



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)	
Art & Design	German
Business Studies	Health and Social Care (L2 Technical Award)
Child Development (L2 National Certificate)	History
Computer Science	Media Studies
Dance	Music
Design Technology	Photography
Drama	Physical Education (GCSE)
Food Preparation and Nutrition	Religious Studies
French	Sports Science (L2 National Certificate)
Geography	

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	
Art (Fine Art and Graphics)	History
Biology	Health and Social Care (Level 2)
Business Studies	Mathematics
Business Studies BTEC (L3 National Extended Diploma)	Media Studies
Chemistry	Music (L3 National Extended Certificate)
Dance (L3 National Extended Certificate)	Photography
Drama	Physics
English Literature	Physical Education (A Level)



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Our Vision:

To develop aspirational learners who strive for excellence academically, creatively and culturally, benefitting from a wide range of opportunities led by inspirational educators.

English Language	Psychology
Extended Project Qualification (Level 3)	Sociology
Geography	Uniformed Public Services BTEC (L3 Extended Diploma)

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. There is a Homework Schedule that students follow and it is set electronically by teachers. Homework set 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.

We want all at SHS to believe in and maintain the values of our school:

