

# Curriculum and Learning in Phase 1

We refer to Phase 1 at Beckfoot as the learning undertaken in Year 7 and Year 8. Students have 25 hours of learning a week, plus a designated PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education) session each week.

We work in partnership with our Primary colleagues to ensure that your child builds on the excellent learning that they have done in Year 5 and 6.

All students study the following subjects:

- English and Literacy
- Maths and Numeracy
- Science
- Geography
- History
- RE
- French or German
- Music
- Art
- Design and Technology
- Drama and Dance
- PE

In addition, some students study a Computer Science course in conjunction with Maths, or have additional English or Maths lessons within the timetabled week.

During our Wider Learning Days (when we suspend the curriculum for the day), students are involved in STEM projects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) or wider PSHCE activities. Careers exposure and 'a job for a day' is important for students in Years 7 and 8 as they need to start thinking now about their long-term future and ambitions.

All students in Years 7 and 8 are part of the Accelerated Reading programme and are expected to have 'a book in their bag' at all times. They are encouraged to read for a minimum of 30 minutes each day and will have weekly spelling tests.

Twice a week during Tutor Time students can choose to attend a SPA activity (Sport or Performing Arts) which takes place during Tutor Time and their break. We encourage every student to get involved in enrichment activities and student leadership.

**In December and January of Year 8 students carry out a Personalised Pathways programme which culminates in you and your child, with the guidance and support of all of us, selecting which examination courses they would like to follow from Years 9-11.**