



## **Curriculum Policy**

This curriculum policy will be reviewed annually by the strategic development committee of the governing body.

Date of last review: Summer 2018

Date of next review: Summer 2019

### **Policy statement**

We aim to provide a curriculum that serves the needs and aspirations of all children and will:

- provide the foundation for lifelong learning;
- involve experiences which promote active and purposeful learning;
- give opportunities for pupils to work collaboratively;
- offer breadth and balance for each child;
- provide appropriate learning opportunities for all which ensure individual children progress at a pace which provides both challenge and effective support;
- recognise that achievement motivates children;
- provide continuity and progression and build on prior achievements;
- raise children's expectations;
- encourage participation and increased self-confidence and independence;
- encourage each child to strive for his or her best in intellectual, physical and personal growth;
- enable understanding and skills to be applied to issues, problems and practical tasks;
- encourage and develop leadership and active citizenship within the school and wider community which fosters a sense of dignity, vocation and purpose for every individual;
- develop character strengths and resilience of children.

## **The Curriculum**

### **Key Stage 3 (Years 7 and 8)**

While Carlton le Willows is an academy and has significant freedom to adjust the curriculum on offer, we believe that all pupils should be able to study the subjects of the national curriculum, tailored to meet their needs. Therefore, all pupils will study the following in key stage 3:

**English**

**Mathematics**

**Science**

**French and/or German** (with the exception of a few pupils for whom extra learning support is more beneficial)

**Geography**

**History**

**Design and Technology**

**Computing**

**PE**

**Art**

**Religion and Philosophy**

**Music**

**Character, Resilience and Well-being (CRW)** (including personal, social, health and citizenship education)

Pupils in year 7 will study **Drama**.

Elements of PSHCE will also be covered in form periods.

Pupils are taught in mixed ability classes for some subjects but are set according to ability for others, such as maths and French, if the department believes that it is beneficial and timetabling allows.

## **Key Stage 4 (Years 9, 10 and 11)**

In one or more of the three years of key stage 4 all pupils take courses in the following core subject areas, most of which lead to qualifications:

**English** (separate language and literature GCSEs)

**Mathematics**

**Science (double science GCSE for all, triple science as an option)**

**PE**

**Character, Resilience and Well-being (CRW)** (including personal, social, health, citizenship and careers education)

**Religion and Philosophy**

Where pupils have the potential, they will be encouraged to study courses which will enable them to achieve the award of the English Baccalaureate. The option system allows all pupils to study a breadth of subjects, but all pupils are expected to choose at least one of history or geography and pupils are expected to study a modern foreign language if they are likely to be able to achieve a higher grade pass.

In addition to the core subjects there is a wide selection of GCSE or equivalent courses on offer. Subjects/courses offered in 2018 are:

**French**

**German**

**Geography**

**History**

**DT Food**

**DT Graphics**

**DT Resistant Materials**

**The Built Environment**

**Triple Science**

**Religious Studies**

**Drama**

**Music**

**Art**

**Photography**

**Textiles Design**

**3-D Design**

**Media Studies**

**Computer Science**

**Creative iMedia**

**Astronomy**

**Business/Financial Studies**

**Sport Science**

**Literacy/Numeracy**

**Health and Social Care**

**Work/Life Skills**

Option courses begin in Year 9 and are completed in Year 11.

## **Key Stage 5 (Sixth Form)**

A range of level 3 courses are offered in the sixth form. In 2018 the courses offered, all A level unless otherwise stated, are:

### **Art**

**Photography**

**Biology**

**Business Studies (A level or BTEC)**

**Chemistry**

**Physics**

**Drama**

**DT (RM and Graphics)**

**Economics**

**English Language**

**English Literature**

**French**

**Forensic Science (BTEC)**

**Geography**

**German**

**PE (BTEC)**

### **Media Studies**

**Travel & Tourism**

**History**

**Government & Politics**

**Computer Science**

**Mathematics**

**Further Mathematics**

**Core Mathematics (Level 3**

**Certificate)**

**Music (A level or equivalent)**

**Psychology**

**Religious Studies**

**Law**

**Textiles**

**AAT Diploma in Accounting**