



# **THE FULHAM BOYS SCHOOL**

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## **CURRICULUM POLICY**

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## I. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- 1.1 This Policy will be interpreted in line with the Christian values and ethos of the school and must be read consistently with all other material policies of the School. For the purposes of all School policies please refer to the definitions guide (not all defined terms will be material to all policies or the procedures authorised by the governing body under it).
- 1.2 In this policy Head Teacher refers to Executive Headmaster or Head of School as appropriate.
- 1.3 At The Fulham Boys School we aim to provide a curriculum which is geared towards Boys, built upon the Christian faith and nurtures Enterprise.
- 1.4 The curriculum will promote the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils and prepare them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life.
- 1.5 The curriculum, which is regularly monitored and reviewed, is designed to enable the pupils to develop the knowledge, skills and flexibility to adapt successfully to the demands of a rapidly changing society; and even make a difference in it. Everything at The Fulham Boys School, both in formal curriculum time and throughout the rest of school day, contributes to this learning.
- 1.6 All subjects have a curriculum and assessment map demonstrating the intention, implementation and impact of their curriculum and how each key stage prepares our pupils for the next key stage and GCSE and A Level examinations.
- 1.7 FBS has opted for a longer school day which will allow students of all abilities to access the level of support they need, whether to supplement what has been taught and not fully grasped or to extend what has been learned. The school day will be from 8.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (3.20 p.m. on Friday).
- 1.8 Staff terms and conditions will incorporate co-curricular activities over and above timetabled commitments.

## 2. SPECIFIC PRINCIPLES

- 2.1 An equal effort will be directed to all pupils. Accordingly all pupils will be regularly assessed, their progress evaluated and appropriate intervention

implemented to ensure no boy is left behind and all realise their full academic potential.

- 2.2 Some subjects will be taught in mixed ability classes, such as English and Humanities. Differentiation will be key to delivery in these subjects. Other subjects will be set, such as Maths and Science.
- 2.3 The school will provide all pupils, irrespective of race, social background and ability access to a curriculum which is exciting and relevant and enriched by a wide range of additional opportunities for learning.
- 2.4 The school will provide a curriculum which raises aspirations and helps all pupils to enjoy learning and to perceive education as a life-long process.
- 2.5 The curriculum will be academic and traditional but the methods of delivery will be innovative, making use of the latest sources of material and tailoring them to appeal to the learning styles of pupils.
- 2.6 ICT will be developed and applied across the whole curriculum and pupils will have access to the latest learning technologies.
- 2.7 All areas of the curriculum will demonstrate awareness of Christian beliefs and values.
- 2.8 Enterprise skills will be developed in all lessons.

### 3. CURRICULUM CONTENT

- 3.1 The school will set out a clear Curriculum Entitlement for each Key Stage, identifying where subjects are optional.
- 3.2 The school will meet statutory requirements with regard to Religious Education at all Key Stages.
- 3.3 Cross-curricular themes will be addressed in the core and main curriculum areas as well as being supplemented within the PSHCE course.
- 3.4 As well as enterprise skills running through all subjects and lessons, each curriculum subject will seek to develop links with industry, universities, businesses and the community whenever possible to enrich the curriculum and to promote the school's emphasis on 'Enterprise'.
- 3.5 All areas of the curriculum will provide contexts and opportunities for the

development of literacy, numeracy and ICT.

#### 4. EFFECTIVE DELIVERY

- 4.1 All departments will have a curriculum and assessment map which shows clearly the intention, implementation and impact of their curriculum. These maps will take into consideration curriculum development, examination syllabuses and differentiated work, methods of assessment and evaluation.
- 4.2 All departments will produce a departmental handbook to ensure consistency of approach and best practice.
- 4.3 Individual teachers will adhere in their teaching to the aims and objectives of the departments.
- 4.4 The intention, implementation and impact of the curriculum will be monitored by the Head of Department and the Senior Leadership Team.
- 4.5 The school in general and all staff as individuals will maintain a teaching ethos that is positive, fair, geared towards boys and nurtures enterprise (see Teaching and Learning Policy).
- 4.6 All courses will take careful account of pupils' additional educational needs including those identified as 'gifted' and talented, and reviewed on a regular basis to ensure these pupils are realising their abilities. ([See Special Educational Needs policy](#)).
- 4.7 The distribution of teaching expertise will be equitably spread across the ranges of age and ability.
- 4.8 Pupils will be able to express their views on ways of learning, to improve and raise awareness of their preferred learning styles and to make them more effective and adaptable learners.
- 4.9 Parents will be able to express their views on the curriculum, and the delivery of it, through school reports, parent and teacher consultations, Head Teacher's coffee mornings and questionnaires. The school will also adopt an open door policy.

4.10 Pupil's progress will be assessed and reported as per the Assessment policy

## 5. CO-CURRICULUM

- 5.1 The school's co-curricular programme enables pupils to try new things, find lifelong hobbies and discover talents and skills and to use London as their classroom.
- 5.2 The school day runs from 8.30 until 5pm every day except Friday and clubs are compulsory and scheduled into the school day.
- 5.3 An extensive range of school clubs will be on offer to pupils throughout the year.
- 5.4 In addition to clubs there are practices for school productions, sporting events and enterprise activities.
- 5.5 Extra challenge sessions and catch-up classes along with independent self-directed study and library time will be provided beyond the core curriculum timetable.
- 5.6 One afternoon a week will normally be given over to sporting activity. The school's philosophy of 'sport for all' means encouraging all pupils to get active and stay active for life. Inter-House competitions will take place on these afternoons as well as sporting fixtures against other schools.
- 5.7 The school fosters links with other countries through exchanges, work experience and field trips.
- 5.8 The school maintains a programme of careers education and work experience. From Year 7 pupils learn about careers and the world of work and all pupils will be given a period of work experience during KS4 and KS5.
- 5.9 Pupils undertake educational visits.
- 5.10 The school arranges visiting speakers.
- 5.11 Ownwork plays an important part in reinforcing and enriching learning

## 6. KEY STAGE 3 CURRICULUM ENTITLEMENT

### 6.1 Key State 3 (KS3) subjects

- English
- Maths
- Science
- Modern Language

- History
- Geography
- RE
- Computing
- Music
- PE
- PSHCE
- Art
- Drama

- 6.2 ICT will be present in all subjects. Where it is specifically programmed into the curriculum it is intended that it is taught as a Computer Science for some pupils and basic ICT for others. Computer Science will be offered as a GCSE at KS4.
- 6.3 Food and some aspects of technology will be taught through the co-curricular programme.

## 7. KEY STAGE 4 CURRICULUM

### 7.1 The options subjects are (GCSE unless stated otherwise):

- Computer Science
- BTEC Computer Science
- History
- Geography
- Music
- Business Studies
- 3 Dimensional Design
- Drama
- Spanish
- French
- Fine Art
- Latin
- PE GCSE
- Third Science
- NCFE Vocational Certificate in Sport

### 7.2 CORE. In Key Stage 4 all pupils will study:

- English
- Maths

- Science
- a language,
- History or Geography
- Religious Education
- PSHCE

7.3 Pupils will continue to access the school's broad co-curricular programme including weekly sports afternoons.

## 8. KEY STAGE 5 CURRICULUM

8.1 Subjects on offer at KS5 are (all A Level unless stated otherwise):

- English
- Maths
- Further Maths
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Psychology
- History
- Geography
- Politics
- Religious Education
- French
- PE
- Music
- Drama
- Art
- Business Studies
- Economics
- Sport BTEC

8.2 Pupils will also have the option of studying towards an Extended Project Qualification which will allow them to study a topic in depth, enhancing their knowledge and improving their opportunities to apply for Russell Group Universities.



8.3 They will also follow a General Education Programme which will include outside speakers, debates, sport and co-curriculum, Religious Education and the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

## 9. OTHER CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

### 9.1 **Citizenship and Personal, Social Health and Enterprise Education**

The school will plan and deliver a broad, balanced programme of PSHCE to meet the specific needs of learners. PSHCE prepares learners to be personally and socially effective by providing learning experiences in which they can develop and apply skills, explore personal attitudes and values, and acquire appropriate knowledge and understanding. ([See PSHCE and SMSC policies](#))

### 9.2 **Sex education**

All schools must, by law, have an up-to-date written sex education policy, which is available for inspection, particularly by parents. ([See PSHCE and SMSC policies](#)).

### 9.3 **Religious Education**

RE is a statutory subject for all school pupils. RE will be taught from a largely Christian perspective but will include other world religions. It is anticipated that all students will study RE and the School will promote GCSE RE for all at Key Stage 4. (See RE and Collective Worship policy).

### 9.4 **Collective worship**

The school provides a daily act of distinctive Christian collective worship. ([See RE and Collective Worship policy](#)).

REVISIONS TABLE

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Summer 2021	4.9 amended 5 amended