

Great Academy Ashton
Curriculum Overview

The GAA Curriculum is underpinned by our GREAT Values: Genuine, Respect, Excellence, Achievement, Together. In practice, this means that our school curriculum, i.e. everything our students do from the moment they arrive in Year 7 until they leave us in Year 11, is designed so that they develop as an integral part of the GAA Family.

Our whole school curriculum is underpinned by our GREAT Themes:

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| GREAT Teaching | GREAT Workforce | GREAT Wellbeing |
| GREAT Behaviour | GREAT Advocacy | GREAT Cultural Immersion |

In **Key Stage 3**, students follow a rich and diverse curriculum with a strong academic core. The curriculum is studied over a fifty period timetable:

Key Stage 3

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| English | 8 Hours | | | | | |
| Maths | 8 Hours | | | | | |
| Science | 8 Hours | | | | | |
| EBacc | <i>French</i> | <i>Geography</i> | <i>History</i> | <i>Computing</i> | <i>Spanish</i> | |
| | Year 7 & 9 4 Hours | 3 Hours | 3 Hours | 2 Hours | | |
| | Year 8 2 Hours | | | | Year 8 2 Hours | |
| Performance & Expressive Arts | <i>Art</i> | <i>Dance</i> | <i>Design & Technology</i> | <i>Drama</i> | <i>Music</i> | <i>PE</i> |
| | 2 Hours | Year 7 1 Hour | Year 7 & 8 1 Hour | 2 Hours | Year 7 1 Hour | Year 7 & 9 4 Hours |
| | | | Year 9 2 Hours | Year 8 & 9 1 Hour | Year 7 & 8 2 Hours | Year 8 5 Hours |
| Personal Values | <i>Personal Values</i> | <i>Religious Education</i> | | | | |
| | Year 7 2 Hours | Year 7 1 Hour | | | | |
| | Year 8 & 9 1 Hour | Year 8 & 9 2 Hours | | | | |

In **Key Stage 4**, students follow a guided option pathway, with a strong academic core at the heart.

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| English | 9 Hours (Year 10) 8 Hours (Year 11) |
| Maths | 8 Hours (Year 10) 9 Hours (Year 11) |
| Science | 9 Hours |
| Personal Values | 2 Hours |
| Physical Education | 2 Hours |
| Option A | 5 Hours |
| Option B | 5 Hours |
| Option C | 5 Hours |
| Option D | 5 Hours |
| Options From: | |
| EBacc Faculty | Business Studies BTEC Business Enterprise Computer Science French History Geography |
| Performance and Expressive Arts Faculty | Art & Design Design & Technology Food Preparation & Nutrition OCR Health & Social Care BTEC Music BTEC Performing Arts OCR Sport Science OCR Sport Studies |
| Personal Values Faculty | Citizenship Religious Studies |
| Other | Film Studies Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award |