



Diss High School

Curriculum Overview

Updated Annually



DISS HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Governors and Staff of Diss High School are committed to providing a curriculum that allows the children of Diss, in a small rural community, to find their place as 21st century global citizens and to be able to live and work successfully in any diverse community in the future. In its broadest sense, the curriculum is everything the school intends. It includes, therefore, all the myriad activities beyond classroom work, at lunchtimes and after school, at weekends and in the holidays.

Art, Music and Drama are safeguarded within the curriculum, alongside vocational subjects and many opportunities for international visits and new cultural experiences.

We believe in providing a broad and balanced curriculum in Key Stage 3, with an increasing degree of choice as students mature. Our aim is to provide high quality teaching of established and recognised subjects which have both educational merit and credibility in the world beyond school.

Within the limits of the resources we are given, we make extra provision for students with Special Educational Needs, seeking in particular to improve literacy skills in Key Stage 3. Personal, Social and Health Education is provided across the curriculum and this includes Sex Education and Religious Studies.

Key Stage 3 (Years 7 and 8) all students follow a common curriculum: English, Mathematics, Science, Spanish, French, Design Technology, History, Geography, PE, Art, Music, Drama and ICT. Outlined below is a curriculum map for the Key Stage. In Year 8 students will also have the opportunity to pick up a second language of French.

Year 7	
Subject	Hours
English	4
Maths	3
Science	3
Art	1
Computing	1
Design & Technology	1
Drama	1
Geography	2
History	2
Music	1
PE	2
PSHE	1
Spanish	3

Year 8	
Subject	Hours
English	3
Maths	4
Science	3
Art	1
Computing	1
Design & Technology	1
Drama	1
Geography	2
History	2
Music	1
PE	2
PSHE	1
Spanish*	3

*Where a student studies both Spanish and French they will have 1.5h of each subject a week.

In Key Stage 4 (Years 9, 10 and 11) there is a broad selection of subjects on offer at GCSE level, including both core, practical and those of a more vocationally nature, leading to GCSE examinations. Further curriculum details concerning KS4 may be found in the KS4 Options Booklet.

Outlined below is a curriculum map for the Key Stage:

Year 9	
Subject	Hours
English	4
Maths	4
Science	3
IT (ECDL)	1
PE	2
PSHE	1
Options (Students choose four subjects)	
Art	2.5
Business BTEC	2.5
Computing	2.5
Design & Technology	2.5
Drama	2.5
French	2.5
Food Technology	2.5
Geography	2.5
Hair & Beauty*	2.5
History	2.5
Media Studies	2.5
Music	2.5
PE GCSE	2.5
Spanish	2.5
Sport BTEC	2.5

Year 10	
Subject	Hours
English	3
Maths	3
Science	6
IT (ECDL)	1
PE	2
Options (Students choose four subjects)	
Asdan	2.5
Art	2.5
Business BTEC	2.5
Design & Technology	2.5
Drama	2.5
French	2.5
Food Technology	2.5
Geography	2.5
Hair & Beauty*	2.5
History	2.5
Media Studies	2.5
Music	2.5
PE GCSE	2.5
Spanish	2.5

Year 11	
Subject	Hours
English	4
Maths	4
Science	6
PE	2
<p>At Diss High we value our Personal, Social, Health and Education program and not only give students opportunities to study this within the structured timetable but also through a series of Careers events & talks that take place throughout this this Key Stage.</p> <p>*Please note that Hair & Beauty is a double award and takes up two option choices.</p>	

Options (Students choose four subjects)	
Subject	Hours
Asdan	2.5
Art	2.5
Business BTEC	2.5
Child Development	2.5
Construction	2.5
Drama	2.5
French	2.5
Food Technology	2.5
Geography	2.5
Hair & Beauty*	2.5
History	2.5
Graphics	2.5
Media Studies	2.5
Music	2.5
PE GCSE	2.5
Resistant Materials	2.5
Spanish	2.5
Sport BTEC	2.5

Post 16 Provision after completing their GCSEs it is important that students have a pathway of progression available to them. Here at Diss High we offer a variety of subjects to study at A-Level as well as other more vocational Level 3 courses. All students are given the opportunity to have a taster in each of these subjects at our Yr12 Transition day in the Summer term.

Students tend to study three or four subjects over the course of Key Stage 5, however this is very individualised and some students may pick up a fifth option.

Outlined below is our curriculum map for Key Stage 5:

Year 12	
Subject	Hours
Art & Design	4.5
Biology	4.5
Business Studies	4.5
Chemistry	4.5
Classical Civilisation	4.5
Drama and Theatre Studies	4.5
English	4.5
English Literature	4.5
Film Studies	4.5
Geography	4.5
Government & Politics	4.5
French	4.5
Further Maths	4.5
History	4.5
Mathematics	4.5
Media Studies	4.5
Music	4.5
Music Technology	4.5
History	4.5
Physical Education	4.5
Physics	4.5
Psychology	4.5
Sociology	4.5
Spanish	4.5
Level 3 Courses	
BTEC Business	9
Diploma in Financial Studies	4.5
BTEC Health & Social Care	9
BTEC IT	4.5
Diploma in Medical Science	4.5

Year 13	
Subject	Hours
Accounting	4.5
Art & Design	4.5
Biology	4.5
Business Studies	4.5
Chemistry	4.5
Classical Civilisation	4.5
Drama and Theatre Studies	4.5
English	4.5
English Literature	4.5
Film Studies	4.5
Geography	4.5
Further Maths	4.5
History	4.5
Mathematics	4.5
Media Studies	4.5
Music	4.5
Music Technology	4.5
History	4.5
Physical Education	4.5
Physics	4.5
Psychology	4.5
Sociology	4.5
Spanish	4.5
Level 3 Courses	
BTEC Business	9
BTEC Health & Social Care	9
BTEC IT	4.5