

THE HERMITAGE SCHOOL

Curriculum Policy

Purpose

All students are entitled to have access to a broad, balanced curriculum to prepare them for their examinations and to equip them with the skills necessary for the future.

Guidelines

- Any reference to the curriculum takes account of both the formal and informal curriculum.
- The curriculum will ensure equality of opportunity for every student.
- Design of the curriculum will be taken into consideration behind our status as a specialist Applied Learning Technology College.
- Any curriculum will meet statutory guidelines.
- Students will have access to options which encourage a broad choice and will have access to appropriate advice.
- The curriculum within each Department/Area will provide opportunities for the development of personal learning and thinking skills.
- Curriculum opportunities will be provided to cater for the wide range of learning styles preferred by our students.

Procedures

- The Hermitage implements all legal requirements for the curriculum.
- Each Department/Area has the opportunity to discuss and develop the curriculum.
- Each student is given the opportunity to discuss Pathway choices with subject teachers, form tutors, COLs, parents or career advisors.
- Each student is encouraged and advised to study a broad range of subjects and to take advantage of all the opportunities provided both in and out of school.
- The curriculum will undergo regular review with regard to the opportunities offered for students within KS3 and 14-19 learning.
- Careful consultation with primary colleagues in the transitional process will ensure appropriate challenge and opportunity for all students.

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