

Curriculum Overview

(2018-2019)

At Don Valley Academy we follow a 2 year Key Stage 3 (Years 7 & 8) and then a 3 year Key Stage 4 (Years 9, 10 & 11). Students have the opportunity to opt and specialise both at the end of Year 8 and then have a further option choice into Year 10. The students appreciate this as they know their preferences for certain subjects and careers change as they move through school.

In Years 7 & 8 students follow a core curriculum of English, Mathematics and Science. They also study both History and Geography and then on rotation enjoy a wide range of creative and technical subjects. In addition they study Life which incorporates our citizenship curriculum and finally Computer Studies and core PE. The allocated amount of time is shown in the table below.

Depending on need, we also offer a number of alternative support packages. For example, we have the 'Diamond' cohort where some students have time from French or Spanish to allow for Literacy and/or Numeracy support or are identified as needing extra support in transition as well as curriculum intervention. These programs include: Accelerated Reading, Reading Recovery and Reciprocal Reading as well as vocabulary building and cursive hand writing. Within Numeracy Hegtarty Maths and xtramath.org are being used.

Year	Subject	Number of Hours
7	English	4
	Mathematics	4
	Science	3
	French or Spanish	2
	Geography	2
	History	2
	Life and Technology	2
	Art	1
	Music and Drama	2
	Computer Studies	1
	Physical Education	2
	Total number of hours	25

Year	Subject	Number of Hours
8	English	4
	Mathematics	4
	Science	3
	French or Spanish	2
	Geography	2
	History	2
	Life	1
	Art and Technology	2
	Music and Drama	2
	Computer Studies	1
	Physical Education	2
	Total number of hours	25

At the end of Year 8 students opt for 2 subjects that they will study in Years 9 & 10 and they will certificate those subjects by the end of Year 10 (the list of all the current option choices is in the

table below). They also opt for either History or Geography or a language to enable our students to maximise their attainment scores in the second Attainment 8 'basket'. During Year 8 students will also discuss the possibility of studying triple science. We design our curriculum around each individual child and it is, therefore, a bespoke curriculum. We work with students and parents/carers to ensure their choices will best match their enjoyment and potential in each case.

We offer a wide range of both subjects and qualifications which will cater for all needs from creative and technical qualifications to more academic and health related courses. Students will follow a course that best suits their abilities and could include: GCSEs, BTEC and Cambridge National or Technical certificates.

In Year 9 we also give more curriculum time to English as students prepare for both Literature and Language exams and an additional hour for Science. The full list of qualifications and time allocation is in the table below. Unless specified, all qualifications are GCSE.

Year	QAN	Course	Number of Hours
9	601/4505/5	WJEC Eduqas English Language	5
	601/5246/1	WJEC Eduqas English Literature	
	601/4700/3	Edexcel Mathematics	4
	601/8758/X	AQA Combined Science	4
	6008645/2	Option A: WJEC Level 1/Level 2 Award in Engineering	3
	601/8410/3	AQA Geography	
	601/8092/4	Edexcel History	
	601/7703/2	WJEC Level1/Level 2 Award in Hospitality and Catering	
	601/8160/6	AQA Spanish	
	600/5121/8	OCR Cambridge National Certificate in Sport Science	
	601/8088/2	Option B: AQA Art and Design	3
	601/8088/2	AQA Art and Design - Photography	
	601/8410/3	AQA Geography	
	603/0395/5	Pearson BTEC Tech Award in Health and Social Care	
601/8092/4	Edexcel History		
600/6818/8	Pearson BTEC First Award in Music		
601/8161/8	Pearson Physical Education		
600/5121/8	OCR Cambridge National Certificate in Sport Science		
601/8088/2	Option C: AQA Art and Design	3	
603/0646/4	OCR Cambridge National Certificate in Enterprise and Marketing		
601/8491/7	Edexcel Drama		
603/0395/5	Pearson BTEC Tech Award in Health and Social Care		
601/8092/4	Edexcel History		
600/7043/2	OCR Cambridge Nationals Certificate in Creative iMedia		
601/8160/6	AQA Spanish		
N/A	Life	1	
N/A	Physical Education	2	
	Total number of hours	25	

Year	QAN	Course	Number of Hours
10	601/4505/5	WJEC Eduqas English Language	5
	601/5246/1	WJEC Eduqas English Literature	
	601/4700/3	Edexcel Mathematics	4
	601/8758/X	AQA Combined Science	4
	601/8752/9	AQA Biology	
	601/8757/8	AQA Chemistry	
	601/8751/7	AQA Physics	
	601/8157/6	Option A: AQA French	3
	601/8401/3	AQA Geography	
	601/8092/4	Edexcel History	
	601/8088/2	Option B: AQA Art and Design	3
	600/8645/2	WJEC Level 1/Level 2 Award in Engineering	
	601/8491/7	Edexcel Drama	
	601/8410/3	AQA Geography	
603/0395/5	Pearson BTEC Tech Award in Health and Social Care		
600/7043/2	OCR Cambridge Nationals Certificate in Creative iMedia		
603/1045/5	WJEC Eduqas Sociology		
600/4779/3	Pearson BTEC First Award in Sport		
601/8088/2	Option C: AQA Art and Design	3	
601/8088/2	AQA Art and Design – Photography		
600/8645/2	WJEC Level 1/Level 2 Award in Engineering		
603/0646/4	OCR Cambridge National Certificate in Enterprise and Marketing		
603/0395/5	Pearson BTEC Tech Award in Health and Social Care		
600/7043/2	OCR Cambridge Nationals Certificate in Creative iMedia		
603/0406/6	Pearson BTEC Tech Award in Performing Arts		
600/4779/3	Pearson BTEC First Award in Sport		
601/8088/2	Option M: AQA Art and Design	2	
601/8088/2	AQA Art and Design – Photography		
600/4779/3	Pearson BTEC First Award in Sport		
603/0395/5	Pearson BTEC Tech Award in Health and Social Care		
600/7043/2	OCR Cambridge Nationals Certificate in Creative iMedia		
N/A	Physical Education	1	
	Total number of hours	25	

At the end of Year 10 students will have certified in one or two option courses. This design allows the Academy to focus more time on the core subjects in Year 11 and offer more intervention to targeted students to improve their core attainment. For more able students we are currently also

offering finance qualifications to stretch their imagination beyond the 14-16 curriculum. The time allocation for Year 11 is outlined in the table on the next page.

Year	QAN	Course	Number of Hours
11	601/4505/5	WJEC Eduqas English Language	4
	601/5246/1	WJEC Eduqas English Literature	2
	601/4700/3	Edexcel Mathematics	5
	601/8758/X 601/8752/9 601/8757/8 601/8751/7	AQA Combined Science AQA Biology AQA Chemistry AQA Physics	6
	601/8410/3 601/8092/4 601/8160/6 600/6627/1 601/1239/6 603/0984/2 600/4780/X 600/6818/8 N/A	Option A: AQA Geography Edexcel History AQA Spanish Pearson Edexcel Level 2 Certificate in Digital Applications LIBF Level 2 Certificate in Financial Education AQA Design & Technology (Resistant Materials) OCR Cambridge National Certificate in Health and Social Care Pearson BTEC First Award in Music Intervention English or Mathematics	3
	601/8410/3 601/8092/4 601/8160/6 600/6627/1 601/1239/6 N/A	Option B: AQA Geography Edexcel History AQA Spanish Pearson Edexcel Level 2 Certificate in Digital Applications LIBF Level 2 Certificate in Financial Education Intervention English or Mathematics	3
	601/8088/2 600/6627/1 601/1239/6 600/4779/3 N/A	Option M: AQA Art & Design – Photography Pearson Edexcel Level 2 Certificate in Digital Applications LIBF Level 2 Certificate in Financial Education Pearson BTEC First Award in Sport Intervention Science	1
	N/A	Physical Education	1
		Total number of hours	25