

## The Hadley Learning Community

### Curriculum

The curriculum at HLC is appropriate, challenging and exciting for students of all ages. The focus is on high quality teaching and learning so students can make rapid progress.

The curriculum fulfils the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum but will also have breadth and flexibility to meet the needs of learners of all abilities. Students are placed in mixed ability tutor groups, named after famous Scientists and Engineers. They are taught in teaching groups based on ability, students can be easily moved between groups depending on their progress. We identify Gifted and Talented students in all areas of the Curriculum and ensure they are challenged and their progress monitored.

In Key Stage 3 (Years7-9) students study:-

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Technology
- Information Communication Technology (ICT)
- History
- Geography
- Art
- Music
- Dance, Drama, Morals and Ethics
- Modern Foreign Languages (French and Spanish)
- Physical Education
- Personal, Social and Health Education and Citizenship

There is a specialist programme in place to support the transition from the primary phase to the secondary phase for students at the HLC but also from our feeder primary schools.

In Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11) students will be offered a wide range of GCSE and other courses such as Applied and Vocational qualifications. The philosophy will be to provide pathways for students from a highly academic curriculum through to a more vocationally based curriculum. Students will have the opportunity to participate in work-related learning.

All students will study English, Mathematics, Science, ICT, PSHE/Citizenship and Morals/Ethics as the core provision of the National Curriculum. In

addition they will be able to choose 4/5 other subjects from a wide range of options.

Students will receive advice and support regarding option choices during the Spring Term of Year 9.

Information will be published to students and parents in the "Choices" booklet, again, which will be available in February/March 2007.

We hold "Different Days" each term when we collapse the timetable and students go on educational visits or attend specially designed workshops. This gives them the opportunity to have a greater breath of experience and to participate in a wider range activities which enhances their curriculum.

### **Rewards System**

We have a rewards system called "Hadley Learning Credits" which students gain for all aspects of their work as well as contributing to the lift of HLC. Students receive certificates and awards linked to their credits. ~there is also a competition between tutor groups and year groups.

There is an annual "Achievement Awards" evening to celebrate our student's effort, progress and contributions to school.