

Curriculum Intent

At Hodgson Academy, we offer a challenging, stimulating, broad and balanced curriculum model, with a strong, academically rich set of subjects at its core. Our Key Stage 3 is built around the National Curriculum which gives our students the foundation of knowledge they need to move into Key Stage 4. We have an ambitious curriculum for all learners, with all subjects and all qualifications open to all students. The curriculum is structured around an ethos of equity and inclusivity for all and empowers our students to know more, remember more and do more. Our teaching philosophy complements this and allows all students to aspire to the top of the attainment range in a supportive environment which exudes high expectation for all and from all students, developing a life-long love of learning.

We promote a love of reading, and daily group reading is scheduled into our school day, with our 'Reg and Read' curriculum programme. Our curriculum is designed to develop the whole child, and student personal development is at the heart of what we do. We want our students to embrace diversity and to show tolerance, respect and fairness, which is underpinned by our mantra of CARE: Consideration And Respect for Everyone. A dedicated hour of PSHE and an hour of Religion, Ethics and Philosophy is delivered to every student, every week throughout our students' time at Hodgson. This is enhanced by an exceptional co-curricular and enrichment offer, allowing students to continuously broaden their interests beyond the school day. In addition, the Gatsby Benchmarks are embedded into our careers education which runs from Year 7 through to Year 11, ensuring the highest standards of guidance for each and every student. There are opportunities for students to find out about a variety of Post-16 options as well as having interactions with both employers and providers, as well as former students, to inspire and inform their choices beyond Hodgson.

In Key Stage 3, all students are taught an exceptionally broad offer: all students study history and geography, and two languages are delivered in Key Stage 3. We also have a bespoke curriculum offer in communication studies, promoting oracy and the spoken word, as well as increasing the confidence of our students. Students arrive from primary school and are taught what it means to be a part of the Hodgson community, allowing our culture and ethos to permeate through their understanding of the school.

Our Key Stage 4 begins in Year 10. Each curriculum area, and our subject specialists, are provided with the time necessary to deliver subjects in the depth required for a strong understanding of each specialism. All students study a language or a humanity and have two free choices so most complete nine full qualifications by the time they leave Hodgson Academy in Year 11. There are no barriers to options and all students from all abilities are able to choose whichever subjects they wish. We feel our options suite of subjects provides students of all interests with a broad curriculum choice and offers a range of GCSE and vocational options to meet the needs for all learners.

We are a school where we all work together to ensure that every student is well-equipped and resilient for the challenges of the modern and fast-changing world; ensuring they aspire to be the best version of themselves. This emphasises our belief that **'who you leave as when you leave Hodgson, is as important as what you leave with'**.

Because... 'At Hodgson, anything is possible when we Imagine, Believe, Achieve.'