



HODGE HILL GIRLS' SCHOOL

"Educating tomorrow's women today"

Ref: DWI/RK
July 2024

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Re: Curriculum Structure

I am writing to inform you about the **curriculum structure** for the 2024-2025 here at Hodge Hill Girls' School.

We operate a 50 period, two-week timetable (Week A and Week B). Teaching groups in years 7 and 8 will be named after PRIDE (e.g. 7P, 7R, 7I, 7D, 7E) and in years 9, 10 and 11 they will be named after VALUES (e.g. 9V, 9A, 9L, 9U, 9E, 9S).

Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 and 9)

Pupils in KS3 are offered a broad and balanced, knowledge-rich and appropriately sequenced curriculum. It is challenging and rigorous, focusing on the acquisition of knowledge coupled with meaningful assessment. All subjects except Maths are taught in mixed ability groups. The prime aim of our KS3 curriculum is to support successful transition to Key Stage 4 and give our pupils the opportunity to develop as knowledgeable and motivated individuals who can go on to secure a bright and fulfilling future.

ADT (Art, Design Technology and Food Technology) is taught on rotation so that pupils have a dedicated period of time to develop their knowledge and skills. Pupils will have one lesson a week of Music and Computer Science in year 7.

In year 9, we move from five to six teaching groups for most subjects, which allows group sizes to be slightly smaller as we move towards delivering GCSE content. Some pupil movement is necessary due to the increase in teaching groups, but this is carefully considered in consultation with Heads of Year, Heads of Faculty/ Subject and Class Teachers. Therefore, group changes are not possible.

Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11)

Pupils at KS4 study the core subjects of GCSE RS, English Language & Literature, Maths, and Separate or Combined Science. Pupils also study four option subjects from a broad and balanced selection. Additionally, all KS4 pupils take Physical Education. Maths and Science are taught in H and G bands (hierarchical sets determined by our Maths and Science departments). English and RS are taught in mixed ability VALUES classes. Please note that once teaching groups are set, they cannot be changed, but Maths and Science sets are reviewed regularly.

Pupils sit their GCSE English Literature exam in year 10. We are extremely proud of the attainment of our pupils and last year they performed significantly above national average in GCSE English Literature. One of the benefits of taking GCSE English Literature in year 10 is that our fantastic results build our pupils' confidence, encouraging them to succeed strongly in year 11.

I wish you a lovely summer break and look forward to seeing your daughter back in September, rested and ready to take on the challenge of the new academic year.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs D Wildig
Deputy Headteacher – Curriculum, Assessment and Outcomes

HEADTEACHER – MRS S ADU

0121 464 3094

BROMFORD ROAD, HODGE HILL, BIRMINGHAM, B36 8EY

ENQUIRY@HODGEHGS.BHAM.SCH.UK

WWW.HODGEHGS.BHAM.SCH.UK