

Spalding High School Curriculum

Students who join our Sixth Form in Year 12 can choose to study the following:

- Three A Levels (*or equivalent) **or**
- Three A Levels and Core Mathematics (optional) **or**
- Four A Levels in agreement with the Sixth Form Team (university courses only require three A Levels)

We offer the following subjects at A Level (*or equivalent):

Art & Design : Fine Art	English Literature	Music
Biology	Food Science & Nutrition*	Photography
Business	French	Physical Education
Chemistry	Further Mathematics	Physics
Classical Civilisation	Geography	Psychology
Criminology (new for 2019)*	History	Religious Studies
Drama & Theatre Studies	Information Technology*	Sociology
DT: Fashion & Textiles	Latin	Spanish
DT: Product Design	Law (new for 2019)	
English Language	Mathematics	

Where subjects attract too few applicants, or if particular subject combinations are not possible to timetable, we will contact individuals affected as soon as possible after the application deadline to discuss their options.

All students will follow our enrichment programme which is made up of mandatory and optional elements.

Mandatory Enrichment Activities	Optional Enrichment Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Careers Education • MOOCs • Mindset Awareness • Personal Development Programme • Physical Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core Mathematics • Sixth Form Positions of Responsibility • Duke of Edinburgh Award • NCS • Work experience • Working with younger students • Sixth Form Committees • Charity Events • School & Staff Choir • Career Talks • Drama & Music productions • Sporting Opportunities • Art exhibition/shop/displays

The benefits of our enrichment programme are:

- ♦ Students learn to work independently, be resilient, problem solve and work on their own initiative
- ♦ Students develop transferable skills by trying new experiences. Many of these will enhance employability prospects
- ♦ Students develop a flexible way to learn and study topics and subjects that interest them.

CAREERS EDUCATION

In careers lessons students will investigate:

- ♦ Potential future careers
- ♦ Find out about and prepare for post A Level progression routes
- ♦ Develop employability skills.

ONLINE COURSES (MOOCs)

Students will have one lesson per fortnight for them to enrol and take part in a MOOC (Massive Open Online Course). MOOCs give students the opportunity to build upon their knowledge of a special interest subject and enhance their personal statement or CV with wider reading. Prospective universities or employers will notice commitment to Continuing Professional Development. Students can take part in as many MOOCs as they wish.

MINDSET

Students will have one lesson per fortnight of Mindset Awareness. This programme aims to put students in the strongest possible position to be successful in the sixth form.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT (PD)

Students will take part in one lesson per fortnight of PD. Our PD programme has been carefully devised to cover a wide range of topics for sixth form students ranging from drugs awareness, driver safety, organ donation, student finance, mental health, healthy relationships and much more.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Students will have two lessons timetabled per fortnight in which they can take part in sporting activities including use of our fitness suite, trampolining, football, table tennis, tennis, rounders, cricket and bench ball. Students can go off-site and take part in activities such as bowling, badminton or swimming (parental/carer permission must be given and some off-site activities incur a charge).



CORE MATHEMATICS

As an enrichment option it will support the study of A level Psychology, Geography, Biology and Business amongst others. It will also benefit any further study at university and help students to develop a better understanding of personal finances and the application of maths in everyday life.

The qualification will help students retain, deepen and extend their mathematical knowledge and be better prepared for higher education and employment.

Studying Core Mathematics will help students to understand and apply clear mathematical reasoning to real-life problems, analyse and interpret data in various contexts and confidently deal with everyday financial mathematics.

ENTRY CRITERIA

GCSE Grade 5 or above in mathematics, ideal for students who wish to continue studying mathematics but not at A level.

Examinations for this qualification will be held in June 2020. The qualification merits UCAS points equivalent to AS level.