

## Sandwell Academy Curriculum

Sandwell Academy aims to ensure all students make rapid progress in core academic subjects of Maths, English and Science. We also believe an excellent school should give students a wide range of experiences to enable them to find their area of interest and excel, we achieve this through a broad and balanced curriculum offer. In addition, students are encouraged to take an active interest in current affairs and key topical issues, citizenship and PSHE permeating the curriculum.

### **Key Stage 3**

Students in Year 7 and Year 8 study a core curriculum of Maths, English and Science (4 hours per week per subject). They also study History, Geography, Spanish, Art, DT, Dance, Drama, Music and PE. RE, ICT and Business are taught on a rotation. Citizenship underpins the curriculum and is also delivered within tutor groups.

### **Key Stage 4**

Students begin their Key Stage 4 programme of study in Year 9. All Students study Maths, English and Science. Students who are academically capable of achieving a good GCSE pass in academic subjects also study History or Geography and Spanish. Sandwell Academy specialises in Business and Sport and most students study these subjects as a GCSE or BTEC qualification. The option of subjects available to students at Sandwell Academy is broad as we believe students should have as many opportunities to shine as possible. A list of option subjects is given below. The majority of students study 10 qualifications. Citizenship underpins the curriculum and is also delivered within tutor groups. All students study Core PE. RE is delivered on a rotation to all students.

GCSE Triple Science  
GCSE Religious Studies  
GCSE Computer Science  
GCSE Business  
BTEC Business  
ECDL (ICT course)

GCSE Art  
GCSE Product Design  
GCSE Catering  
BTEC Leisure & Tourism  
Health and Social care  
GCSE Media

BTEC Music  
BTEC Sport  
GCSE PE  
GCSE History  
GCSE Geography  
BTEC Performing Arts