



Curriculum Strategy

Albemarle College is committed to the provision of a personalised curriculum for all our students, devised by Senior Management following rigorous recruitment consultation with students and parents in order to provide support and achieve maximum academic potential while developing a good work ethic, life skills and a positive attitude.

Our Aims

Our aims in devising personalised and constantly monitored and updated curricula are:

- To offer highly individualised and optimally delivered public examination curriculums with opportunities for extra supervised study sessions
- To provide equal opportunities for all students to achieve their potential
- To provide a wide, varied and enriched syllabus across the disciplines
- To encompass Science, Arts and Humanities without prejudice
- To provide a safe, comfortable environment and professional feedback on progress

Curriculum Content

The College provides the following A level, IGCSE and GCSE subjects for first-time or retaking students. All provision is made to ensure that a student has access to any and all the subjects they require (timetable permitting). Full-time or part-time attendance is provided for the following:

A Level Subjects

Sciences, Computing & Mathematics

Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Science in Society, Computing, ICT, Mathematics, Further Mathematics

Business & Social Sciences

Accounting, Business Studies, Economics, Geography, Media Studies, Politics, Psychology, Sociology

Arts, Humanities & Languages

English Literature, History, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Art & Design, French, History of Art, Photography, German, Japanese, Russian, Spanish

GCSE & IGCSE Subjects

Sciences & Mathematics

Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics

Business & Social Sciences

Business Communications, Economics, Geography, Media Studies

Arts, Humanities, Languages & PE

English, English Literature, History, Religious Studies, Art & Design, Photography, French, German, Russian, Spanish, Physical Education

University Preparation

Preparation and support for a variety of university tests is provided through intensive one-day courses and tuition for UKCAT, UKCAT, and BMAT.

EFL

Preparation for the IELTS examinations is taken very seriously and regular, timetabled lessons are compulsory for all international and second language students following rigorous tests to assess the level of spoken and written English.

Revision Courses

Tailored Revision Courses for examinations are offered during the Easter holidays prior to public examinations in May and June and at the tutor's discretion during the academic year.

ULS

The University & Life Skills programme is compulsory for the AS year group. Visiting speakers from various professions and universities offer advice on careers and degree courses, students learn skills in public speaking, CV preparation, isometric testing, essay writing and teamwork. A ULS Diploma is awarded at the end of the year and may be used in a UCAS Personal Statement.

Time

Lessons run for ninety minutes from 9am to 5.30pm with a fifteen minute break between classes.

Evening Study & Saturday Study

Supervised study sessions run from Monday to Thursday from 5.45-7pm for those wishing to complete homework, sit mocks or finish work in a quiet, monitored environment. The College is open for supervised study from 10am-2pm on Saturdays.

Schemes of Work & Differentiation

All teaching staff are expected to produce detailed and comprehensive schemes of work for each subject, syllabus and year group that they teach, outlining how the syllabus will be taught across the academic year. Copies are kept by Senior Management and by individual tutors. All tutors are expected to be fully cognizant of efficient techniques and strategies for making provision for students of differing needs and academic abilities.

Homework, Reports & Mock Examinations

Homework is set regularly each week by every subject tutor. Incomplete or unattempted homework will result in a student being entered for Evening Study or Saturday Study (see above). Regular mock examinations are held monthly in each subject and results posted on the Albemarle on-line reporting system after each set of tests by the College Administrator. Full written reports are provided twice a year by each tutor for every student they teach – at the end of the Autumn and Spring terms.