

Curriculum Strategy

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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). Albemarle does not offer Vocational Qualifications. Typically AS students take 4 subjects and A2 students take 3 subjects. The exam office ensures that all candidates are cashed in to achieve certification.

Full-time or part-time attendance is provided for the following:

A Level Subjects

Sciences, Computing & Mathematics

Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Computing, Mathematics, Further Mathematics (ICT to be discontinued from 2018)

Business & Social Sciences

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



Arts, Humanities & Languages

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

GCSE & IGCSE Subjects

Sciences & Mathematics

Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Physical Education

Business & Social Sciences

Business Communications, Economics, Geography, Media Studies

Arts, Humanities, Languages

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

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.

EPQ

The EPQ is an opportunity for students to develop the essential skills for higher education and the workplace. They will gain valuable research and project management skills. The EPQ also grants UCAS points which universities accept as part of their entry requirements for courses. The EPQ has a taught element which comprises of 50 hours of skills acquisition led by teachers. The remaining 70 hours will be spent on independent work by the students which will be supervised by teachers.

GLS

The GCSE Life Skills programme is compulsory for the GCSE group. Activities are designed to aid the cultural awareness, academic and social skills of those following the GCSE programme. These skills will be beneficial when students begin A level courses following the end of the GCSE year.

Time

Lessons run for sixty minutes from 9am to 6pm with a ten minute break between classes.

Evening Study & Saturday Study

Supervised study sessions run from Monday to Thursday from 5pm-6:30pm 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 the Vice Principal 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.

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