



Curriculum Statement 2020-21: SKS

Curriculum Aims

At Samuel King’s School we have always believed in delivering a balanced curriculum that prepares students to face the academic rigours of GCSE exams at the end of their Year 11 while also developing the wider skills, knowledge and interests that will help to prepare them to face their studies and training at College or Sixth Form at 16+ and set them on course for a successful and fulfilling life beyond.

At Key Stage Three (Years 7-9) we aim to provide a sound foundation in English, Maths and Science as well as a range of other academic subject areas. Our Year 9 curriculum is designed to help them to decide what might be good GCSE options for them in Years 10/11 and so extends this subject range to a number of creative and vocational areas tailored in some instances to local employment opportunities and needs. We are keen that as many students as possible take either History or Geography and a Language through to GCSE, but this does not necessarily apply to every student.

In Years 10/11 (Key Stage Four), the core GCSE curriculum centred on English, Maths and Science continues but is extended with students choosing four additional options subjects, two to be examined at the end of Year 10 and the other two taken at the end of Year 11. Given that the nature of these subjects changes from year to year, we are able to provide wide range of choices, enabling students to pick subjects that are of particular interest to them and in some cases directly relevant to future areas of study and employment.

The diagrams below indicate the curriculum and choices available to students in each Year Group.

Key Stage Three

Year 7 Subjects	No. of Lessons Each Week
⇒ English	3
⇒ Maths	3
⇒ Science	3
⇒ Languages	2
⇒ History / Geography	4
⇒ Religion, Philosophy & Ethics	1
⇒ Performing Arts	1
⇒ Music	1
⇒ Computing	1
⇒ Art and Design	1
⇒ Design Technology	1
⇒ Catering	1
⇒ PSHE and Citizenship	1
⇒ Physical Education	2
Total	25

Year 8 Subjects	No. of Lessons Each Week
⇒ English	3
⇒ Maths	3
⇒ Science	3
⇒ Languages	2
⇒ History / Geography	4
⇒ Religion, Philosophy & Ethics	1
⇒ Performing Arts	1
⇒ Music	1
⇒ Computing	1
⇒ Art and Design	1
⇒ Design Technology	1
⇒ Catering	1
⇒ PSHE and Citizenship	1
⇒ Physical Education	2
Total	25

Year 9 Core Subjects	No. of Lessons Each Week
⇒ English	3
⇒ Maths	3
⇒ Science	3
⇒ Languages	2
⇒ History / Geography	4
⇒ Religious, Philosophy & Ethics	1
⇒ Computing	1
⇒ PSHE/Citizenship	1
⇒ PE	1
Total	19

Year 9 Creative / Vocational Choices		
Students have six lessons in three of the eleven subjects below each week. This makes up their 25 period week.		
⇒ Dance	⇒ DT	⇒ Animal Care
⇒ Drama	⇒ Art	⇒ Catering
⇒ Performing Arts	⇒ Sports Studies	⇒ Health & Social Care
⇒ ICT	⇒ Business studies	
Students choose their subjects at the start of the year. They can do a subject twice if they want. This means that they get to sample 6-9 subjects during the year.		

Key Stage Four

Year 10/11 Core Subjects	No. of Lessons Each Week
⇒ English	4
⇒ Maths	4
⇒ Science	4
⇒ Computing	1
⇒ Careers	1
⇒ PSHE and Citizenship	1
⇒ Physical Education	2
Total	17

Year 10/11 Options Subjects for 2020/2021 <i>(Choices for 2021/2 will include Geography & a Language)</i>	
Option 1	Option 2
History	Business Studies
German	Animal Care
Art and Design	Design Tech.
Performing Arts (Drama)	Food prep. & Nutrition
Additional Support	Statistics
Students choose one subject from each column and have four lessons in each choice making up their 25 period week.	