

The Carleton Curriculum

At Carleton Community High School, we operate a traditional 3 year key stage 3 and 2 year key stage 4. We believe that this gives students both the correct amount of foundational skills to achieve and time to make appropriate choices. We work on a two week timetable, so that five 1-hour lessons a day make up a total of 50 periods in each cycle. In the last two years, our curriculum underwent large changes. This has both increased the learning potential of our students and brings us more in line with national education policies. Subjects with increased hours are displayed in green.

Key Stage 3

	Y7	Y8	Y9
English	6	7	8
Maths	6	6	8
Science	6	5	6
MFL	5	5	4
PE	4	4	4
Computing	2	2	2
History	3	3	3
Geography	3	3	3
RE	2	2	1
Art	2	2	2
Music	2	2	2
Drama	2	2	2
Dance	1	1	1
Technology	4	4	3
PSHCE	2	2	1

- Most subjects including English, Maths, Science, Humanities and Technology teach groups which are set according to ability.
- A small group of students who need more care when they first join us follow a slightly different curriculum in year 7, 8 and 9. They are taught in smaller groups.
- We pride ourselves on offering students of all abilities, equal opportunity and encouragement to develop their full potential, in an atmosphere of mutual respect. A stimulating and relevant curriculum, fulfils the needs and aspirations of all students.
- Students follow exciting programmes which secure the knowledge and skills required within the National Curriculum. Our rigorous emphasis on the core subjects of Maths, English, Science is complemented by a broad educational experience enabling children to develop a wide variety of skills.
- Children in Year 9 are given a full range of support before choosing their options, which includes guidance from tutors about choosing the most appropriate course for them, opportunities to sample subjects they may be interested in and a Parents' Information Evening.

Key Stage 3

	Y10	Y11
English	9	9
Maths	8	8
Science	9	9
PE	3	3
PSHCE/RE	1	1
Option 1	5	5
Option 2	5	5
Option 3	5	5
Option 4	5	5

- All core subjects are taught in sets according to ability.
- A small group of students follow a slightly reduced curriculum with enhanced support although they still have the choice from the same options as other students.
- Children are given at least one option from: Computer Science, French, Geography, History, Spanish or Triple Science. They are also required to select 3 other option choices from: Fine Art, Art Textiles, Business Studies, Citizenship, Creative I-Media, Dance, Food Technology, Graphic Products, Product Design, Drama, Health & Social Care, Music, PE and RE.
- All of our option choices are at GCSE level or equivalent and the full range are subject to change as we adapt to the needs of students.
- The curriculum provision is enhanced through Stop the Clock Days, through which children have extended learning opportunities in particular topics or subjects. There are 3 such days timetabled during the year.
- Children have the opportunity to study subjects necessary for the English Baccalaureate if they wish.