



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

In line with the National Curriculum, all pupils 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 and life skills through:

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

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

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

Throughout Years 10 and 11, we provide a full curriculum, leading to GCSE examinations. All pupils will study English Language and Literature, Maths, Science (Separate or Combined), Physical Education, Personal Development / Citizenship / British Values and have either enrichment or intervention opportunities.

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	
Art (Fine Art and Graphics)	Health and Social Care (L3 National Extended Certificate)
Biology	History
Business Studies	Mathematics
Chemistry	Media Studies
Dance (L3 National Extended Certificate)	Music (L3 National Extended Certificate)
Drama	Photography
English Literature	Physical Education (A Level)
Enterprise & Entrepreneurship (L3 National Extended Certificate)	Psychology
Extended Project Qualification (Level 3)	Sport and Physical Activity (L3 Extended Certificate)
French	Sociology
Geography	Travel and Tourism (L3 National Extended Certificate)
Government & Politics	

Setting:

The school has a policy of setting pupils by ability. This means that pupils work in smaller teaching groups with children of similar abilities. Pupils 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 pupil. Homework is set electronically by teachers and can be viewed by pupils and parents/carers through ClassCharts. Homework builds up a pattern of self-discipline and organisation which benefits the pupil 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. If a suitable environment is not available, parents/carers are expected to encourage their child to make use of our Homework Club.