



# **FYLING HALL SCHOOL**

## **Curriculum Policy**

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## **The Fyling Hall Curriculum**

There are usually two or three forms in each year, grouped according to ability. Although the maximum class size is 20 most classes have around 16 pupils. At GCSE class sizes can be as small as 5 in some options. In the sixth form the teaching group rarely exceeds 7 and the norm is around 3 students.

The curriculum is broadly based, balanced and relevant. It adheres strongly to the requirements of the English National Curriculum with all Y9 students sitting the national tests at the end of Key Stage 3, although these are internally marked.

Those for whom English is an additional language, and those with special needs, follow a slightly amended curriculum.

In Years 7 and 8 the vast majority of students follow courses in thirteen subjects.

An element of choice is introduced in Year 9. A second modern foreign language can be studied by choosing German instead of Design Technology.

In the majority of subjects the GCSE is a two year course with students choosing from a wide range of subjects. Mathematics, English Language, English Literature, and a Science course form the core, together with non-examinable courses in PSHE and Games. Students choose from eight optional subjects - see next page. At the end of the course most students take eight or nine examinations. Some will do more or less than the norm depending upon their particular needs and abilities.

A wide range of AS level courses are available for study in Year 12. However, it is recommended that Students have a minimum of a grade C at GCSE to follow a subject at AS, although this requirement may be waived in individual cases dependent on circumstances. Usually four subjects are chosen but three options may be more appropriate for some students.

Resit GCSE's are offered in Mathematics in November of Year 12.

Those students with good AS passes are encouraged to study A2 levels in the upper sixth. Three subjects is the usual choice for those aiming to enter the traditional universities. However, several universities require less so it is not necessary to study three A2's to enter higher education.

Students for whom English is an additional language receive small group instruction throughout by a qualified specialist and are entered for internationally recognised examinations.

More detailed information on the key stage 4 curriculum / GCSE options, and sixth form choices, can be found in the Y10 and Y12 curriculum handbooks available from the school secretary. A detailed breakdown of the curriculum can be found overleaf.

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The school operates on a 10 period day, fifty period week, Monday to Friday. The number of lessons allocated to each subject is indicated in brackets.

### **Years 12 & 13**

Each AS/A2 subject is normally allocated 6 periods each week.

The following subjects are available for study in the sixth Form where there is sufficient demand:

English Literature	English Language	Sports studies
Mathematics	Further mathematics	Geography
Biology	French	History
Chemistry	German	Information and Communication Technology
Physics	Art & Design	Music

Non-examinable courses are followed in:

### **Key Stage Four (Years 10 & 11)**

The following subjects are taught to GCSE where there is sufficient demand:

English Literature and Language (7)		Sports studies (4)
Mathematics & Statistics (7)	French (4)	Geography (4)
Science (7)	German (4)	History (4)
Additional Science (7)	Business Studies (4)	Information and Communication Technology (4)
Separate Sciences (Physics, chemistry, biology) (11)	Art (4)	Music (4)
Design and Technology (4)		

Non-examinable courses are followed in PSHE, and games (6)

## **Key Stage Three (Years 7, 8 & 9)**

The following subjects are currently taught at Key Stage 3:

### **Years 7 & 8**

English (5)	Mathematics (5)	Science (6)
Religious Studies (2)	French (4)	Geography (3)
Music (2)	Art & Design (2)	History (3)
PSHE (1)	Games (6)	Drama (2)
Information Technology (2)		

### **Year 9**

English (5)	German or Design Technology (4)	Geography (3)
Mathematics (5)	French (4)	History (3)
Science (6)	Games (6)	Art & Design (2)
Information Technology (2)	Religious Studies (1)	PSHE. (1)
	Music (2)	

*Note: The National Curriculum in English at KS3 includes Drama*

## **21. Careers, Sport, Music and Drama**

### **Careers**

The School Careers Officer, supported by both funding and expertise from North Yorkshire Careers Guidance, offers appropriate advice and assistance to students throughout their school career. One week of work experience is arranged for all Y10 students during the summer term. All Y11 students are interviewed by a county careers adviser and most of this year group opt to sit the Morrisby Careers Assessment. Individual meetings and assessments continue throughout the sixth form.

The careers library is housed within the main school library and is accessible during the school day and in prep.

Armed Forces liaison officers visit on a regular basis and all students attend the local and regional careers fairs.

The U12/13 Tutors advise the sixth form with regard to higher education opportunities and the local HE information evening is attended. They also guide those applying to University in Y13 through the UCAS system.

## **Sport**

We have long enjoyed a proud reputation for our sport. Although our teams invariably play against sides from much larger schools we have a fine record of success. Our size means that students who would not be selected for a school team in a larger school get the opportunity to play representative sport at Fyling Hall. In recent years our Rugby 7's team has been National ISA Champions twice, a remarkable achievement. The main winter activities are Rugby, Hockey, Soccer, Basketball, Netball and Cross Country Running. Many pupils have achieved District and County representative honours and a few former pupils now play sport professionally. Jamie Noon, Head Boy in 1998-99, gained his first rugby union cap for England against Canada in June 2001. He plays for Newcastle Falcons. In the summer term Cricket, Athletics, Rounders and Tennis are arranged. Recreational Swimming (at Whitby Pool), Riding and Cricket Nets continue throughout the year. Our commitment to sport is demonstrated by our most recent building project, a huge sprung-floor Sports Hall. Sports Studies is a popular subject at both GCSE and A Level.

## **Music**

In addition to timetabled music within the school curriculum many students learn to play an instrument. Tuition is given by a team of well-qualified peripatetic teachers. These half-hour sessions take place either during lessons (by rotation) or outside the school day. Many students do well in the regular Associated Board examinations. The school choir and small orchestra rehearse weekly after school.

Many students experience the excitement (and stress!) of public performance by playing at our regular small scale concerts held in the Barn.

## **Drama**

Several productions are held each year on our small stage in-the Barn. In addition to the School Play there is an annual Talent Show and Nativity presentation. Drama club is a popular extra-curricular activity. Students enthusiastically help backstage with the lighting and in programme production. Groups travel to York and Teesside to see professional productions in addition to visits to the nationally renowned Stephen Joseph Theatre in Scarborough. We also have an enviable record locally for our success in public speaking competitions.