

The Gartree Curriculum

‘It is the essential knowledge that pupils need to be educated young people, introducing them to the best that has been thought and said and helping to engender an appreciation of human creativity and achievement.’

Our vision at Gartree is to develop all our students to have the confidence, the morality, and the knowledge and skills to flourish and shape their world. Therefore, we aim to deliver an ambitious, carefully planned, and knowledge-based curriculum for all learners.

This is not simply a list of what students will study; it is the totality of the students learning experience at school. Alongside the traditional subject content, students experience a wide variety of cultural, health and social, sporting and pastoral education, as well as developing cross-curricular skills such as study and revision methods, independence, personal organisation and time management, and the ability to work well in groups and individually.

Our subject curricula are based on the national curriculum, which you can find a copy of [here](#).

All subject curricula:

Are based around the core themes that run through subjects and form their backbone. There is a deliberate focus on teaching the core knowledge of subjects, as we believe that true creativity and innovation flow from a thorough understanding of the fundamental knowledge and skills of a subject

Are carefully planned to sequence and revisit material regularly, to ensure that students truly master the ideas.

Are shared with students and parents; our learners know why they are studying each topic and how it fits into the larger picture

Include regular assessment points to make sure that students are learning well

Include space to re-learn material if it is clear that students need more time, and opportunities to extend further for those who are moving faster.

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At KS4, subjects use exam board specifications (which are based on the national curriculum) to plan their curriculum delivery. [Here](#), you will find details of what our students will learn as they go through the 5 years of each subject. There are also links to the specifications, and contact details for the heads of each department.