



CURRICULUM POLICY – APPENDIX 1 CURRICULUM PLAN 2017 - 2018

The Curriculum at Merchant Taylors' School underwent a significant review in the academic year 2014-15. This led to a reversion to a one week timetable, the introduction of 30 minute and 60 minute lessons depending on subject needs, a restructuring of the school day to allow for effective movement between lessons, an increase in A Level teaching time and a focus on extending pupil choice wherever possible and desirable.

The following outlines the subject allocations for the various year groups in the School in the academic year 2017-18.

The Third Form and Upper Third Form (Years 7 & 8)

Lesson Length	30	60	Total
English	2	2	180
Maths	1	2	150
Geography	1	1	90
Biology		1	60
Chemistry		1	60
Physics		1	60
MFL	4		120
Latin	4		120
Drama, Music, RS, Computing		2	120
History	1	1	90
PSHCE	1		30
PE		1	60
DT		1	60
Art		1	60
Lunch	5		150
Whole School Assembly	1		30
Curriculum Games		1	60
	20	15	1500

The Fourth Form (Year 9)

Fourths			
Lesson Length	30	60	Total
English	1	2	150
Maths	1	2	150
Chemistry	1	1	90
Physics	1	1	90
Computing		1	60
RS		1	60
History	1	1	90
Geography	1	1	90
PE		1	60
DT		1	60
Art		1	60
Biology	1	1	90
Option 1	2	1	120
Option 2	2	1	120
Option 3	2	1	120
Whole School Assembly	1		60
Curriculum Games		1	60
	14	18	1500

Options – one must be a MFL
French
Spanish
German
Latin
Latin & Greek
Music
Drama

The Middle School (Years 10 & 11)

	Divisions			Fifths		
Lesson Length	30	60	Total	30	60	Total
English		4-50% 3-50%	210	1	3	210
Maths	1	2-50% 3-50%	180	1	2-50% 3-50%	180
Chemistry	1-Double 0-Triple	1-Double 2-Triple	90-Double 120-Triple		2-Double 2-Triple	120
Physics	1-Double 0-Triple	1-Double 2-Triple	90-Double 120-Triple		2-Double 2-Triple	120
Biology	1-Double 0-Triple	1-Double 2-Triple	90-Double 120-Triple		2-Double 2-Triple	120
HPQ/Supported Study	1-Double 0-Triple	1-Double 0-Triple	90-Double 0-Triple	First Study 2018-19		
MFL	1	2	150	1	2	150
PSHCE	1		30		1-50% 0-50%	30
PE		1-50% 0-50%	30		1-50% 0-50%	30
Option		2-50% 3-50%	150		2-50% 3-50%	150
Option		2-50% 3-50%	150		2-50% 3-50%	150
Option		2-50% 3-50%	150		2-50% 3-50%	150
Whole School Assembly	1		30	1		30
Curriculum Games		1	60		1	60
	8D/4T	21D/23T	1500	4	23	1500

The Upper School (Years 12 & 13)

The Lower Sixth are taught for 5 x 60 minute lessons a week for each of their subjects. The Upper Sixth are taught for 5 x 60 minute lessons a week. Both year groups also have a series of extension and enrichment programmes and lectures to supplement the academic side of their curriculum.

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