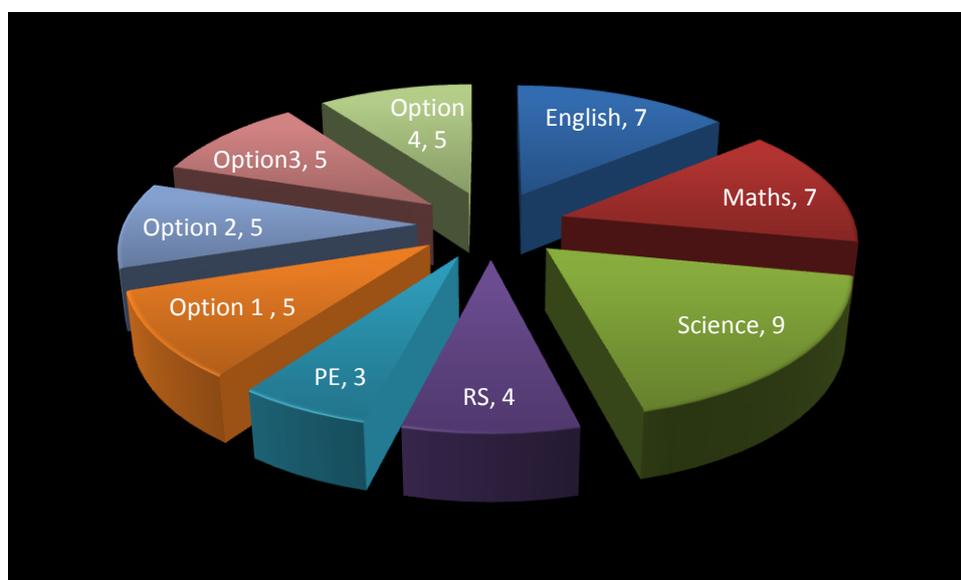


# Key Stage 4 Curriculum

Examination attainment and overall achievement naturally dominates the way the curriculum is organised at key stage four. These final two years are crucial to the students overall success and the pace is fast and furious. Our students continue to develop in their journey to become life confident, independent young people of the future.

## Curriculum model for YR10 and Yr11

The pie chart below shows the number of lessons allocated to each of the core subject areas and the option choices.



As you can see from the chart above English, maths and science still dominate the curriculum. It is crucial that our students succeed in the three core subjects as they are fundamental in creating future pathways, many sixth forms and colleges require at least a C grade in all three subjects in order to follow L3 courses.

As a church school, Religious Education is very important to us, all of our students study the full GCSE course which we have considerable success in. GCSE RE viewed by all our students as a way of exploring spiritual ideas and social attitudes. It is a subject which makes a very significant contribution to our delivery of citizenship across the curriculum.

At Bishop Stopford's School we want our students to have healthy minds and healthy bodies and PE is compulsory for all. From 2014 all year 10 students will study the L2 Sport BTEC qualification during their core lessons providing them with an additional qualification.

What remains of the curriculum is divided into the four option choices which have five lessons each over the 50 period fortnight.

We pride ourselves on giving our students an open and broad choice of subjects that are suited to all abilities and interests.

## Current Option choices in YR 10

Options	Subjects
Option 1	Geography, History, Business Studies, Resistant Materials and IT
Option 2	Drama, Geography, History, Music, PE and Food Technology
Option3	French, German, Spanish, Business Studies, Sociology and Performing Arts
Option 4	French, Spanish, Business Studies, Graphics, Textiles, Art, and IT

## Current Option choices in YR 11

Options	Subjects
Option 1	Geography, History, Business Studies, Resistant Materials and IT
Option 2	Drama, Geography, History, Music, PE and Art
Option3	Food Technology, French, German, Spanish, Business Studies, Sociology and Performing Arts
Option 4	French, Spanish, German, Business Studies, Graphics, Textiles, Food Technology and IT

### GCSE Examination Courses

All GCSE Examination courses now have a terminal exam in the summer, although some courses require students to undertake controlled assessments which are sat under exam conditions in house. The details of all courses and their content are outlined in the Key Stage 4 booklet, distributed during the options process in year nine.

### Core GCSEs

Success in the core is imperative. The students are taught in setted groups similar to those established lower down the school. In year 10, five form groups are split into six sets, in year 11 six form groups are split into eight sets to support differentiation and to allow more teacher time for each student.

### Option GCSEs

These are taught in mixed ability but not mixed enthusiasm groups, as students have actively chosen to study these subjects further. Each option is delivered in five lessons across the two weeks.

