



## CURRICULUM POLICY

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Kings Norton Girls' School aims to provide a high-quality education by encouraging students to excel. All students therefore have equal access to a broad, balanced, differentiated and relevant curriculum. At KNGS we recognise that we have a key part to play in promoting community cohesion, the 'Prevent' strategy, British Values and SMSC through our curriculum and in providing the opportunities via teaching and learning. The National Curriculum is taught at both Key Stage 3 and 4. The School is committed to personalising the curriculum and to equipping students with the transferable skills, knowledge and attributes to develop as independent learners.

The curriculum includes both planned, subject focussed curriculum which take place in form time and lessons and the extra-curricular and enrichment activities which take place at other times. This also includes voluntary activities such as sports, art, debating, book clubs and activities to support charity organisations. This offer changes annually dependent on student demand and on staff availability. This is considered a valuable part of the curriculum.

### Key Stage 3

- All students follow the National Curriculum: English, Mathematics, Science, Modern Foreign Languages, Religious Education, Physical Education, Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE), Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Geography, History, Art, Music, Drama, Design Technology and Computer Science.
- For Design Technology, the four disciplines of graphic products, resistant materials, textiles and food preparation and nutrition are taught.
- More able linguists follow a second language in Year 8, others increase their lesson time in French; additional English and maths courses are available for a small number of students alongside French. Work related

learning, careers (CEIAG), citizenship and enterprise education are delivered via the PSHE programme.

- A few subjects such as maths and science begin their GCSE learning during year 9. History, Geography and Computing begin their GCSE or Key Stage 4 learning after summer half term.

#### **Key Stage 4**

- Students continue to follow a broad and balanced curriculum comprising core subjects and options covering entitlement areas. The core comprises: English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Science (Separate or Combined), Modern Foreign Languages, History or Geography, Religious Education, Computing, Physical Education, Citizenship, PSHE, RSE and CEIAG.
- The entitlement areas include the arts, design and technology, humanities and modern foreign languages. Students are able to study a subject in each of these four areas.
- Students also choose from a range of subjects (option subjects) after appropriate advice and guidance. Students will follow an appropriate pathway which matches their abilities, talents and aspirations, preparing them for the next stage of their lives.
- Within the KS4 curriculum there is provision to support students who require additional support in the core subjects. These students will not study a modern foreign language. In addition, a small number of students follow NVQ French during year 10 and a study skills course in year 11.
- The pathway process provides opportunities for almost all students to achieve the English Baccalaureate (English, mathematics, two sciences, a language and either history or geography) and meet the requirements of the progress 8 measures.
- Work related learning, and CEIAG are delivered via the PSHE and work experience programmes.
- Students in year 10 and 11 studying separate sciences study RE through Science and enrichment days.

#### **Key Stage 5**

- Subjects are arranged across 5 option blocks. All students follow an enrichment programme which can include the Extended Project Qualification, and other accredited options, a skills programme, work experience and leadership opportunities.
- To maximise opportunities for students in providing a wide range of option choices, minority subjects may be delivered in partnership with external providers.

#### **Further details of Curriculum offer**

- Further details of the curriculum offer at all stages is made available on the school website

- Curriculum maps showing curriculum intent and progression through each subject is also available via the school website.

### **Curriculum Monitoring & Review**

- The school's curriculum is monitored on a regular basis by the Deputy Headteacher (Curriculum) to ensure that it meets all statutory requirements, the needs of our students and prepares them effectively for work and life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
- Curriculum initiatives are reviewed with middle leaders and senior leadership and the Standards & Curriculum Committee of the Governing Body.
- Enrichment and extra-curricular activities are monitored on a regular basis by the Second in Science. This allows the school to monitor attendance and encourage groups such as vulnerable students to engage in enrichment and extra-curricular activities.

### **OTHER POLICIES & PROCEDURES LINKED TO THE CURRICULUM POLICY**

Teaching and Learning  
 Access Plan (Curriculum)  
 Examinations Policy  
 Relationship and Sex Education  
 Equality  
 SEN & Inclusion

### **Acronyms**

PSHE – Personal, Social and Health Education

RSE – Relationships and Sex Education

CEIAG – careers and enterprise information and guidance

SEND – special education needs and disability