

Middle School Curriculum (GCSE)

In Years 10 and 11, pupils follow the new **WJEC "Made-for-Wales" qualifications**, which have been designed specifically to **support the ambitions of the Curriculum for Wales**. These qualifications enable pupils to continue building and developing the knowledge, understanding and skills established during their Lower School experience, while preparing them for further study, employment and adult life.

Our GCSE curriculum provides a broad and balanced range subjects, allowing pupils to pursue their interests and strengths alongside a strong core curriculum.

Compulsory GCSE Qualifications

All pupils study:

- GCSE English Language and Literature (Double Award)
- GCSE Mathematics (Double Award)
- GCSE Science (Double Award)*
- GCSE Welsh

*Pupils may choose to study separate sciences (Biology, Chemistry and Physics) through one of their option choices.

Non-Examined Curriculum Subjects

All pupils also continue to participate in:

- Religion, Values and Ethics
- Physical Education
- Health and Wellbeing, including Personal Effectiveness

Option Subjects

Pupils select four option subjects from the following:

- GCSE Art and Design
- GCSE Business
- GCSE Computer Science
- GCSE Design and Technology
- GCSE Digital Technology
- GCSE Drama
- GCSE French
- GCSE Geography
- GCSE History
- GCSE Music
- GCSE Physical Education
- GCSE Religious Studies
- Skills Challenge Certificate (Q+)

Through this combination of compulsory and optional subjects, pupils are able to **personalise their curriculum** while maintaining a **broad educational experience** that reflects the principles and purposes of the **Curriculum for Wales**.