

# Townsend Church of England School

## Curriculum

### Year 7

25 hours of lessons each week plus Tutor Time 'Learning For Life' (PSHE+) and an introduction to Careers Education

The Year 7 curriculum aims to give students a broad and balanced introduction to a range of subjects. There is an emphasis on the core subjects Mathematics, English and Science with each receiving additional hours. There are also Tutor Periods where among other topics 'Learning for Life' (PSHE+) and Careers Education is introduced.

*For greater detail on what students study in each subject, parents/carers should consult the School's prospectus which is available elsewhere from the school website. A list of subjects studied in Key Stage 3 is shown later in this document.*

Art	Computer Studies	Design Technology and Food	Drama	English	French	Geography
1 hour	1 hour	2 hours	1 hour	3 hours	2 hours	2 hours
History	Mathematics	Music	Physical Education	Religious Education	Science	Townsend Learning Community
2 hours	3 hours	1 hour	2 hours	1 hour	3 hours	1 hour

### Year 8

25 hours of lessons each week plus Tutor Time delivery of 'Learning for Life' (PSHE+) and Careers Education

The Year 8 curriculum continues to provide a broad and balanced range of subjects. The difference between the Year 8 and Year 7 curriculum is that students no longer study Townsend Learning Community but have an additional one hour lesson of French. French was chosen as the school is committed to promoting the English Baccalaureate and to an additional language.

*A list of subjects studied in Key Stage 3 is shown later in this document.*

Art	Computer Studies	Design Technology and Food	Drama	English	French	Geography
1 hour	1 hour	2 hours	1 hour	3 hours	3 hours	2 hours
History	Learning for Life (PSHE+) Careers Tutor Period	Mathematics	Music	Physical Education	Religious Education	Science
2 hours		3 hours	1 hour	2 hours	1 hour	3 hours

## Year 9

25 hours of lessons each week plus Tutor Time delivery of 'Learning for Life' (PSHE+), Computing and Careers Education

Year 9 students are part of our Key Stage 4 provision. They have received extensive guidance and have chosen their GCSEs and may begin their GCSE courses at the appropriate moment during this year. This will be a professional decision made by the teacher but in all subjects students will have started their GCSEs by the end of Year 9.

Students currently choose from 3 option lists and have 3 hours of teacher contact a week in each of these selected examination subjects. Once again the Core subjects (English, Mathematics, Science, Religious Education, Physical Education) receive additional support and all students study 'Learning For Life' (PSHE+) and ICT in Tutor periods as part of their core curriculum. All students take the GCSE Religious Studies course.

The majority of students prepare for at least 9 examination subjects with students choosing to take triple science doing at least 10. The school is currently consulting on adding an additional option in Year 9.

Included in the GCSE options are a broad range of traditional GCSEs as well as vocational courses in Business Studies, Food and Nutrition, Cookery, and Health and Fitness.

English	Mathematics	Science	Religious Education	Physical Education	Learning for Life (PSHE+) Computing Careers
4 hour	4 hours	4 hours	2 hours	2 hours	Tutor Period
<b>Option One</b>	<b>Option Two</b>	<b>Option Three</b>	<p><i>For greater detail on the content studied in each subject across the curriculum, parents/carers should consult the Options Booklet published on the school website.</i></p> <p><i>A list of subjects studied at this level is shown later in this document.</i></p>		
<p><i>Guided choice from</i>            Art            Business (Level 2 NCFE)            Food and Nutrition            French            PE GCSE</p>	<p><i>Guided choice from</i>            Drama            Food and Cooking (Level 2 NCFE)            Geography            Product Design</p>	<p><i>Guided choice from</i>            Computing            Health and Fitness (Level 2 NCFE)            History            Media Studies</p>			
3 hours	3 hours	3 hours			

## Year 10

25 hours of lessons each week plus Tutor Time delivery of Learning for Life (PSHE+), Computing and Careers Education

The Year 9 programme outlined above is rolled in to Year 10 as part of a 3 year GCSE course. It is possible in Year 10 for students to choose to take triple science as an additional examination.

<b>English</b>	<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>Science</b>	<b>Religious Education</b>	<b>Physical Education</b>	<b>Learning for Life (PSHE+) Computing Careers</b>
<b>4 hour</b>	<b>4 hours</b>	<b>4 hours</b>	<b>2 hours</b>	<b>2 hours</b>	<b>Tutor Period</b>
<b>Option One</b>	<b>Option Two</b>	<b>Option Three</b>	<p><i>For greater detail on the content studied in each subject across the curriculum, parents/carers should consult the Options Booklet published on the school website.</i></p> <p><i>A list of subjects available in Key Stage 4 is shown later in this document.</i></p>		
<p><i>Guided choice from</i>  <b>Art</b>  <b>Business</b>(Level 2 NCFE)  <b>Food and Nutrition</b>  <b>French</b>  <b>PE GCSE</b></p>	<p><i>Guided choice from</i>  <b>Drama</b>  <b>Food and Cooking</b>(Level 2 NCFE)  <b>Geography</b>  <b>Product Design</b></p>	<p><i>Guided choice from</i>  <b>Computing</b>  <b>Health and Fitness</b>(Level 2 NCFE)  <b>History</b>  <b>Media Studies</b></p>			
<b>3 hours</b>	<b>3 hours</b>	<b>3 hours</b>			

*Continued on next page*

# Year 11

25 hours of lessons each week plus Tutor Time delivery of Learning for Life (PSHE+), Computing and Careers Education

The Year 11 curriculum provision traditionally follows the pattern established in Year 10 although the current cohort is studying a curriculum started before some government reforms were implemented.

<b>English</b>	<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>Science</b>	<b>Religious Education</b>	<b>Physical Education</b>	<b>Learning for Life (PSHE+) Computing Careers</b>
<b>4 hour</b>	<b>4 hours</b>	<b>4 hours</b>	<b>2 hours</b>	<b>2 hours</b>	<b>Tutor Period</b>
<b>Option One</b>	<b>Option Two</b>	<b>Option Three</b>	<p><i>For greater detail on the content studied in each subject across the curriculum, parents/carers should consult the Options Booklet published elsewhere on the school website.</i></p> <p><i>A list of subjects available in Key Stage 4 is shown later in this document.</i></p>		
<p><i>Guided choice from</i>  <i>Food</i>  <i>Technology</i>  <i>Geography</i>  <i>Learning Support</i>  <i>Media studies</i>  <i>Triple Science</i></p>	<p><i>Guided choice from</i>  <i>Food</i>  <i>Technology</i>  <i>Food (Vcert)</i>  <i>Geography</i>  <i>History</i>  <i>Learning Support</i>  <i>Product Design</i></p>	<p><i>Guided choice from</i>  <i>Art</i>  <i>History</i>  <i>Learning Support</i>  <i>PE GCSE</i>  <i>Triple Science</i></p>			
<b>3 hours</b>	<b>3 hours</b>	<b>3 hours</b>			

*Continued on next page*

## Year 12

Since the introduction of government reforms the majority of students study three subjects to A level across a two year course.

As part of the 'Alban Learning Partnership' post 16 consortium (St Albans Girls' School, Loreto College, Marlborough Science Academy, Samuel Ryder Academy, and Townsend Church of England School) students enjoy access to a very broad range of subjects and most combinations of subjects can be studied through the consortium.

Students enjoy 5 hours of formal lesson time per subject and extensive personal study in which to do their independent learning. There are additionally Tutor Periods where 'Learning For Life' (PSHE+), Careers Education, and University, Apprenticeships and employment applications are supported. Religious Education and an Extended Learning curriculum, including a programme of external speakers, is also provided.

*For greater detail on the content of each course offered please refer to the Consortium Post 16 Options booklet on the school website. For a list of subjects that can be studied in the 6<sup>th</sup> Form please see the list provided later in this document.*

Learning For Life	Physical Education	Option One	Option Two	Option Three	Private Study and Directed Independent Learning.
Religious Education		<i>See list of subjects available below</i>	<i>See list of subjects available below</i>	<i>See list of subjects available below</i>	Up to 7 hours but reduced for the delivery of elements of the Extended Curriculum Programme
Extended Curriculum programme					
1 hour plus Tutor Period	Up to 2 hours	5 hours	5 hours	5 hours	

## Year 13

The Year 13 curriculum varies in the hours allocated to subject teaching from the Year 12 pattern as students are completing courses established before government reforms.

Learning For Life	Physical Education	Option One	Option Two	Option Three	Private Study and Directed Independent Learning.
Religious Education		<i>See list of subjects available below</i>	<i>See list of subjects available below</i>	<i>See list of subjects available below</i>	Up to 10 hours but reduced for the delivery of the Extended Curriculum Programme
Extended Curriculum programme					
1 hour plus Tutor Period	Up to 2 hours	4 hours	4 hours	4 hours	

## Subjects studied in Key Stage 3

- Art
- Computer Science
- Design and Technology
- Drama
- English
- French
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics
- Music
- Physical Education
- Religious Education
- Science

## Subjects available in Key Stage 4

### Key Stage 4 Core Curriculum

- Computing - ICT across the curriculum (ICTAC) - non-examined
- English
- Learning For Life (PSHE+) – delivered in Tutor Periods – non-examined
- Mathematics
- Physical Education - non-examined
- Religious Education
- Science (Double or Triple)

### Key Stage 4 GCSE Guided Option Choices

- Art
- Computer Science
- Drama
- Food and Nutrition
- French
- Geography
- History
- Media Studies
- PE GCSE
- Product Design

### Key Stage 4 Non GCSE Examination Guided Choices

- Level 2 Business Studies (course provided by NCFE)
- Level 2 Food and Cookery (course provided by NCFE)
- Level 2 Health and Fitness (course provided by NCFE)

*Continued on next page*

## **Subjects available in Key Stage 5 (Post 16 / 6<sup>th</sup> Form) – including those provided by our Alban Learning Partners post 16 consortium**

- **Art and Design**
- **Biology**
- **Business Studies**
- **Chemistry**
- **Classics**
- **Computer Science**
- **Dance**
- **Drama**
- **Economics**
- **English Literature**
- **Film Studies**
- **French**
- **Geography**
- **German**
- **Government and Politics**
- **History**
- **IT**
- **Italian**
- **Latin**
- **Mathematics**
- **Media Studies (at A level and Btec)**
- **Music**
- **Philosophy**
- **Photography**
- **Physical Education**
- **Physics**
- **Product Design**
- **Psychology**
- **Religious Education**
- **Science**
- **Sociology**
- **Spanish**

### **Post 16 Programme of Study**

As well as studying for their A levels students will participate in a range of other activities. These activities enrich the 6<sup>th</sup> form experience but also provide additional opportunities. They also ensure that students meet the government's prescribed Programme of Study. Details of these can be obtained on request from the Heads of Sixth form but can also be seen in the Post 16/6<sup>th</sup> Form prospectus that is available from our school website or on request. Some information is copied below for your convenience:

### **Progression Programme**

A range of complementary studies courses will be offered in order to enhance the Sixth Form curriculum. These will include Religious Education, Learning for Life which will focus on topical ethical issues as well as provide careers advice. In addition students will be expected to participate in Physical Education activities and in voluntary service either in the school supporting the learning of other students or contributing to the local community. The Duke of Edinburgh award scheme is also offered to students in Year 12.

**Students who have not achieved a grade 4 or above in GCSE English or Mathematics will be required to work towards achieving these qualifications.**