

Merchant Taylors' School

CURRICULUM POLICY APPENDIX 1 CURRICULUM PLAN

The Curriculum at Merchant Taylors' School has seen significant changes over the last decade in order to remain the most effective for our pupils and their learning. Having experimented with 30 minute and 60 minute lessons, the settled pattern is now that most lessons last 60 minutes. There has been an increase in A Level teaching time, as well as timetabled provision for extension lessons and subject specialist supervision of this. The curriculum has a focus on pupil choice wherever possible and desirable. Pupils now make their choices for GCSE in the Spring of the Fourth Form and start their GCSE subjects during the Summer Term of that year. A broader review of the Fourth Form curriculum took place in the academic year 2021-22 and extra 30 minute lesson was added so that PSHE could be included in the fortnightly cycle.

The school operates a Week A / Week B timetable. In practice weeks are nearly identical for most pupils, but some lessons occur only in alternate weeks, and occasionally timetabling constraints mean that pupils may have a subject taught unequally over the two weeks, but averaged out to meet the allocated fortnightly hours established below. The following outlines the subject allocations for the various year groups in the School.

The Third Form and Upper Third Form (Years 7 & 8)

Subject	Hours per fortnight
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The Middle School (Years 10 & 11)

Subject

Hours per fortnight