



Bexley Grammar School

## Curriculum Policy

### The Governors' Curriculum Policy Statement

#### Legislation and guidance

This policy reflects the requirements for academies to provide a broad and balanced curriculum as per the [Academies Act 2010](#), and the [National Curriculum programmes of study](#) which we have chosen to follow.

It also reflects requirements for inclusion and equality as set out in the [Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice 2014](#) and [Equality Act 2010](#), and refers to curriculum-related expectations of governing boards set out in the Department for Education's [Governance Handbook](#).

This policy complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

The School's Curriculum is designed to:

- Provide a broad and balanced education for all pupils that's coherently planned and sequenced towards cumulatively sufficient knowledge for skills and future learning and employment
- Enable pupils to develop knowledge, understand concepts and acquire skills
- Support pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development and promote fundamental British values
- Support pupils' physical development and responsibility for their own health, and enable them to be active
- Promote a positive attitude towards learning
- Ensure equal access to learning for all pupils, with high expectations for every pupil and appropriate levels of challenge and support
- Equip pupils with the knowledge and cultural capital they need to succeed in life
- Provide subject choices that support pupils' learning and progression, and enable them to work towards achieving their goals
- Provide a broad curriculum prioritising a strong academic core of subjects, such as those offered in the EBacc
- Develop pupils' independent learning skills, resilience and self regulation
- Prepare pupils for higher education and beyond with a global perspective rooted in our school ethos: **intellect, empathy and courage**.

All students have equal opportunities to the curriculum at all key stages; in specific circumstances, in liaison with parents, an individual student may be disapplied from a given subject in exceptional circumstances, for example, on medical grounds. The curriculum for students with SEND is adapted to their individual needs as required (see SEND Policy).

**Years 7 to 9:** Programmes of study will be provided in line with the National Curriculum in Mathematics, English, Science, a Modern Foreign Language (two from Y8), Physical Education, Drama, Music, Latin, Art, Design and Technology, History, Geography, Religious Studies, Computer Science and PSHCE.

**Years 10 to 11:** Students will work towards 11 GCSEs including, as a minimum, Mathematics, English Language and Literature, three Sciences, two Languages, and a Humanity. They will also undertake courses in RS, PE and PSHCE. Where appropriate this will be supplemented with work beyond the GCSE curriculum.

**Religious Education:** is provided for all pupils in Years 7 to 11.

**Years 12 to 13:** Students will follow the International Baccalaureate Diploma course. In addition, they will be offered sessions/activities in PE and PSHCE.

**Sex Education:** Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) Policy

**Careers Education:** See Careers Policy

**Assessment:** See Assessment Policy

The quality of curriculum intent, implementation and impact is monitored regularly, across subject disciplines. Senior and middle leaders work collaboratively to complete a learning team review of each curriculum area, once every 2 years. Lesson observations, work scrutiny and students/teacher interviews are the key components of learning team reviews. Learning walks and Head of Department led self evaluation work provide further evidence of the quality of curriculum delivery.