

Curriculum Consultation Event

January 2010

Purposes

- To help parents understand what makes up Key Stage 4
- To listen to feedback about current provision
- To take views about possible future provision

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Key Stage 4 & the National Curriculum

The **statutory subjects** that all pupils must study are:

Citizenship

English

Information and Communication Technology

Mathematics

Physical Education

Science

Personal, social, health and economic education

Religious Education



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Curriculum

Entitlement

At key stage 4 students are entitled to follow a course of study in a subject within each of four entitlement areas.

The entitlement areas are:

Arts (comprising art and design, music, dance, drama and media arts)

Design and Technology

Humanities (comprising geography and history)

Modern Foreign languages



Key Stage 4

Curriculum 2009 - 2011

Core subjects :

English (Language & Literature)	3 hrs
Mathematics	3 hrs
Science (Double Award)	5 hrs
French or German	2 ½ hrs

Statutory Subjects :

Citizenship & PSHE	1 hr
Physical Education	1 hr
Religious Education	1 hr

Option subjects **9 ½ hrs**

Learning Pathways: current 10 GCSE model

Pathway 1

Humanities
2.5

Expressive Arts
2.5

Technology
2.5

Open Choice
2

Pathway 2

Humanities
2.5

Double Award
GCSE
Engineering
5

Open Choice
2

BTEC Pathway

Humanities
2.5

BTEC
First
Diploma
Art & Design
Performing Arts
7

Diploma Pathway

Humanities
2.5

Diploma
Creative & Media
Environmental &
Land based Studies
7

All Pathways include English, Maths, Science, MFL, PSHCE, RE, PE

Learning Pathways: 9 GCSE model

Pathway 1

Humanities or
Technology
3

Humanities or
Expressive Arts
3

Expressive Arts or
Technology
3

BTEC Pathway

Humanities or
Technology
3

BTEC
First
Diploma

Art & Design

Performing Arts
6

Diploma Pathway

Diploma

Creative & Media

Environmental &
Land based Studies

9

Humanities

Geography

History

Religious Studies

Technology

Product Design

Graphics

Engineering (double)

Food Technology

Child Development

Business Studies

Business & Comm's

ICT

Expressive Arts

Art & Design

Dance

Drama

Music

Media Studies

Triple science

Spanish

GCSE PE

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MFL, PSHCE, RE, PE

Points raised by parents: **responses**

- Could there be a chance for some to do 10 GCSEs?

It is unlikely that we could sustain an extra GCSE for students

- Is a Language necessary?

We have taken the decision that an MFL will be a part of the curriculum for all students at Boswells, other than a small number who need extra help with literacy. The reasons for this decision include: the quality of the language teaching we offer, the standards achieved by students and the need for students to see themselves as part of the wider international community

- Is compulsory RE necessary? Yes, it is a statutory requirement

- Would it be possible to do Dance, Drama & Music? No; this combination of subjects does not allow for balance in the programme. Students should consider BTEC Performing Arts if they have this level of interest in these areas

- Would early GCSE entry allowing further Option or early AS level study be possible? This possibility has been arranged on an individual basis in the past; it is unlikely that a complete group in any subject would benefit from early entry and our primary concern would be students achieving the best possible results in each subject.

- Could you run both patterns? No; the choice of pattern would need to apply to all students.

- Could students study their second language instead of their first? No; research shows very clearly that students are significantly more successful in the first language they study.

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