

The Leigh Academy

The Curriculum Operating Procedures



Rationale

The Leigh Academy aims to equip all of our students with the skills they need to meet the demands and challenges they will face in their future lives. The curriculum will meet the need and aspirations of all students providing them with access to relevant qualifications to enable all students to achieve

- **As an Academy, the aim is to offer an enhanced and value-added curriculum.** This enhancement is shown in;
- a **Technological** and **IT** rich learning environment
- an emphasis on **problem-solving** and the production of autonomous, flexible learners
- the development of **key learning skills**
- a modular **approach to learning** encompassing all of the above
- Innovative opportunity to learning which inspires students

1. KEY STAGE 3

At The Leigh our KS3 runs over a period of 2 years in years 7 and 8 students follow the National Curriculum and a variety of additional subjects to enrich their learning experience. The rationale for a 2 year KS3 is to give a broad and balanced basis for their KS4 learning.

During Year 8 students make guided choices with their parents/carers, teachers and tutors for their KS4 courses ensuring that our learners are on an appropriate Baccalaurate pathway.

2. KEY STAGE 4

KS4 at The Leigh is a 3 year course to maximise the time for each student to engage and achieve these critical courses. The impact of a 3 year KS4 courses is evident in our year on year in our improved examination results.

At Key Stage 4, all students study a core curriculum comprising of the following subjects;

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Physical Education
- Information Computing Technology

In addition, students make a choice from each of the following option blocks groups

Group A GCSE Subjects	Group B BTEC Subjects
Art and Design: Fine Art	Catering
Art and Design: Graphic Communication	Dance
Art and Design: Photography	Digital Applications (CiDA)
Business Studies	Engineering
Computer Science	Health and Social Care
Drama	Information and Creative Technology
Electronics: Systems and Control	Travel and Tourism
French	
Geography	
History	
Media	
Music	
Philosophy and Ethics	
Physical Education	
Product Design	
Product Design: Textiles	
Spanish	

3. POST 16

Post-16 provision at The Leigh is divided into three P16 pathways which are as follows:

- GCE programme - AS and A2 Level subjects
- Vocational programme - BTEC
- Vendor certificated courses - CISCO,/iPro,Microsoft, Oracle/Java

Students can study in a single pathway or in a combination, providing four subjects are taken in Year 12 and a minimum of three in Year 13.

A wider offer, including Level 2 courses, is additionally available for our students to access across The Leigh Academies Trust at Longfield Academy and Wilmington Academy P16.

The Post 16 curriculum is enhanced by a range of options including:

- Careers Guidance.
- Work Experience at home or abroad.
- The Academy Business Challenge Young Enterprise.
- Community Service.

Participation in Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, sporting activities, running the Young Enterprise, producing the Academy Yearbook are also encouraged.

Details of the programmes of study for Post-16 subjects and courses can be found in The Leigh Academies Trust Post-16 Prospectus, Course Guide and main Academy Prospectus.