



Curriculum Overview

The secondary provision at ID is led by the Headteacher – Susan Park.

Kevin Johnston (Teacher) has responsibility for [English](#), [Maths](#) and [ICT](#). These subjects form the Core Curriculum at ID Academy.

Key Stage 3 comprises pupils in Y7 and Y8 and Key Stage 4 comprises pupils in Y9, Y10 and Y11.

The curriculum at KS3 covers the compulsory National Curriculum subjects:

English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, Modern Foreign Languages, Design and Technology, Art and Design, Music, Physical Education, Citizenship and Computing.

The curriculum at Key Stage 3 is topic based and pupils learn through a common theme e.g. Famous people, Enterprise, The Local Area and Around the World. Pupils also focus on developing key skills such as team work and independent enquiry. Gaining these key skills enables pupils to achieve their intended learning goals and consequently improves self-esteem and behaviour. Each pupil is set individual learning targets in the core subjects and learning is personalised throughout. Pupils must also follow RE and Sex Education. Pupils may access some activities or subjects, such as PE, off-site.

A range of criteria including academic ability, communication, social interaction skills and specific SEND is utilised to create teaching sessions and groups, where appropriate. This approach provides opportunities for pupils to learn together in a number of different groupings while also providing opportunities for them interact socially and improve social skills.

The curriculum is supported by a wide range of off-site activities and local and regional educational visits.

Pupil engagement is the starting point for all learning. Seven areas are focused on at Key Stage 3. These include developing awareness, anticipation, initiation, persistence, curiosity, discovery and investigation.

Key Stage 4 comprises pupils in Y9, Y10 and Y11.

The curriculum at Key Stage 4 follows a combination of the compulsory National Curriculum subjects and vocational studies leading to nationally accredited courses.

GCSE in Core Subjects: English, Maths, Science

GCSE in Foundation Subjects: ICT (Computing), PE and Citizenship. Other subjects can be offered, including History and French.

Pupils must also follow RE and Sex Education during Key Stage 4.



We also offer a range of accredited subjects from the following areas:

Arts

Design and Technology

Level 1 or 2 Diploma in Skills for Employment, Training and Personal Development.

Functional Skills at Level 1 or Level 2 in English, Maths and ICT.

Entry Level qualifications are also available in a wide range of subjects including English, Maths, Science, Art, Design and Technology, Nutrition and Health, ICT, History.

Awards/Certificates in Vocational Studies – following a choice of pathways which may include:

- Hospitality
- Health and Social Care
- Practical skills
- Employability skills