

Key Stage 4 Curriculum

The aim of our curriculum is to provide a truly exceptional educational experience for all, enabling all our learners to become academically, socially, culturally and emotionally fulfilled young people, ready to take their place in the world. It is ambitious, challenging, cohesive, inclusive and enjoyable. It builds character and empowers students so they become confident learners, confident communicators and confident future citizens.

Subject Curriculum	Inclusion and Intervention Curriculum	Personal Development Curriculum	Ambition and Aspiration Curriculum
<p>In Years 10 and 11 students follow a personalised pathway which is appropriately challenging and carefully designed to prepare them effectively for future learning and employment. Almost all students study 9 GCSEs or equivalent, with over seventy percent following the EBacc pathway (compulsory subjects, plus History and / or Geography options). All students in Year 10 and Year 11 study:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Language • English Literature • Maths • Science (dual award) • A modern foreign language • Core PE <p>Plus, three options subjects from a choice of: History, Geography, Religious Studies, Art, Drama, Music, Computer Science, ICT, Graphics, Product Design, Textiles, Food and Nutrition, Business Studies, Health and Social Care and Sport.</p> <p>Assessments allow teachers to check understanding effectively, and to identify and correct misunderstandings. They allow students to embed and use their knowledge and to develop their understanding. Assessments takes place through low-stakes tests in lessons, and formal exams and assessments, including Year 10 and 11 Mock examinations. Verbal and written feedback is shared with students and reported to parents via reports and at Parents' Evening.</p> <p>Reading is deeply embedded within the curriculum and students are encouraged to become active readers of a range of high-quality texts. We expect students to always have a book with them.</p> <p>Options In the autumn term of Year 11 students begin the post-16 options process and receive quality CEIAG to help them with these important choices.</p>	<p>Alternative curriculum Pathways are part of the SEND offer at BVGA, this includes an ASDAN qualification provision for pupils in KS4. The ASDAN Group receives small group teaching by specialist teachers in a dedicated area.</p> <p>We offer entry level English and Maths qualification for those pupils who cannot access GCSE level qualifications.</p> <p>We provide testing for and support with Exam Access Arrangements.</p> <p>All pupils on the SEND and Below Age Related Expectations registers have a My Support Plan or IEP and a link TA (Teaching Assistant) to help support them to access the mainstream curriculum.</p> <p>SEND pupils, if required, are provided with bespoke timetables to meet individual needs.</p> <p>Our TA team offers in class support.</p> <p>We provide subject specific small group intervention under the direction of the class teacher.</p> <p>We offer an extensive EAL programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jet 1 and Language Workshop • Jet 2 and in class support • Jet 3 and in class support <p>Pupils not taking a Modern Foreign Language are offered 3 hours of intervention per week providing additional support for their other curriculum areas.</p>	<p>In Years 10 and 11, students continue their Personal Development journey, building upon content covered at Key Stage 3 and extending it into new topics whilst maintaining the thematic and sequential approach previously established.</p> <p>The Personal Development Curriculum at Key Stage 4 covers age-appropriate content which enables students to build on their prior knowledge and understanding of the six key themes, for example:</p> <p>Wellbeing and Health – managing pressure, revision and exam strategies Relationships and Communities – healthy relationships Character and Aspiration – role models within the local community Human Rights and the Environment – environmental organisations and international aid agencies Power and Politics – political systems and local politics Careers and Finance – Y10 work experience preparation</p>	<p>The Ambition and Aspiration offer at BVGA complements the academic and personal development of our students by ensuring that every student has the best career advice and access to the enrichment events and activities which enhance individual aspirations and ambitions and culminate in successful transition to the next stage of their journey.</p> <p>Year 10 Alumnae year 10 link Careers fair with local employers A week long work placement Guest speaker from industry Careers Assembly Drop in 1 to 1 session to discuss post-16 options Interview and CV skills sessions Larkia Summer School Foreign Language club Duke of Edinburgh BDAT Annual Science Event Ecology club National and school run competitions</p> <p>Year 11 Alumnae year 11 link Careers fair with local employers Guest speaker from industry Virtual work experience placements Post-16 option choice assembly Individual career guidance interview Apprenticeship and internship group interviews Foreign Language club NCS Russell Group Residential National and school run competitions</p>

