

CURRICULUM and EXTRA-CURRICULAR

COLLEGE CURRICULUM

We provide a broad, balanced and differentiated curriculum appropriate to the needs of individual students. The curriculum is designed around national guidelines with curriculum enrichment opportunities.

The Curriculum for all students takes account of the National Curriculum which consists of ten subjects. There are three core subjects: English, Mathematics and Science; and nine foundation subjects: Design & Technology, Music, Art, ICT, History, Geography, Physical Education, Citizenship and a Modern Foreign Language. An option programme in Key Stage 4 leads to a variety of GCSE and vocational qualifications. Additionally, there are a number of special curriculum days to cover the key elements of Enterprise and Personal, Health and Social Education, when the normal timetable is suspended.

KEY STAGE 3

During their first year at Ercall Wood Technology College (Year 7), most students are taught in mixed ability tutor groups but arrangements are made on the timetable for some setting of students in Mathematics. Students who need extra support with literacy and learning may be withdrawn from some lessons. Most commonly this will occur during English and Modern Foreign Language lessons. Also, in Years 8 & 9 we deliver “learning to learn” lessons, whereby students are introduced to different ways of learning and the skills needed to apply them across all subjects.

All National Curriculum subjects are taught in Years 7-9. German is our chosen Modern Foreign Language. In Year 7 all students follow a basic skills course within their English lessons which develops literacy skills. This course is setted after the first half-term to enable pupils with lower skill levels to be given more specialist help. Students with good literacy skills are identified and their skills stretched and developed in accordance with the Gifted and Talented policy.

KEY STAGE 4

All students in Years 10 & 11 study English Language, and most study English Literature. The curriculum also offers Mathematics, Science, Design and Technology, Physical Education and Information Technology. Students then select a further four GCSE subjects from German, IT, triple Science, History, Geography, RE, Art, Music, Dance, Child Development, Urdu and Physical Education. They also have the opportunity to do a vocational double award in Business.

A significant number of students spend time working on courses at local FE colleges and work-based training providers. Detailed information on Key Stage 4 courses and the option system is produced in the 'Options Booklet' which is issued to students and parents in the Spring Term of Year 9.

All students in Year 10 are involved in a mentoring system with local industrialists and undertake a one week work experience placement in the summer term.

There is a comprehensive careers education programme which begins in Year 7 and extends through Years 10 and 11.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Extra curricular activities include: a wide variety of sports teams, music clubs, drama, outdoor education, Duke of Edinburgh award, computer and chess clubs, foreign language visits, skiing and cultural exchanges to France, Germany, Italy and the USA.

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EXTRA-CURRICULAR (continued)

Structured activities include:

Homework Club – open to all students every day from 3.15 – 4.15 pm

RE Coursework Workshops - Tuesdays and Thursdays after school from 3-15pm to 4pm.

Duke of Edinburgh's Scheme – Wednesdays from 3.30pm to 5.00pm.

ASDAN Silver Award Group (run by Connexions for Youth) – Wednesdays from 3.30pm – 4.30pm.

Recorder Group (Years 7 and 8) - Monday Lunchtime

Band (wind, brass and strings) - Tuesday after School

Choir - Wednesday after School

Theory Club - Thursday Lunchtime and Tuesday after school

Senior Choir - Friday Lunchtime

D&T club - Thursdays from 3.15pm to 4.15pm

IT Club – every lunchtime

PE after-school clubs:

Netball (girls)

Football

Rugby

Basketball

Cricket

Rounders (girls)

Volleyball

Athletics

PE lunchtime clubs:

Badminton

Tennis

SSCO-led courses:

Cheer Leading - Wednesdays from 3.15pm.

Multi Skills - lunchtimes.

Active Girls/Boys - Mondays from 3.15pm.

Boogie Bounce – Tuesdays from 3.15pm