



# The Downs School

## Curriculum Options

### Year 9 Information Evening

January 2018

# Curriculum



**CORE ELEMENT (followed by all students )**

Personal Development Programme

**Religious Education**

Physical Education

**English**

Mathematics

**Science**

# PATHWAYS



 **Purple**

A

B

C

**Pathway 1**

**Yr 10 En/ma support &  
Yr 11 Employment skills**

**Pathway 2**

D

 **Yellow**

A

B

C

D

# Curriculum



## PATHWAY ELEMENT – Purple and Yellow

### Block A

**GCSE Art**

**GCSE Business Studies**

**BTec Countryside and Environment**

**BTec Creative Media**

**GCSE Drama (Acting or Production)**

**GCSE Geography**

**BTec Health & Social Care**

**BTec Music**

**GCSE Separate sciences ( Biol, Chem, Phys)**

**GCSE Spanish**

# PATHWAYS



 **Purple**

A

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**Pathway 1**

**Yr 10 En/ma support &  
Yr 11 Employment skills**

**Pathway 2**

D

 **Yellow**

A

B

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D

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## PATHWAY ELEMENT – Purple and Yellow

### Block B

**GCSE Business Studies**

**GCSE DT - Graphics**

**GCSE German**

**GCSE History**

**GCSE Media**

**GCSE Music**

**BTec Performing Arts -Acting**

**GCSE PE**

**GCSE RE**

**BTec Sport**

# PATHWAYS



 **Purple**

A

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**Pathway 1**

**Yr 10 En/ma support &  
Yr 11 Employment skills**

**Pathway 2**

D

 **Yellow**

A

B

C

D

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## PATHWAY ELEMENT – Purple and Yellow

### Block C

**GCSE Art**

**GCSE Computer Science**

**GCSE Dance**

**BTec Performing Arts - Dance**

**GCSE DT – Resistant Materials**

**GCSE Economics**

**GCSE French**

**GCSE German**

**GCSE Geography**

**BTec Information and Creative Technology**

**GCSE PE**

**MATHS STUDY PLUS – Purple 2**



# PATHWAYS



 **Purple**

A

B

C

**Pathway 1**

**Yr 10 En/ma support &  
Yr 11 Employment skills**

**Pathway 2**

D

 **Yellow**

A

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C

D

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## PATHWAY ELEMENT

Purple Pathway **1** **Block D Year 10 English and Mathematics & Year 11 Employment Skills**

OR

Purple Pathway **2** **Block D selection**

Yellow Pathway **Block D selection**

# Curriculum



## PATHWAY ELEMENT– Purple 2 and Yellow

### Block D

**BTec Business**

**GCSE Computer Science**

**GCSE Drama (Acting or Production)**

**GCSE DT – Textiles**

**GCSE French**

**GCSE History**

**GCSE Media**

**GCSE RE**

**GCSE Spanish**

**BTec Sport**

**ENGLISH STUDY PLUS - Purple 2**

# PATHWAYS



 **Purple**

A

B

C

**Pathway 1**

**Yr 10 En/ma support &  
Yr 11 Employment skills**

**Pathway 2**

D

 **Yellow**

A

B

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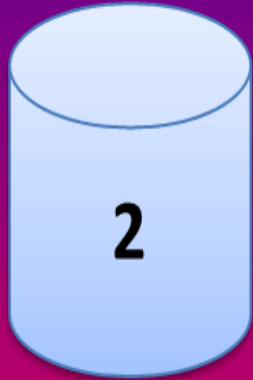
# Progress Measure

## Progress 8 measure



**English**

Double-weighted\*



**Maths**

Double-weighted



**3**



**4**



**5**

**EBacc qualifications**

(sciences, computer science, geography,  
history and languages)



**6**



**7**



**8**

**'Open group'**

**Remaining EBacc qualifications and  
other approved qualifications**

**Applied - BTEC**

# Year 10 Curriculum 2018



## Two Week Timetable Cycle

<b>Alternate PDP/Monday 2.15 pm finish</b>	<b>2</b>
Religious Education	2
<b>Physical Education</b>	<b>4</b>
English	8
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>6</b>
Science	8
Choice 1 Subject Block A	5
Choice 2 Subject Block B	5
Choice 3 Subject Block C	5
<b>Choice 4 Subject Block D</b>	<b>5</b>
Total hours	50

**Up to 9 GCSE/Equiv**

# Homework



- A tool to help deepen/reinforce/extend learning – memory recall
- Research for assessments may be set as homework.
- **Up to** 2 hours work outside lessons, per school day, during years 10 & 11.

# Dates To Remember



**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018** Deadline for completion of the personal curriculum option form

**April/May 2018** Individual consultations with students should any courses be unavailable

**By July 2018** Course printout sent home for confirmation



## Key fact:

IT and sales roles are in high demand by employers in Berkshire.

**1 in 10 jobs in Berkshire are IT specialist roles.**

This is three times the national average.

1. Software developer/engineer
2. Sales representative
3. Computer support specialist
4. Network engineer/architect
5. Registered General Nurse
6. Project manager
7. Retail supervisor
8. Customer service representative
9. Office/administrative assistant
10. Sales manager

**Jobs in highest demand in Berkshire –2016\***

\*Measured by the number of vacancies being advertised

# Jobs in West Berkshire

Information supplied by Thames Valley Berkshire LEP

Sector / occupation	Level of competition for jobs?
IT / Software development	Low
Distribution	Low
Accountancy	Low
Social care	Low
Construction	Medium
Engineering	Low
Catering (chefs)	Low
Sports and leisure	Medium
Law	Medium
Beauty	Medium
Veterinary	High
Psychology	High
Computer game design	High

# Looking to the future, according to the World Economic Forum, the 10 skills you need to have a successful career in 2020 are:

## How might you develop them?

- Complex problem solving
- Critical thinking
- Creativity
- People management
- Coordinating with others
- Emotional intelligence
- Judgement and decision making
- Service orientation
- Negotiation
- Cognitive flexibility



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