

Curriculum Overview (2024-2025)

At De Warenne Academy we follow a 3-year Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 and 9) and then a 2-year Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11). Students have the opportunity to opt and specialise at the end of Y9 in the humanities and open basket subjects taking these to the end of Y11.

In Years 7, 8 and 9 students follow a core curriculum of English, Mathematics and Science. They also study History, Geography and French, and then on rotation enjoy a wide range of creative and technical subjects. In addition, they study Ethics, Philosophy and Citizenship (EPC) and finally computing and core PE. The allocated amount of time is shown in the table below.

All Year 7 and 8 students have a 30-minute reading lesson each week in the library using the online Reading Plus programme, which is timetabled into an English lesson. Within maths and science, Sparx is used as an online home learning tool which follows the respective schemes of work.

KS3 Curriculum Hours		
Subject	Y7 and Y8	Y9
English	4	4
Mathematics	4	4
Science	3	4
French	2	2
Geography	2	2
History	2	2
Ethics, Philosophy, Citizenship and RE	2	1
Computing	1	1
Music/Drama	1	1
Technology/Art	2	0
Art	0	1
RE/Technology	0	1
Physical Education	2	2
Total number of hours per week	25	25

Depending on need, we also offer several alternative support packages. For example, we have a cohort of students who have a different distribution of time allocated to subjects to allow for extra literacy support, where they practise reading and comprehension skills using the TextHelp programme. Students who are identified as below expected reading age spend one hour per week for 121 and small group support intervention with a reading mentor. Interventions include Phonics, reading fluency, Reading Rampage and Lexia.

At the end of Year 9 students opt for 4 subjects that they will study in Key Stage 4 and certificate by the end of Year 11 (the list of all the current option choices is in the table below). Students all opt from either History or Geography to enable our students to maximise their attainment scores in the second Attainment 8 'basket'.

We are continuing with our exciting Year 10 curriculum in which, on average, nearly 40% of students will be studying the EBacc pathway. We strongly believe that studying a language is an important part of creating the 'whole child', learning to appreciate different people and cultures, whilst improving communication skills, metacognition, and life chances.

We offer a wide range of subjects and qualifications which will cater for all needs from creative and technical qualifications to more academic and health related courses. We design our curriculum around each individual child, and it is, therefore, a bespoke curriculum. We work with students and parents/carers to ensure their choices will best match their enjoyment and potential in each case. Students will follow a course that best suits their abilities and could include GCSEs, BTEC and Cambridge National or Technical certificates.

The full list of qualifications offered is below.

Progress 8 Basket	Qualification
EBacc	GCSE Computer Science (OCR)
	GCSE French (AQA)
	GCSE Geography (AQA)
	GCSE History (Edexcel)
	GCSE Triple Science (AQA)
Open	GCSE Art and Design (AQA)
	Construction (BTEC Technical)
	Creative iMedia (OCR National)
	Health and Social (BTEC Technical)
	Hospitality and Catering (WJEC Vocational)
	Performing Arts (BTEC Technical)
	GCSE Photography (AQA)
Sport Studies (OCR National)	

The time allocation for Year 10 and Year 11 are in the tables below. Students study EPC and RE during tutor time in Year 11.

Y10 Curriculum Hours	
Subject	Hours
English Language and Literature	5
Mathematics	4
Science	4
Ethics, Philosophy, Citizenship and RE	1
Physical Education	1
Option A (Humanities/MFL)	3
Option B (Humanities/Open Basket)	3
Option C (Computer Science/Open Basket)	2
Option D (Triple Science/Open Basket)	2
Total number of hours per week	25

Y11 Curriculum Hours	
Subject	Hours
English Language and Literature	5
Mathematics	5
Science	5
Physical Education	1
Option A (Humanities/MFL)	3
Option B (Humanities/Open Basket)	2
Option C (Computer Science/Open Basket)	2
Option D (Triple Science/Open Basket)	2
Total number of hours per week	25

Many students will have 'Option English' or 'Option Maths' to complete their full timetable and for extra support with English and maths.

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