

Bideford College



Key Stage 4 Curriculum

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The purpose of this guide is to inform students and parents/carers of the Key Stage 4 curriculum offer at Bideford College. The curriculum aims to provide students with a breadth of study that enables them to pursue every pathway in the future (even if that pathway is yet to be determined). To meet this aim students in Year 10 and 11 will study the following core subjects across five Faculty areas:

Key Stage 4 Core subjects

Subject	Hours studied per fortnight
Mathematics	7
English Literature and Language	7
Science (combined or fast track)	10 (or 15 if triple science chosen)
Humanities: History or Geography	5
Language: French, Spanish or German	5
Core PE	4
Independent advice and guidance (IAG)	2

In addition two additional subjects can be taken from the list below. These subjects are each studied for 5 hours per fortnight.

Additional subjects

History	Food prep. and nutrition	Construction	Photography
Geography	Design and technology	PE	Health and Social care
Religious studies	Engineering	Triple Science	Information technology
Art and design	Fashion and textiles	Visual communication	Child development
Drama	German	Music	Business studies
French	Spanish		

Types of qualifications

It is possible for students to achieve a Level 2 qualification in all the subjects on offer at the College. Many of these subjects are traditional GCSE subjects but we also offer the new Technical Awards and Cambridge Nationals both of which are of equal rigour to a GCSE and require the same standards to be demonstrated in the award of a grade.

All the GCSE subjects are graded on a 9 – 1 scale. The Technical Awards and Cambridge Nationals qualifications are graded as distinction*, distinction, merit and pass.

English Baccalaureate

Students who achieve a Grade 5 pass in an English subject, Maths, Sciences, a Humanities and a Language will be considered to have achieved a suite of subjects known as the English Baccalaureate or 'Ebacc'. This suite of qualifications is recommended to keep the maximum number of pathways open for students in the future.

Science

All students at Bideford College will study the combined Science qualification or Triple Science. If students have a passion for Science then students can select Triple Science as one of their additional subjects. This will mean that students will have 15 hours of study per fortnight on their timetable to study Biology, Chemistry and Physics GCSE programmes.

English

All students will study GCSE English Language and English Literature in their English lessons. They will be entered for both of these qualifications at the end of Year 11.

Timeline of events

Year 9 is an exciting time. For the first time in a student's school career they will have some say in the subjects that will appear on their timetable for the next two years. It is therefore important that the decisions made are informed and researched. To help with this there will be a number of events at the College and it is essential that all parents/carers and students attend so that we can support our students.

- **Thursday 1st February:** KS4 information evening. This will be the time to discuss with Heads of Faculty and subject staff the different courses available next year.
- **Thursday 8th February:** Progress review day. This is when tutors will discuss with individuals the KS4 curriculum.
- **Friday 2nd March:** Key Stage 4 curriculum form needs to be handed in to tutor.

Please take time to read the information in the following pages. They outline all the courses that are on offer at the College next year. It includes important information such as the type of qualification awarded, the style of assessment that will take place to determine the final grade and the progression routes that are available to students who follow these subjects. All of these should be considered carefully when deciding which additional subjects to follow next year.

Please note that whilst the college will do its best to honour the subjects that students would like to study, sometimes this is not always possible as class sizes need to be viable in order for subjects to be timetabled, so we cannot guarantee that all the subjects listed here will run. However, in the event that a student is unable to take their combination of subjects they will be contacted to discuss the options available to them.

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