

Curriculum

At Staffordshire University Academy we endeavour to ensure that we are offering a fully inclusive curriculum package for all of our learners. The curriculum is reviewed annually and this is particularly important now more than ever with all of the changes that have occurred nationally. Summer 2017 will see the first GCSEs, English and mathematics, graded using the new 9-1 system. This academic year sees the majority of other Key Stage 4 subjects commence the new specifications, with 9-1 grading in summer 2018.

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 follow English, maths, science, geography, history, French, Spanish, global values, art, catering, citizenship, computer science, drama, design technology, music, PE and religious education. An information evening takes place in the summer term of Year 9 to discuss appropriate pathways for students as they move into Year 10.

Year 7

English	Maths	Science	Core PE	Geography	History	French	Global Values	RE	Creative Arts Carousel
5 hours per week	4 hours per week	3 hours per week	2 hours per week	2 hours per week	2 hours per week	2 hours per week	1 hour per week	1 hour per week	3 hours per week
				Some students have 1 hour per week of Geography, History & French, allowing 3 hours Literacy support					Subjects: Art, Catering, Citizenship, Computer Science, Design Technology, Drama, Music

Year 8

English	Maths	Science	Core PE	Geography	History	French	Spanish	Global Values	Creative Arts Carousel
5 hours per week	4 hours per week	3 hours per week	2 hours per week	2 hours per week	2 hours per week	2 hours per week	1 hour per week	1 hour per week	3 hours per week
				Some students have 1 hour per week of French, allowing 1 hour Literacy support					Subjects: Art, Catering, Computer Science, Design Technology, Drama, Music, RE

Year 9

English	Maths	Science	Core PE	Geography	History	French	Global Values	Sports Leader	Creative Arts Carousel
4 hours per week	4 hours per week	4 hours per week	2 hours per week	2 hours per week	2 hours per week	2 hours per week	1 hour per week	1 hour per week	3 hours per week
									Subjects: Art, Catering, Computer Science, Design Technology, Drama, Music, RE, Sociology, Team Skills

In Years 10 & 11 students follow a curriculum which best suits their individual needs. The core diet of English, maths, science, Global Values and PE is followed by each learner.

Year 10

English	Maths	Science	Core PE	Global Values	Study Skills	Pathways (3 hours per week)		
4 hours per week	4 hours per week	5 hours per week	1 hour per week	1 hour per week	1 hour per week	Option A	Option B	Option C
						History	Health & Social Care	Computer Science
						Geography	Product Design	Geography
						French	Catering	Business Studies
						CoPE	Sport	Sociology
								Art

Year 11

English	Maths	Science	Core PE	Global Values	Pathways (2 or 3 hours per week)			
4 hours per week	4 hours per week	5 hours per week	1 hour per week	1 hour per week	Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D
					Spanish	History	Art	Art
					Health & Social Care	Product Design	Business Studies	Drama
					Product Design	Computer Science	Catering	Sociology
					Catering	Music	History	Sport
						CoPE	Intervention	Intervention
						Intervention		

Pupils in Year 10 and 11 are completing the ECDL course where they can gain one GCSE equivalent. Information computing technology has featured heavily in the curriculum for these students when in lower school. ECDL allows our students to build on their prior computing knowledge and teaches them how to use a computer confidently and effectively. Our commitment at SUA is to provide students with the skills to be productive, efficient learners, who are encouraged to problem solve, be creative and communicate effectively.

Through our regular and effective CIAG meetings, a number of our students indicated the desire to join apprenticeships post 16. Many apprenticeships state the ECDL qualification is desirable as well as a full complement of GCSE subjects, including English and maths. ECDL is an important building block, equipping students with the digital skills they'll need as they progress to further education and employment.

In the Sixth Form we offer a broad selection of courses and this is reviewed annually and updated in our Sixth Form prospectus. There are a combination of vocational and academic level three qualifications.

Sixth Form Subjects

Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D	Other	
GCE Art	GCE English	Sport Single	GCE Product Design	GCSE Maths	Global Values
GCE History	Health Single	BTEC Drama	GCE Maths	GCSE English	
GCE Biology	GCE Catering	GCE Physics	Health Double	GCE Spanish	
GCE Computer Science	GCE Sociology	GCE Business Studies	GCE Psychology		
	GCE Chemistry				

All students at the academy study Global Values for one hour per week. This incorporates Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural education (SMSC), Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) and British Values. We have a comprehensive assembly programme which includes weekly spiritual sound bites. Our overriding aim is one of developing our students into well rounded young adults, showing respect and tolerance towards others, preparing them for their futures and supporting them on their journey as lifelong learners.

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