

Melksham Oak School: Key Stage 4 Curriculum Pathways 2022 onwards

During Key Stage 4, in Years 10 and 11, all Melksham Oak students study a range of compulsory, core subjects and qualifications. In addition, they are guided to select from a range of other courses, the choice of which is determined by their allocated curriculum pathway.

The hours allocated to the compulsory, core courses are outlined in the table below.

Underneath, there is a more detailed guide to which courses were made available to students following each of the three different curriculum pathways from September 2022 onwards.

| Compulsory core Subjects and qualifications | Number of lessons per 2-week timetable cycle: |
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| GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature | 9 |
| GCSE Maths | 8 |
| GCSE Science: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students following the Blue and Yellow pathways will be entered for separate Biology, Chemistry and Physics GCSEs. Students following the White pathway will study for GCSE Combined Science | 10 |
| GCSE Religious Studies / Personal Development (no exam) | 4 |
| Core P.E. and Wellbeing (no exam) | 4 |
| Each of the other subjects/ qualifications is allocated the following number of lessons: | 5 lessons x 3 courses |

Courses available by Curriculum Pathway:

| Allocated Curriculum Pathway | Students following this pathway were able to opt to study the following, in addition to their compulsory, core subjects and qualifications: |
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| Blue pathway | <p>Students following the blue pathway were encouraged to study towards an E Bacallaureate suite of qualifications, by selecting from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Either GCSE French or GCSE Spanish and Either GCSE History or GCSE Geography <p>One additional course from those listed, below:</p> <p>GCSEs in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art and Design: Fine Art Business Studies Computer Science Design and Technology Drama Food Preparation and Nutrition French Geography History Spanish Textiles <p>BTEC or Cambridge Technical Awards in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child Development Creative and Digital Media Music Performing Arts Sport Studies |

Courses available by Curriculum Pathway (continued):

| Allocated Curriculum Pathway | Students following this pathway were able to opt to study the following, in addition to their compulsory, core subjects and qualifications: |
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| Yellow pathway | <p>Students following the yellow pathway were able to select one course from the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Modern Foreign Language (GCSE French or GCSE Spanish) • GCSE History • GCSE Geography <p>Two further courses from those listed, below:</p> <p>GCSEs in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art and Design: Fine Art • Business Studies • Computer Science • Design and Technology • Drama • Food Preparation and Nutrition • French • Geography • History • Spanish • Textiles <p>BTEC or Cambridge Technical Awards in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Development • Creative and Digital Media • Music • Performing Arts • Sport Studies |
| White pathway | <p>Students following the white pathway study towards a Step-Up to English Certificate in addition to compulsory courses.</p> <p>They also selected two courses from those listed, below:</p> <p>GCSEs in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art and Design: Fine Art • Business Studies • Computer Science • Design and Technology • Drama • Food Preparation and Nutrition • French • Geography • History • Spanish • Textiles <p>BTEC or Cambridge Technical Awards in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Development • Creative and Digital Media • Music • Performing Arts • Sport Studies |