

Curriculum and Learning in Phase 2

We refer to Phase 2 at Beckfoot as the learning undertaken in Year 9 and Year 10 and Year 11. Students are supported to work hard in preparation for their exams in Year 11 as well as encouraged to get involved in the wider aspects of school life. Students have 25 hours of learning a week, plus a designated PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education) session each week.

Students start their examination courses (GCSEs, Technical Awards and BTECs) in Year 9, having 3 years to prepare themselves. Most students in addition to the compulsory ones below, will take 3 further subjects of their choice.

Compulsory subjects:

- PE
- PSHCE
- English literature
- English Language
- Maths
- Science (either double award where 2 GCSEs in Science are gained, or, triple where 3 separate sciences in Biology, Chemistry and Physics GCSEs are gained)
- Ebacc subjects offered:
- Geography
- History
- Computer Science
- German
- French

Other subjects offered (students usually study 1 or 2 or these) (subject to change each year):

- PE
- Sport
- Health and Social Care
- Business Studies
- Enterprise and Marketing
- Sociology
- RE
- Music
- Performing Arts
- Graphics
- Photography
- Fine Art
- Food and Nutrition
- Materials Technology
- Fashion and Textiles

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.

In Phase 2 (Years 9/10/11) students have personalised pathways that suit their aspirations for life and we support them throughout with wide enrichment opportunity's that build their confidence and self esteem. These pathways include a range of academic and vocational opportunity.

All students in Year 9 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 20 minutes each day and will also 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.