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Dear Parent/Carer

What will the curriculum at Outwood Academy Hemsworth look like for my son/daughter who is in Y9?

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 Y9 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 we have decided that Y9 will be a preparatory year where students build their skills ready for GCSE/BTEC teaching to begin in Y10.
- Students will sit exams for guided pathway subjects at the end of 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. GCSE & BTEC guided pathway subjects will be certified at the end of Year 11. An advantage of this new model is that students can be given the support they need in preparing for the terminal exams, whilst we adapt to new ways of working post lockdown.

	Current Y9																	Total HPW
	En	Ma	Sc	Pe	MFL	Gg	Hi	Life/RE	DT	Art	Cs	Dr	Mu	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Consolidation	
2020-21	9	5	4	4	2			1						3	3	3		25
2021-22	10	6	6	5	1			1						2	2	2		25
2022-23	11	5	4	6	1									3	3	3		25

* Students studying Citizenship will sit their exam at the end of Y10

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 and 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 school 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

Yours Sincerely,



Steve Godfrey
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