

## Curriculum Offer at Townley Grammar School

All students follow a broad and balanced curriculum including a 30 minute Personal Development lesson with their tutor. There are minor variations to the curriculum from year to year to ensure a fair balance between subjects over the key stages and to reflect any changes at a National level.

There are six 50 minute lessons per day and students follow a two week timetable.

### Key Stage 3

#### Year 7:

Students study English, Maths, Science, two Modern Foreign Languages, Drama, Dance, History, Geography, Religious Studies and Physical Education in their tutor groups. Students choose either French and Italian or German and Spanish for their Languages.

Art, Music, Computing and DT subjects are taught in smaller, mixed groups.

- Computing consists of three strands: Computer Science; Information Technology and Digital Literacy (including e-safety)
- DT subjects include: Food; Textiles; Product Design and Graphics

#### Year 8:

The curriculum remains the same as for year 7 but students are now set for Mathematics across a half year group.

#### Year 9:

The curriculum remains similar to that for years 7 and 8 with the following tweaks.

- Students begin their GCSE Science course with Biology, Chemistry and Physics being delivered as discrete subjects
- Computer Science and Information Technology (including Digital Literacy) are taught as discrete subjects
- Setting occurs in Languages if timetabling allows

### Key Stage 4

All students take English, Mathematics, Science, Religious Studies and PE as compulsory subjects. They must also continue with at least one of the Languages they had taken at Key Stage 3. Students then have a free choice of three option subjects (unless they have chosen to continue with both Languages in which case they will have a choice of two).

Current option choices are Art, Classical Civilisation, Computing, Dance, Drama, Geography, Graphic Products, History, ICT, Music, PE, Product Design and Textiles Technology.

### Key Stage 5

Students choose four subjects to take in the Lower Sixth and continue with three in to the Upper Sixth. Some Higher Education courses require or advise that students continue with four subjects in to the Upper Sixth and this option is allowed subject to meeting specific criteria.

At Townley, we strongly believe that A-Levels continue to be the most appropriate and rigorous courses and examinations that have, and continue to enable our students to succeed in Higher Education, at specialist Performing Arts Colleges and Conservatoires, in employment and when undertaking Internships.

Our Sixth Form curriculum is supported and enriched by a 'Rounded and Grounded' Programme in Year 12 that enables students to develop additional skills and interests.