

Octavia Curriculum Offer 2020-21

The main aims of our curriculum are to build core skills, to broaden learner's knowledge of the world, to support access to post 16 education or work, and to develop social and emotional awareness.

In KS4 our learners follow courses in English, Mathematics and Science leading to GCSEs, Functional skills qualifications and where appropriate Entry Level qualifications. ICT is also part of the core, and we have prioritised Functional Skills ICT to develop the real life skills learners will need post 16. All learners also have a choice of two other optional subjects leading to level 1 or 2 qualifications, according to their interests and aspirations. In order to develop learner's independent study skills, we have introduced the Level 1 Foundation Project, where they can research and produce an in depth piece of work on an area of personal interest. In addition to subjects leading to the award of qualifications, we also have lessons in Careers and Employability Skills, to broaden learner's knowledge about the range of careers available and develop the skills required for college applications and college and work life. Our PSE curriculum meets the new statutory requirements and has a significant focus on mental well being, and all learners have two lesson of Core PE a week.

In year 9, we give increased time to the core subjects to give a good grounding for GCSE, with the addition of Humanities, Media and Art to ensure a balanced curriculum.

We have 29 lessons a week of 45 minutes each, and the remaining curriculum time comprises two 15 minute "intervention" sessions per day with all learners, primarily aimed at improving literacy, but also including some numeracy and catch up for learners who have missed some significant parts of a course.

If you would like any additional information please contact Rebecca Mead, Curriculum and Learning Deputy.

Year 9

Subject	Lessons
English	5
Maths	5
Science	5
ICT	3
Art	3
PE	2
PSE	1
Employability Skills	1
Humanities Project	2
Media	2

Year 10 and 11

Subject	Lessons	Qualifications
English	4	English Language GCSE (WJEC) Functional Skills level 1/2 (Edexcel) ELC English (WJEC)
Maths	4	Mathematics GCSE (AQA) Functional Skills level 1/2 (Edexcel) ELC Mathematics (AQA)
Science	5	Combined Science GCSE (AQA)
ICT	3	Functional Skills Entry level, level 1/2 (Edexcel)
Independent learning project	2	Level 1 Foundation Project (AQA)
PE	2	N/A
PSE	1	N/A
Employability Skills	1	N/A
Careers	1	N/A
Art	3	1 year – level 1 introductory BTEC 2 year - GCSE

Plus 2 option subjects from:

Art	3	1 year – level 1 introductory BTEC 2 year - GCSE
Public Services	3	Level 1 introductory BTEC 1 year Award 2 years Certificate
Hair and Beauty	3	Level 1 introductory BTEC 1 year Award 2 years Certificate
Construction	3	Level 1 introductory BTEC 1 year Award 2 years Certificate
English Literature	3	GCSE (WJEC)
Creative iMedia	3	Cambridge National level 1/2 (OCR)