the school may withdraw a course if projected numbers make it unviable to run.
- 13. All subject tutors are encouraged to be aware and be ready to prepare students for University Entrance tests in addition to the subject requirements.

#### **Examination Details**

14. Details of all subjects and enrichment activities offered to students appear in the Options Booklet relevant to their respective year.

## **Additional Opportunities**

- 15. The School recognises and values the importance of learning modern foreign languages and will support opportunities for students who are native speakers in a European or Community language to sit a GCSE or A level examination in that language providing they are able to demonstrate a minimum level of competence.
- 16. Whilst the practice of extensive early entry of students for GCSE and A Levels does not now happen, the School recognises the importance of students being able to be entered for such examinations when they are ready. It may therefore be the case that an early entry of a student or students into a public examination can be made.

# Monitoring

17. The design of the curriculum is the responsibility of the Headteacher and the Curriculum Manager together with the Senior Leadership Team. Its implementation is the responsibility of subject and cross-curricular leaders. Curriculum provision is monitored and evaluated on an annual basis so as to ensure policies are put into practice, all students receive their curriculum entitlement and all students are achieving high standards. Subject leaders are responsible for conducting an annual review of their curriculum area which is included in their public examination report. Where a significant change to the curriculum is proposed, this will be reported to the Governing Body — usually through the Students Committee.

#### **Related Documentation:**

- Behaviour, reward and support policy
- Equality policy
- Individual educational needs policy
- Sex and relationship education policy
- Teaching and learning policy.

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