


The Varndean Curriculum - visual

The Varndean vision	The highest expectations for all students whatever their background	Making students ready to shape their future
<p>Intention - what we want to do</p>	<p>Challenge all students to achieve beyond expectations and to the very best they can be</p> <p>Go beyond the national curriculum and exam syllabi to develop the interests and talents of the students</p> <p>Ensure students are highly literate, numerate and articulate as well as developing their creativity, technological and scientific skills.</p> <p>Where necessary catch students up so that everyone can succeed at KS4 and beyond</p>	<p>Prepare students for life as well as exams and place an emphasis on personal development in both formal and informal ways.</p> <p>Give students access to a curriculum that is broad, balanced, in depth and isn't limited to the classroom</p> <p>Secure an entitlement to experiences in school time that transform young lives, showing them all the World has to offer.</p> <p>Develop the essential knowledge and skills needed to be an active citizen</p>
<p>Implementation - how we do it.</p>	<p>Set high levels of challenge in all subjects across all years.</p> <p>Check the learning regularly to make sure teaching is matched to need.</p> <p>Provide a strong focus on vocabulary / literacy development</p> <p>Provide children with the practise they need to remember more and succeed</p>	<p>Teach with passion, enthusiasm and skill to develop a love of learning and to secure progression post 16.</p> <p>Make children better learners, showing them how to learn from their mistakes, strengthen their ability to memorise and encourage their critical thinking, curiosity, creativity and independence</p> <p>Place a strong focus on personal development and well being encouraging kindness, positivity and self care.</p>

Varndean operates a one week timetable of 30 x 50 minute lessons per week.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Key stage 3		Key stage 4		
English 4 Maths 4 Science 3 Core philosophy and ethics 1 PE (including dance) 2	English 5 Maths 4 Science 4 Core philosophy and ethics 1 PE (including dance)2	English 5 Maths 5 Science 5 Core philosophy and ethics 1 PE 2	English 5 Maths 5 Science 5 Core philosophy and ethics 1 PE 2	English 5 Maths 5 Science 5 Core philosophy and ethics 1 PE 2
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 <p>Personal development and well being</p>				
Learning for life (including relationships and sex education, careers education, and personal, social and health education) 30 minutes per week plus 3 learning enhancement days per year				
Enrichment week (last week in July) - 40 plus courses for students to select from				

Extra curricular opportunities, sport, music and the arts plus many more.

*specialist schools is 100 minutes of student led learning each week. Students choose the school they study in for the year to develop their talents and interests

** Enthusiastic and able language learners will take a second language in year 8 prior to choosing a language to study at GCSE in year 9.