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Dear Parent/Carer

What will the curriculum at Outwood Academy Hemsworth look like for my son/daughter who is in Y7?

Our aim is to provide students with a broad and balanced curriculum, and support them to achieve the highest possible grades, and ensure that they have the best possible life chances. Our Guided Pathways process supports this vision. We have tried to develop a curriculum that is innovative and knowledge rich, with a focus on the basics of English and Maths, whilst making certain that we fulfil their entitlement to study the full suite of EBacc subjects.

The table below outlines how your son/daughter's curriculum will develop from Y7 through to Y11.

In summary the table shows:

- The number of hours per week of each subject area (HPW)
- Students will choose their guided pathways subjects in Y8 to begin in Y9 (Option 1 - 3)
- Non EBacc subjects will certify at the end of Y10. EBacc subjects (History, Geography, French, Spanish and Computer Science) will certify in Y11

A key part of this curriculum is the opportunity for students to start the deeper study of some subjects as they move into Year 9. Some of these subjects can be certified at the end of Year 10, and some at the end of Year 11. One of the advantages of this model is that it enables students to spread out the examination load. A further advantage is that it enables students to pick additional subjects or receive extra support in English and maths in Y11.

		Current Y7																	
		En	Ma	Sc	Pe	MFL	Gg	Hi	Life/RE	DT	Art	Cs	Dr	Mu	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Consolidation	Total HPW
2020-21	7	4	4	3	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1					25
2021-22	8	4	4	3	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1					25
2022-23	9	5	4	4	2				1						3	3	3		25
2023-24	10 x 1 EBacc	5	4	4	1				1						2	4	4		25
2023-24	10 x 2 EBacc	5	4	4	1				1						2	2	4	2	25
2023-24	10 x 3 EBacc	5	4	4	1				1						2	2	2	4	25
2024-25	11	5	4	6	1										3	3	3		25

What interventions will Outwood Academy Hemsworth use to ensure all students are successful?

Some students may need to take extra English and/or maths to help them achieve their best possible grades in these key subjects. We have tailored our curriculum to ensure that every student has the opportunity to obtain a good Attainment 8 score and can achieve good grades in English and maths.

Rest assured, we are committed to equipping all our students with the Key Stage 4 qualifications, as well as making sure that they have an enriching, broad and enjoyable Key Stage 3 experience.

If you have any questions or queries regarding this curriculum model please do not hesitate to contact me at s.godfrey@hemsworth.outwood.com

Yours Sincerely,



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