The [BCAT Way](https://www.bctrust.co.uk/the-bcat-way/) Curriculum states that:

***"We believe in providing a broad educational experience and a balanced curriculum. Particular attention is given to those subjects that are proven to aid future success, often the traditional academic disciplines, but the experience of our pupils will embrace technical subjects, arts, languages, health, sport and humanities in line with our aim of producing rounded individuals".***

Our Academy curriculum vision is to***"provide EVERY student the opportunity to acquire academic excellence and those skills, qualities and experiences that develop well-rounded, successful and happy members of modern society".***

Simplistically, our curriculum organisation is two years in KS3 and 3 years in KS4. In reality, we have created a 5 year curriculum journey tailored for our students that is rich and ambitious for all; provides great breadth and opportunities for depth at KS3 and KS4; allows FULL access for EVERY student; and is closely married to our Vision above.

**We have a very broad curriculum:**

* We follow the full National Curriculum at Key Stage 3 (KS3) to give our students the broadest and best start to their secondary education.
* Our unique PREP system, gives students an additional 40 hours of curriculum time per year.
* Drama, Dance, Food, DT and Music are taught weekly as distinct subjects at KS3
* All students are taught two languages (Spanish and French) weekly as distinct subjects at KS3
* We believe in personalisation and choice, so we offer one of the broadest ranges of KS4 GCSE option subjects in the Borough.

**A Quality curriculum for all by design:**

* Our Curriculum planning ensures and shows how the full breadth of the National Curriculum is covered with ample opportunities for deep study.
* A 5 Year curriculum design for most subjects provides a logically sequenced educational journey and seamless transition from KS3 to KS4.
* We base our curriculum design and implementation on proven educational research methods.

**An ambitious curriculum for all:**

* EVERY student has access to the full ambitious curriculum. We do not stream, reduce, narrow or restrict the curriculum for any learners.
* Numerous disadvantaged and SEND students choose to continue languages and humanities

**GCSE and EBacc uptake:**

* Students are encouraged, but not forced to take EBacc subjects, resulting in personalisation but significantly more students choosing these subjects (in years 8, 9, 10), compared to National
* Terms 1 and 2 in Year 9 allow for changes of option subjects where appropriate.

**Opportunities for further study across the 5 years:**

* An extracurricular timetable of 35 clubs encourages students to continue with sports; performing arts and technology interests amongst many others
* The Year 9 and 10 ‘Elective/Enrichment’ option offers: Home Language GCSE; Sports Awards; Textiles; Dance; Art Awards; Food tech, amongst many others

**Depth at KS4:**

* The longer KS4 allows us to enhance the curriculum with a greater choice of topics; more opportunities for depth and opportunities for inspirational experiences like Theatre visits; visiting performers; Geography field work.
* Schemes of learning identify opportunities for greater depth and breadth at KS4

**Computing:**

* ALL students continue to develop their computing education and skills
* Many students opt to continue with one of our 3 Computing based courses at KS4
* Our careful mapping shows how coverage of all computing skills continue for ALL, threaded throughout other KS4 courses
* The Academy policy of providing every student with a laptop since 2017, means that the use of this technologies are woven into everyday life for all Academy students

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