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3rd Form Curriculum Guide

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Education is evolving, and learning is now about looking well beyond the confines of the classroom. This is as it should be. It is a response to a VUCA world, one that is volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous.

It is with this in mind that LWC has designed its 3rd Form Curriculum, committed to the correct Attitudes, Approaches, Routines and Habits (our A2RH programme) – a commitment that sees our pupils not only thriving in the classroom but gaining skills that will hold them in good stead for life.

I hope you enjoy reading what is set out in the information here, and in our options evening, but more importantly, I hope you gain a taste of how education is changing, and changing for the better.

Adam Williams

Headmaster

The curriculum is structured to ensure that:

- It meets the demands of the College's expectations that pupils are curious, creative, collaborative and tech savvy.
- It is an appropriate bridge between the 1st and 2nd-Form curriculum and the GCSE curriculum.
- It has breadth but allows greater depth and rigour.
- It is driven by the A²RH philosophy.

In several subjects (the Sciences, Geography, History and Languages in particular), pupils start to cover GCSE content in the 3rd Form, to ensure that all skills and topics are covered by the GCSE exams.

The LWC 3rd-Form curriculum is a less-cluttered curriculum than many in equivalent schools. This means that pupils have more class time in most of their subjects and can access a full range of subjects for GCSE.

This means that in most subjects, pupils will have the same number of lessons as they will have at GCSE (3 periods per week), and 1.5 periods per week for creative subjects, to allow for breadth of choice.

Understanding the option blocks and your choices

All pupils will study Maths, English, and Science, and one compulsory modern foreign language (French or Spanish)

You should select the compulsory language in column 1

In addition, you need to make a selection from **each of the columns 2 to 5**. You **must not choose the same subject twice**.

Column 1 is the Languages column.

In this column, you choose which compulsory language to study. There is the option of studying a second language by selecting it in column 6.

(NB: While all 3rd Formers study a Modern Foreign Language, 4th Formers who have studied Latin in 3rd Form may choose Latin as their mandatory language for GCSE).

Column 4 is the Creative column.

In this column, all the creative subject options are 1.5 period options, apart from History and Geography, which are 3-period options.

You should choose **either** two creative subjects **or**, if you would prefer not to study creative subjects, you can choose Geography **or** History in this column.

Column 2

In this column, all the options are single, 3-period options, apart from the Art + Design Technology option. The Art + Design Technology option is made up of 1.5 periods of Art, and 1.5 periods of Design Technology. If you wish to have a broad range of creative subjects, you might pick this option in order to study further creative subjects in column 4/5.

Columns 3 and 5.

These columns offer single, 3-period options.

The EAL option in column 3 is for those international pupils who would like extra tuition in English.

1	2	3	4	5
Choose one compulsory language	Choose one subject or the Art + Design Technology option	Choose one subject	Choose two creative subjects or History or Geography	Choose one subject
French	History	History	Art	History
	Geography	Geography	Design	Geography
	Latin	PE	Drama	Latin
	PE	Religious Studies	Computer Science	Religious Studies
Spanish	Religious Studies	EAL	Music	French
			Geography (3) ⁺	Spanish
	Art and Design (1.5 + 1.5)		History (3) ⁺	

We are running a short presentation evening on **Tuesday 31st January at 7:00pm** to explain the process and to answer any questions you may have. More information on how to access this event will follow. After the presentation, you will need to complete an online form to submit options. This will be sent to you that evening and will be due **24th February**.

Best wishes

Steve Badger
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