

Curriculum Structure

Advanced Subsidiary qualifications are taken at the end of Year 13.

Subjects running are as follows:

Agriculture (BTEC National Extended Certificate)

Art and Design

Biology

Business Studies

Chemistry

Classical Civilisation

Computing

Construction Single Award (BTEC National Extended Certificate)

Construction Double Award (BTEC National Diploma)

Digital Technology

Economics

Engineering (BTEC National Extended Certificate)

English Literature

Environmental Technology

French

Further Mathematics

Government and Politics

Health & Social Care

History

Mathematics

Media Studies

Music

Nutrition and Food Science

Performing Arts

Physical Education

Physics

Religious Studies

Spanish

All of the above are offered at A2 level.

Progression to Year 14 is normally dependent on satisfactory performance at 'AS' level. Courses are subject to viable numbers and time-table constraints.

Enrichment Programme

Games, Study Time, Careers Education (Careers Diary of Events on the school website). Other enrichment activities will be delivered as single events by members of the teaching staff and outside agencies.



Pastoral Team

Head of Sixth Form

Mr T. McLeister

Head of Year

Mrs C. Simpson

Pastoral and Learning Support

Mrs G. Hallam

Tutors

Mr M. Christie

Mr J. Donnelly / Mrs A. McDonald

Mrs R. Reid / Mrs H. Graham

Mrs G. Douglas

Mrs R. Coulter

Mrs S. Shaw

Miss R. McVea

Teacher in Charge of Pastoral Care and Child Protection

Mr R. Ross

Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection

Dr C. Donnelly

Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator

Mrs C. McNeilly

Parents' Information

Year 13

2024 - 2025

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Term Dates

School Commences

28.08.24

Half Term Holiday

28.10.24 - 01.11.24

Christmas Holiday

23.12.24 - 03.01.25

Half Term Holiday

10.02.25 - 14.02.25

St. Patrick's Day

17.03.25

Easter Holiday

16.04.25 - 25.04.25

May Day Holiday

05.05.25

Last Day of Summer Term

27.06.25

Exceptional Closure days

08.10.24

27.11.24

09.01.25

26.05.25

Weekly Format

Main Assembly

Wednesday (Wk A)

Sixth Form Briefing

Wednesday (Wk B)

Year Assembly

Tuesday / Thursday

Extended Registration / Tutor Group

Friday / Monday

Games

Wednesday Periods 9 and 10

Calendar of Events

Annual Prize Distribution 25.10.24

Carol Service - St. Patrick's Church 18.12.24

Annual School Concert 26.03.25 - 27.03.25

Year 13 September - October

Launch Millennium Volunteers

European Day of Languages

Study Skills Workshops

School Photographs

Election of Sixth Form Committee

Enrolment for Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award

Parents' Information Event

Health and Social Care Placements

Presentation on Work Shadowing Placements

Year 13 November - December

Anti-Bullying Week

iWill Volunteering Week

Health Talks

Christmas Social

Senior Carol Service

Rotary International Youth Leadership Conference

Year 13 January - April

School Examinations

Careers Convention

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme - Practices

Law Conference and Medical Symposium M.C.B

Engineering Conference

Senior CU Weekend

Parents' Consultation Afternoon (invite only)

University Careers Talks and Open Days

Year 13 May - June

Election of Prefects

Oxford - Cambridge Student Conference

Selection of Year 14 Leadership Teams

Presentation of Awards

'AS' Examinations

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Expedition

Timetabled Games Activities

Boys

Rugby / Swimming / Cricket / Tennis

Golf / Weight Training / Football

Volleyball / Fitness Training

Power Walking

Girls

Hockey / Netball / Swimming

Athletics / Tennis / Rounders / Football / Softball /

Volleyball / Basketball

Aerobics / Dance / Fitness Training

Power walking

Co-Curricular Activities

Girls

Hockey / Netball / Badminton / Dance

Boys

Tennis / Rugby / Golf / Cricket / Football

Girls and Boys

Percussion / Strings / Orchestra / Choir

Wind Band / Jazz Band / Chamber Choir

Public Speaking / Hockey / Golf / Tennis

Swimming / Table-tennis / Cross-country

Football / Drama / Athletics / Chess

Aerobics / Young Enterprise / Club Rigolo

Delhi Children's Project / Show Jumping

Young Environmentalists Society / Debating

European Parliament / Christian Union

Walking / Cancer Research Committee

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

Charity Committee / Sentinus Engineering

Senior Mathematics Challenge

Java C# Programming Club