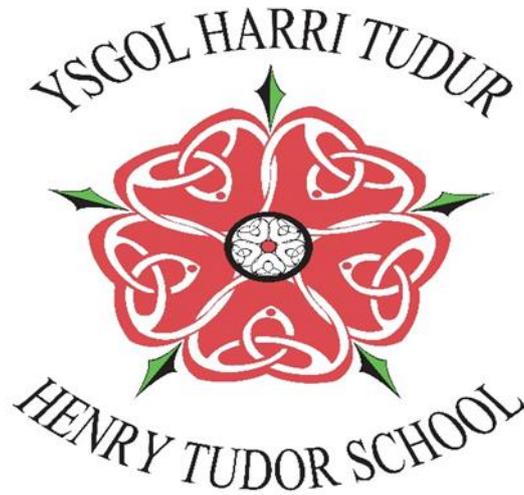


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Henry Tudor School

Curriculum Policy

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Governing Body Curriculum Policy

Policy Overview

The Governing Body aims to provide a broad and balanced curriculum to all students of compulsory school age. The curriculum should be inclusive and offer equality of opportunity.

The Governing Body will have regard to other statutory requirements such as Personal and Social Education, Work Related Education, Curriculum Cymreig and the requirement to deliver PE and RE throughout all key stages.

Appropriate grouping strategies will be employed to ensure, as far as reasonably possible, that work is adequately differentiated and delivered at a level suitable to pupils/students' needs and abilities.

Transition

Information will be gathered from Primary schools about students' aptitudes and abilities to cope with a mainstream curriculum. Those with difficulties may be offered an additional Basic Skills curriculum.

Timetable

The school uses a 49 period, 2 week timetable. Each lesson is of 1 hour duration. Any reference to the number of periods for subjects below refers to the number of periods per fortnight cycle.

Key Stage 3

All national curriculum subjects are delivered as separate subjects. The numbers of lessons for each subject is as follows:

Subject	Number of Periods		
	Year 7	Year 8	
Art	2	3	
Drama	1	2	
English	5	5	
Geography	3	3	
History	3	3	
IT	2	2	
Maths	5	5	
Modern Language	3	3	
Music	2	2	
PE	5	5	
RE	2	2	
Science	5	5	
Technology	4	5	
Welsh	3	3	
Skills	3	0	

The curriculum is delivered in broad ability teaching groups throughout year 7 with the exception of, PE and Technology which are in ability sets and the special groups which cater for the extremes of the ability range. Art, Geography, History, IT, RE & Skills are delivered as part of the Transition Curriculum. Form groups are taught these lessons by a single member of staff over 17 periods. PE groupings are defined following a brief assessment in mixed ability groups at the start of year 7. We have mixed ability vertical mentor groups and teaching sets. In year 8 and 9 there is an increasing use of ability setting and the Transition curriculum continues on a more limited basis in year 8.

Supported S.E.N and Basic Skills Groups

Primary colleagues advise us that some students will not be able to access mainstream teaching materials because of low literacy and non-verbal skills standards. Parents are then consulted about their children joining supported S.E.N and Basic Skills groups. Here the curriculum is modified to create time for these students to receive additional support each day. The modified curriculum is as shown:

KS3 Basic Skills groups	Year 7 SEN	Year 7 Basic Skills	Year 8 SEN	Year 8 Basic skills	
Art	2	2	3	3	
Drama	1	1	1	1	
English	5	5	5	5	
Read Write Inc	5	5	3	3	
Humanities	3	3	8	8	
IT	2	2	2	2	
Maths	5	5	5	5	
Modern Languages	3	3	2	2	
Music	2	2	2	2	
PE	5	5	5	5	
Science	5	5	5	5	
Technology	4	4	5	5	
Vocational courses					
Welsh	3	3	2	2	
Skills	3	3			

Note: Humanities encompasses Geography, History and RE.

Students with minor learning difficulties, including behavioural difficulties, are withdrawn from some lessons to receive additional learning support. Students with acute learning difficulties may be based in support centres for some or all of the timetable, with placement in selected mainstream classes where appropriate.

Key Stage 4

All students in key stage 4 must study the core subjects English, Maths, Science, & Welsh. In addition, all students study 1 hour per week of PE and may additionally opt for GCSE / BTEC Sports Studies. All students study Religious Education, Careers Education and PSE on a rota basis, Careers Education and PSE are now incorporated into the Welsh Baccalaureate qualification.

We have now moved to a 3 year KS4 with 4 option blocks at 4 hours per cycle. This starts in Year 9. Our current Year 10 and Year 11 have 3 options at KS4 at 5 hours per cycle. The exception is those disapplied from the national curriculum because of Special Needs Statements.

It is the schools intention to offer a range of both academic and vocational courses to suit a broad range of aspirations.

	Y10, Y11	Y9
KS4	No of Periods	
English	7	6
RE	1	1
PSE, Careers, Welsh Bacc	3	3
Maths	7	6
Option A	5	4
Option B	5	4
Option C	5	4
Option D		4
PE	2	5
Double Science	9	6
Full course Welsh	4	4

The range of option subjects is agreed by the Governors' School Performance Committee each year. It is not the school's policy to allow subjects to run if numbers are very small: students may be required to make alternative choices.

A limited number of students may be offered an alternative curriculum programme which involves spending part of the week with training providers, subject to cost and availability, to undertake vocational studies.

Some students are unable to engage with study in mainstream school and may be referred to the Behaviour Support Service full time KS4 provision.

Sixth Form

The school offers a range of AS and A level courses including courses delivered at Pembroke College. The options pattern is agreed annually by the Federation Steering Group and reported to the school's Governors.

It is not the school's policy to offer courses if the projected uptake is not viable.

AS level subjects are allocated 9 periods per fortnight.
A Level subjects are allocated 8 periods per fortnight.

In addition to main subjects studied, sixth form students also study for the Welsh Baccalaureate.

Where there is sufficient uptake, re-sit lessons will be offered for GCSE English and Maths.

Additional Learning Needs [ALN]

All matters related to the Additional Learning Needs curriculum are dealt with in the agreed ALN Policy.

More Able and Talented Children

More able and talented children are expected to follow the mainstream curriculum. Setting arrangements will accommodate many of their needs. Additional activities may be arranged as outlined in the School's Policy on More Able and Talented Pupils. More Able & Talented tutor groups now runs in both Year 7 and Year 8.

Disapplication

Pupils with statements of Special Educational Need may be disappplied from some national curriculum subjects. Other students may be temporarily disappplied because of personal circumstances or educational difficulties. This is always done with the agreement of parents.

Complaints about Curriculum

Any complaint should be discussed initially with the Headteacher or their representative. If the complaint cannot be resolved at this level, the School's Complaints Procedure should be followed. Complaints relating to statutory aspects of the curriculum may also be referred to the local authority.