

The Gartree Curriculum

“A curriculum exists to change the pupil, to give the pupil new power...it enables [all] pupils to clamber in to the discourse and practices of educated people, so that they gain the powers of the powerful.” (Christine Counsell)

Our vision at Gartree is to develop all our students into citizens that 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 Big Ideas of a subject: 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; 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.

At KS4, subjects use exam board specifications (which are based on the national curriculum) to plan their curriculum delivery. Below, 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.

If you have any questions about the curriculum content or organisation, you are very welcome to contact Dave Allard on dallard@gartree.leics.sch.uk