



## SHIRLEY HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS COLLEGE KEY STAGE 3/4/5 CURRICULA

In line with the National Curriculum all students at Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9) follow a broad education within the KS3 Strategy, placing emphasis on improving Language for Learning, maths across the curriculum, ICT and life skills through:

Key Stage 3 – Year 7, 8 and 9		
Art	Food Technology	Music
Computer Science	French or Spanish	Physical Education
Dance	Geography	Personal Development
Design & Technology	History	Religious Studies
Drama	Information Technology	Science
English	Mathematics	

At the end of Year 9, students make their choices of subjects from the following list, allowing increased personal flexibility for all students as they progress through Years 10 and 11:

Key Stage 4 – Year 10 and 11 (Students can select 4 options and can study up to 10 subjects)			
Subject	Exam Board	Subject	Exam Board
Art & Design	Pearson	Geography	AQA
Business Studies	Pearson	Health and Social Care (L2 Technical Award)	Pearson
Child Development (L2 National Certificate)	CAMNAT	History	Pearson
Computer Science	OCR	Media Studies	OCR
Dance	AQA	Music	OCR
Design Technology	AQA	Photography	Pearson
Drama	AQA	Physical Education (GCSE)	OCR
Food Preparation and Nutrition	AQA	Religious Studies	WJEC
French	AQA	Sports Science (L2 National Certificate)	CAMNAT

Throughout Years 10 and 11, we provide a full curriculum, leading to GCSE examinations. All students will study course and compulsory subjects of ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE, MATHS, SCIENCE (SEPARATE OR COMBINED), PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT / CITIZENSHIP

In the Sixth Form a range of A level subjects, Level 3 BTEC Qualifications and Enrichment activities are offered. We are constantly developing our Sixth Form and will be adding many more subjects to this list in the future. Currently we offer:  
(Subjects below are all studied to A level unless stated)

Key Stage 5 – Post 16 – Year 12 and 13			
Subject	Board	Subject	Board
Art (Fine Art and Graphics)	Pearson	History	Pearson
Biology	Pearson	Marketing (L3 National Extended Certificate)	Pearson
Business Studies	Pearson	Mathematics	Pearson
Business Studies BTEC (L3 National Extended Certificate)	Pearson	Media Studies	OCR
Chemistry	OCR	Music (L3 National Extended Certificate)	Pearson
Dance (L3 National Extended Certificate)	AQA	Photography	Pearson
Drama	AQA	Physics	AQA
English Literature	AQA	Physical Education (A Level)	AQA
English Language	AQA	Psychology	AQA
Enterprise & Entrepreneurship (L3 National Extended Certificate)	Pearson	Religious Studies (AS)	WJEC
Extended Project Qualification (Level 3)	AQA	Sport and Physical Activity (L3 Extended Certificate)	OCR
Geography	AQA	Sociology	AQA
Health and Social Care (Level 2)	Pearson	Travel and Tourism (L3 National Extended Certificate)	Pearson
Health and Social Care (L3 National Extended Certificate)	Pearson	Uniformed Public Services BTEC (L3 Extended Certificate)	Pearson

### Setting:

The school has a policy of setting students by ability. This means that students work in smaller teaching groups with children of similar abilities. Students are placed in ability sets in core subjects in KS3 and 4. This is extended to other subjects where possible.

### Homework:

It is the policy of the school that homework is set regularly as appropriate to the needs and the academic level of the student. Homework is set electronically by teachers and can be viewed by students and parents/carers through our Student and Parent Apps. Homework builds up a pattern of self-discipline and organisation which benefits the student at examination level and in later life. Our parents/carers are expected to commit themselves to providing suitable facilities at home for homework to be carried out.