

Henlow Academy Learning Journey



Key Stage 3 Curriculum Overview

Year 7 & 8 Curriculum	
Subjects	Frequency (hours/50)
English	8
Mathematics	8
Science	7
Physical Education	4
Religious Education	3
History	3
Geography	3
Computing	2
French	3
Music	2
DT, Food, Art, Textiles (on rotation)	3
Options	4

Year 9 Curriculum	
Subjects	Frequency (hours/50)
English	8
Mathematics	8
Science	7
Physical Education	4
Religious Education	4
History	3
Geography	3
French	5
Choice 1	3
Choice 2	3
Community	2

Year 7 and 8 at Henlow Academy

Henlow Church of England Academy offers an incredibly broad and balanced curriculum through its unique options lessons in Year 7 and 8. Alongside the core curriculum, student select 4 options annually (8 in total over Year 7 and 8).

Subject Link	Option	Subject Link	Option
Art & Design	Art	Music	Band
	Theatre make-up	PE	Anatomy & physiology
	Food		Dance
	Bug houses		Influences affecting sport
	Jewellery making		Sports officiating
Computing	Digital revolution	RE	Critical thinking
Drama	Drama		Philosophy and Ethics
English	A-Level English	Social Sciences	Psychology
Geography	Geography		Sociology
History	1940's Britain	Science	CREST Award
	Greek Mythology		Geology
	World War 2		Triple science skills
Maths/Business Studies	Money Management		
	Marketing		
MFL	Greek		
	Italian		
	Latin		
	Spanish		

Year 9 at Henlow Academy

At Henlow, student choice is at the centre of the curriculum model.

In Year 9, alongside the core curriculum all students have the opportunity to focus on two foundation subjects. This allows them to study their choice subjects for three hours each over a two week period. In 2022/23, we would like to offer students the choice to select two subjects from the following Pink list. All students will be asked to give their preference from 1-7 (1 being the first preference).

Students are also asked to make one further choice, a Community Option. This will be studied for one hour per week. In 2021, all Year 9s who selected the Duke of Edinburgh Award have been able to study it. The Duke of Edinburgh Award encompasses 4 elements: a physical pursuit, a new skill, volunteering and an expedition. At Henlow, students have an hour weekly to focus on their DofE Award, this is unique at Henlow.

Select **two** Curriculum Choices.

Curriculum choices
Art
Computing
Design and Technology
Dance
Drama
Food Technology
Music

Select **one** Community Option.

Community options
Alpha Youth (Christian course)
ASDAN mentoring certificate
ASDAN languages (short course)
Coaching and umpiring Level 1 courses
Collective Worship Group
CREST Award
Duke of Edinburgh
First aid
Personal Training, Level 1 coaching
Spanish
Volunteering

Key Stage 4 at Henlow Academy

Year 10 and Year 11

All students will access the core curriculum offer:

Subjects	Frequency (hours/50)	No. qualifications
English / English Literature	8	2
Mathematics	7	1
Science	10	1 or 2 (Entrance level or Combined Science)
Religious Education	3	1
PE & Games	2	Non-examined
Personal, Social, Health, Careers Education	2	Non-examined

At Henlow we feel that alongside the core curriculum offer, the subjects most valuable to open all educational gates are the subjects listed in blue. We will encourage most of the students to select a language and at least one other subject from the blue list. While these subjects will be encouraged to most of the students, there will still be an opportunity for the students and parents to decide on their curriculum offer.

In order to achieve the English Baccalaureate a student must gain a grade 4 or above in MFL and one more blue subject. At Henlow at least one of the blue subjects must be selected.

Subjects	Frequency (hours/50)	No. qualifications
Computer Science	5	1
Geography	5	1
History	5	1
MFL (French and/or Spanish*)	5	1
Triple science	5	1

Key Stage 4 at Henlow Academy

All students will complete between 8 and 10 courses (either GCSE or equivalent) at Henlow.

The core curriculum includes: GCSEs in English Literature & Language, Maths, Science & RE = up to 6 GCSEs. The majority of students will complete the Combined Science course during the core curriculum, however, a small number of students will complete an entry level science GCSE.

Students must choose at least one GCSE from the Blue section = 1 GCSE

Students choose a further 3 courses. These can be a combination of GCSE (pink) and equivalent or Practical learning opportunities (green).

Select up to 3 option subjects			
Core / options	Subjects	Frequency (hours/50)	No. qualifications
GCSE	Art (can include textiles)	5	1
GCSE	Business studies	5	1
GCSE	Dance	5	1
GCSE	Drama	5	1
GCSE	ICT	5	1
GCSE	Food Preparation and Nutrition	5	1
GCSE	Music	5	1
GCSE	PE	5	1
GCSE	Psychology or Sociology	5	1
GCSE	Product Design	5	1
Voc	Enterprise and Marketing Technical Award	5	1
Voc	Game development Technical Award	5	1
Voc	Health and Social Care Technical Award	5	1
	Practical learning opportunities	5	Non-examined

