

Greenford High School

Policy Document



Curriculum

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Curriculum Intent

In education, the 'curriculum' is broadly defined as the '*totality of pupil experiences that occur in the educational process*'.

The intent of the curriculum matches many of Greenford High School's core aims. In essence, we believe that the curriculum should enable all young people to become:

- Successful learners who are **ready** to learn, make progress and achieve.
- **Respectful** & responsible citizens who make a positive contribution to society.
- Confident young people who are able to live **safe**, healthy and fulfilling lives.
- Aspirant individuals who are '**Learning to Succeed**' and, as a result, committed to learning at university, through apprenticeships and throughout their careers.

Our intent is that the Curriculum:

- Provides a broad and balanced curriculum that is truly comprehensive and accessible to all pupils.
- Delivers opportunities for students to learn to be successful, to gain useful, transferable skills whilst also acquiring relevant knowledge.
- Enables high standards of academic achievement where outcomes empower students to progress to Higher Education.
- Affords opportunities for all pupils to develop a high level of literacy and numeracy required for success in the wider curriculum and in adult life.
- Expands students' perspectives through a range of spiritual, moral, social and cultural opportunities to promote their sense of moral and social responsibility.
- Ensures that all pupils are able to thrive and develop as healthy individuals and good citizens.
- Ensures that all pupils are safe and understand how to stay safe.
- Fosters a strength of character, and resilience that will help pupils to cope with choices and overcome the challenges they are likely to encounter in life.
- Provides an appropriate range of opportunities and experiences to inspire pupils to succeed in the next stage in their education, training or employment.

Highlights

- A Key Stage 3 curriculum designed to build knowledge and develop skills and competencies to equip pupils for Key Stage 4.
- All students in Years 7-9 receive the broadest possible range of subjects with access facilitated by differentiated teaching and learning.
- A challenging Key Stage 4 programme that allows pupils to potentially achieve the EBacc, with very high levels of Language GCSE uptake.
- A wide range of optional subjects offered in Years 10-11 to cater to students' different interests and aptitudes.
- A broad offer of GCEs and high quality vocational courses at Post 16.

- Bespoke literacy support in Key Stage 3 for those requiring intervention with phonics skills taught and Reading Lab lessons given to targeted students.
- All Key Stage 3 students have a dedicated Reading lesson where they take the Accelerated Reader Programme, following a personalised reading scheme.
- An adapted PiXL Edge programme, incorporating Careers and Character Education, is delivered in Year 7 to develop resilience and prepare pupils for learning at Key Stage 4 and 5 as well as the world of work.
- A comprehensive CEIAG programme offering support and guidance in making choices relevant to their future study and career ambitions.
- A wide-ranging PSHCE curriculum which supports personal development and the teaching of British Values and SRE.
- SMSC is well established throughout the curriculum and through pastoral programmes.

This policy reflects the requirements of the National Curriculum programmes of study. It also reflects requirements for inclusion and equality as set out in the Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice 2014 and Equality Act 2010, and refers to curriculum-related expectations of governing boards set out in the Department for Education's Governance Handbook.