

## The Curriculum

### Key Stage 3 (ages 11-13)

All students study the full range of subjects demanded by the National Curriculum.

These are divided into core subjects and foundation subjects making up a fortnightly timetable of 50 one hour lessons. The teaching groups in Year 7 are mixed ability (based upon tutor groups), with specialist provision for students with Additional Needs in place.

Setting in Mathematics is introduced at the end of the first half term.

The majority of Year 8 students start to study a second modern foreign language.

### Key Stage 4 (ages 14-16)

At Key Stage 4 students follow the compulsory core subjects of English, Mathematics and Science and selected courses from the option choices available. The option box choices are designed to ensure that all students undertake a broad and relevant curriculum, which does not restrict future choices. Statutory lessons in Welsh, Religious Education, Physical Education and PSE are also provided. Students work towards accredited courses, for most students this will be the General Certificate of Education (GCSE). Entry level course and short courses are also offered as a guided choice.

### Welsh

All students entering Year 7 will study Welsh as a second language and this will continue at Key Stage 4 leading to a short course GCSE qualification and the opportunity to study full course GCSE.

### Religious Education

Religious Education at Key Stage 3 and 4 gives the students an opportunity to study aspects of the world's major religions, which acknowledging the place of Christianity as the principle faith in this country. Students are encouraged to develop their own responses to the meaning and purpose of our existence and to begin to address guidelines of morality and spirituality.

### Daily Collective Worship

Daily collective worship is organised among Key Stages with students attending a Key

Stage assembly and a year assembly. Assemblies are non-denominational and reflect the broadly Christian ethos of the school. Each Key Stage has a themed assembly programme covering a range of moral issues over the year and the school also has a 'Thought for the Day.'