



# CURRICULUM POLICY

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INTRODUCTION

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Adcote wants pupils to grow into positive, responsible young women who can work and cooperate with each other while, at the same time, developing their knowledge and skills in order to achieve their true potential and prepare for a successful life in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

We value the breadth of the curriculum that we provide and aim to use it to foster confidence, leadership, engagement, achievement and resilience in our pupils, following the CLEAR Learning initiative. Above all we believe in providing each pupil with a sense of their own worth within a safe, caring environment and the opportunity to reach or exceed their expectations.

The aims of our School curriculum are:

- To enable all pupils to learn and develop their skills to the best of their ability.
- To teach pupils about the world they live in and their place in it.
- To enable pupils to have respect for themselves and high self-esteem, and to live and work cooperatively with others.
- To help pupils understand the importance of fairness and the difference between right and wrong so that they grow up committed to equal opportunities for all
- To appreciate the value and contribution made by all ethnic groups in our multi-cultural society.
- To uphold the fundamental values of British democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.
- To promote a positive attitude towards learning so that pupils enjoy school and acquire a solid basis for lifelong, independent learning.
- To enable pupils to be creative and develop their own thinking.
- To teach pupils the necessary knowledge and skills to tackle life in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century using the CLEAR Learning initiative.

## **ADCOTE SCHOOL CURRICULUM**

Prep School (Years 3 to 5)

We follow a curriculum that prioritises Literacy and Numeracy alongside a broad range of other subjects. All subjects are compulsory.

Subject	Lessons per week (out of 25)
English	5
Maths	5
Science	2
Humanities	2
Drama	1
Games	2
PE	2
Spanish	1
Art	1
Textiles	1
ICT	1
Music	1
Form Time	1

#### Year 6

Subject	Lessons per week (out of 25)
English	5
Maths	5
Science	2
Drama	1
PE	2
Games afternoon	2
Geography	1
Spanish	1
History	1
ICT	1
Art	1
Music	1
Textiles	1
Form Time	1

Whilst a good proportion of the Junior School curriculum is delivered by Class Teachers we aim to introduce pupils to subject specialists from the Senior school in all Junior year groups, in particular PE, Humanities and ICT but also Art, Textiles and Spanish. This ensures the best quality of teaching and aids the transition between the Junior and Senior school at the end of Year 6.

#### YEARS 7 TO 9

The whole curriculum is taught by subject specialists and, for the most part, in subject based classrooms to make full use of departmental resources.

#### Year 7

Subject	Lessons per week (out of 25)
English	4
Maths	4
Science	4
History	1

Geography	1
Spanish	2
ICT	1
Textiles	1
Art	1
Music	1
Drama	1
PE	1
Games afternoon	2
PSHE	1

Year 8

Subject	Lessons per week (out of 25)
English	4
Maths	4
Science	4
History	1
Geography	1
Spanish	2
ICT	1
Textiles	1
Art	1
Music	1
Drama	1
PE	1
Games afternoon	2
PSHE	1

Year 9

Subject	Lessons per week (out of 25)
English	4
Maths	4
Biology	1
Chemistry	1
Physics	1
History	1
Geography	1
Spanish	2
ICT	1
Art	1
Textiles	1
Music	1
Drama	1
Skills	1

PE	1
Games afternoon	2
PSHE	1

Currently English, Maths and the three Sciences teach their GCSE courses over three years, starting in Year 9. This allows more time to cover the specification in more depth.

## YEARS 10 AND 11

The curriculum in Years 10 and 11 has two parts

### Compulsory Core

GCSE English Language OR IGCSE English as a Second Language  
 GCSE English Literature  
 GCSE Maths  
 GCSE Sciences (choice of separate or combined science)  
 PSHE  
 PE  
 Games Afternoon

### Options subjects

3 further GCSE subjects.  
 Either CCF or Wayfarers (the latter includes working towards Bronze D of E)

GCSE Astronomy and further language GCSE's are also available through extra-curricular activities.

## Year 10 and 11

Subject	Lessons per week (out of 25)
GCSE English Language or IGCSE English as a Second Language	2
GCSE English Literature	2
GCSE Maths	3
Triple Science or Combined Science	6
PE	1
Games Afternoon	2
GCSE History GCSE Geography GCSE French GCSE Spanish GCSE Art & Design: Fine Art GCSE Art & Design: Textile Design GCSE Business Studies GCSE Music GCSE Physical Education BTEC Performing Arts Level 2 GCSE I Media	Options subjects with 2 lessons each

GCSE Computer Science	
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Pupils who enter Year 11 to complete GCSEs in one year take compulsory English and Maths and a selection from the sciences. Other subjects are possible if the pupil demonstrates a secure background and knowledge in the subject.

#### YEARS 12 AND 13

The curriculum in Years 12 and 13 has two parts

##### Compulsory Core

PE

PSHE

CMI (Y12 only)

##### Options subjects

Three or four GCE/BTEC subjects

#### Year 12 and Year 13

Subject	Lessons per week (out of 25)
PE	1
CMI	2
PSHE	1

GCE Maths GCE Further Maths GCE Biology GCE Chemistry GCE Physics GCE English Literature GCE History GCE Geography GCE Economics GCE Business Studies GCE Psychology GCE Art & Design: Fine Art GCE Art & Design: Textile Design GCE Physical Education Cambridge National Diploma Performing Arts EPQ	Options subjects with 4 lessons each
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School policy is that students following the new linear GCE courses do not take the new AS exams at the end of Year 12.

There is additional EAL/IELTS support throughout weekday evening and weekend sessions. Refer to the EAL Policy for further information.

#### IN SUMMARY

For a small school Adcote School prides itself on the breadth of our curriculum for all ages, in particular the range of subjects offered at GCSE and A Level, and our uptake of STEM subjects in the Sixth Form is significantly above the national rate for girls.