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Dear Parent/Carer

What will the curriculum at Outwood Academy Hemsworth look like for my son/daughter who is in Y8?

Our aim is to provide students with a broad and balanced curriculum, and support them to achieve the highest possible grades, and ensure that they have the best possible life chances. Our Guided Pathways process supports this vision. We have tried to develop a curriculum that is innovative and knowledge rich, with a focus on the basics of English and Maths, whilst making certain that we fulfil their entitlement to study the full suite of EBacc subjects.

The table below outlines how your son/daughter's curriculum will develop from Y8 through to Y11.

In summary the table shows:

- The number of hours per week of each subject area (HPW)
- An amended plan for Y9 teaching. Due to lockdown restrictions and school closures Y9 students have not been exposed to the full breadth of the curriculum for a sustained period of time. Therefore, Y9 will be a preparatory year where students build their skills ready for GCSE/BTEC teaching to begin in Y10.
- Students will choose their guided pathways subjects in Y9 to begin teaching in Y10 (Option 1 - 3) and will receive 3 hours of teaching per week of each option
- Y8 & Y9 will have a broad balanced curriculum in preparation for GCSE studies beginning in Y10
- A focus on core subjects (English, Maths & Science) in Y10 & Y11

A key part of this curriculum is the opportunity for students to start the deeper study of some subjects as they move into Year 10.

	Current Y8																Total HPW	
	En	Ma	Sc	Pe	MFL	Gg	Hi	Life/RE	DT	Art	Cs	Dr	Mu	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3		
2020-21	8	4	4	3	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1				25
2021-22	9	4	4	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1				25
2022-23	10	5	5	4	1				1					3	3	3		25
2023-24	11	5	4	6	1									3	3	3		25

What interventions will Outwood Academy Hemsworth use to ensure all students are successful?

We will continue to closely monitor student progress via Praising Stars and plan interventions to help them achieve their best possible grades in key subjects. We have tailored our curriculum to ensure that every student has the opportunity to obtain a good Attainment 8 score and can achieve good grades in English, Maths & Science.

Rest assured, we are committed to equipping all our students with the Key Stage 4 qualifications, as well as making sure that they have an enriching, broad and enjoyable Key Stage 3 experience.

If you have any questions or queries regarding this curriculum model please do not hesitate to contact me at [s.godfrey@hemsworth.outwood.com](mailto:s.godfrey@hemsworth.outwood.com)

Yours Sincerely



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