

Iford County High School

School Curriculum

At ICHS, we aim to provide a broad and balanced curriculum within a learning environment that is both challenging and supportive. The curriculum is designed to offer both breadth and depth. It prepares our students for further study, work or a combination of both.

As a school, we have gained an excellent reputation for our work in Mathematics and Science but we are passionate in promoting a broad subject range while also developing our students "Habits of mind". Our "Habits of mind" include areas such communication, problem solving, reflection and teamwork. We encourage our students to aspire high and maximise their potential.

Our curriculum offer is very traditional and all students follow a route through GCSE and A Level examinations. To ensure that our students are well-rounded individuals when they leave ICHS we run an "E-Bacc plus" system for GCSE choices. During Year 8, students work through the options preference process where they request the creative and language subjects that they would like to study for GCSE. They begin their GCSE studies in these areas at the start of Year 9. During Year 9 our students work through a second options process to indicate the Humanities based subject and a "free choice" subject to study in Years 10 & 11. Their final allocation will include English, Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, a Modern Foreign Language, Geography or History, a Creative option such as Art, Design Technology, Food, Music or PE and a free choice.

Across all year groups, we offer trips and visits and these take place in the local area, in other parts of the UK and in International locations. To provide a flavour of the opportunities that we provide the list below shows some of our planned and completed visits for 2018/19:

- Football tour to Madrid
- Languages trip to Paris
- History trips to Dover
- Economics revision conferences
- Hans Woyda Maths
- English theatre trips
- GCSE PE Rock Climbing
- Churchill War Rooms
- Geography Field Trips
- House of Commons
- London Art Galleries
- East London Science & Technology Challenge
- Participation in local and regional sports competitions
- Physics in action

And the list goes on.....

We also recognise that lots of learning happens outside of the classroom and these activities help to develop the life skills of our students. The extracurricular sessions that we offer evolve throughout the year and cover both academic and non-academic areas. Sessions are led by a combination of staff and students.

Some of our wider activities include:

- Year 8 Office Ambassadors
- School Council
- Homework Club
- Peer 2 Peer Tuition/Support
- Peer Mentors
- Inter House Sports
- Partnership work with Little Heath School
- Travel Ambassadors
- Reading Ambassadors
- Table Top Gaming
- Mental Health Ambassadors
- Author visits
- Guest speakers
- Plays/Theatre productions

Our curriculum offer is supported by PSHEE drop down days that cover areas such Relationships, Health, Citizenship, Careers, Drugs education and Personal Safety. Every month we celebrate a different value such as Kindness, Honesty and Tolerance, which are then reinforced during assemblies and through our pastoral programme, delivered by Form Tutors and supported by our Heads of House.

We are proud that our students leave us to pursue career options at top universities, on high-level apprenticeship schemes or in attractive work based positions.

Subject	Taught in Year(s)	No. of Lessons per fortnight	Duration
Art	7 & 8	2	60 Mins
Computer Science	7 & 8	3	60 Mins
Design Technology (2 out of 4 DT Rotations)	7 & 8	4	60 Mins
English	7 & 8	6	60 Mins
Food Studies (1 out of 4 DT Rotations)	7 & 8	4	60 Mins
French	7 & 8	4	60 Mins
Geography	7 & 8	3	60 Mins
History	7 & 8	3	60 Mins
Maths	7 & 8	6	60 Mins
Music	7 & 8	2	60 Mins
Oracy	7 & 8	2	60 Mins
PE	7 & 8	3	60 Mins
Philosophy	7 & 8	2	60 Mins
Science	7 & 8	6	60 Mins
Spanish	7 & 8	4	60 Mins
Swimming (1 out of 4 DT Rotations)	7 & 8	4	60 Mins

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Art (Option if chosen)	9	5	60 Mins
Biology	9	4	60 Mins
Chemistry	9	4	60 Mins
Computer Science	9	3	60 Mins
Design Technology (Option if chosen)	9	5	60 Mins
English	9	6	60 Mins
Food Studies (Option if chosen)	9	5	60 Mins
French (Option if chosen)	9	5	60 Mins
Geography	9	3	60 Mins
History	9	3	60 Mins
Maths	9	6	60 Mins
Music (Option if chosen)	9	5	60 Mins
PE (Core)	9	3	60 Mins
PE (Option if chosen)	9	5	60 Mins
Philosophy	9	3	60 Mins
Physics	9	4	60 Mins
Psychology/Business/Food Taster	9	1	60 Mins
Spanish (Option if chosen)	9	5	60 Mins

Subject	Taught in Year(s)	No. of Lessons per fortnight	Duration
Art (Option if chosen)	10	5	60 Mins
Biology	10	4	60 Mins
Business/Economics (Option if chosen)	10	5	60 Mins
Chemistry	10	4	60 Mins
Computer Science (Option if chosen)	10	5	60 Mins
Design Technology (Option if chosen)	10	5	60 Mins
English (Language & Literature)	10	6	60 Mins
Food Studies (Option if chosen)	10	5	60 Mins
French (Option if chosen)	10	5	60 Mins
Geography (Option if chosen)	10	5	60 Mins
History (Option if chosen)	10	5	60 Mins
Maths	10	6	60 Mins
Music (Option if chosen)	10	5	60 Mins
PE (Core)	10	3	60 Mins
PE (Option if chosen)	10	5	60 Mins
Philosophy	10	3	60 Mins
Physics	10	4	60 Mins
Psychology (Option if chosen)	10	5	60 Mins
Spanish (Option if chosen)	10	5	60 Mins

Subject	Taught in Year(s)	No. of Lessons per fortnight	Duration
Art (Option if chosen)	11	5	60 Mins
Biology	11	4	60 Mins
Business/Economics (Option if chosen)	11	5	60 Mins
Chemistry	11	4	60 Mins
Computer Science (Option if chosen)	11	5	60 Mins
Design Technology (Option if chosen)	11	5	60 Mins
English (Language & Literature)	11	8	60 Mins
Food Studies (Option if chosen)	11	5	60 Mins
French (Option if chosen)	11	5	60 Mins
Geography (Option if chosen)	11	5	60 Mins
History (Option if chosen)	11	5	60 Mins
Learning for Life	11	1	60 Mins
Maths	11	6	60 Mins
Music (Option if chosen)	11	5	60 Mins
PE (Core)	11	3	60 Mins
PE (Option if chosen)	11	5	60 Mins
Physics	11	4	60 Mins
Psychology (Option if chosen)	11	5	60 Mins
Spanish (Option if chosen)	11	5	60 Mins