

## Our Curriculum

### *Aim*

Our aim at West Exe is to deliver a knowledge-rich curriculum that is cohesive, cumulative and highly sequenced. The curriculum is academic, rigorous and challenging, and designed with long-term memory in mind; students' knowledge, skills and understanding are cemented by frequent and systematic revisiting.

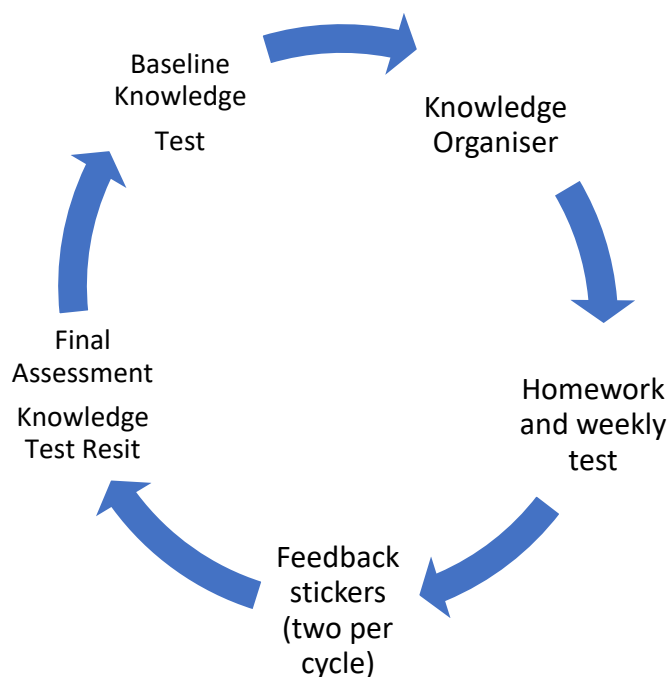
### *Structure*

The school year will be divided into three cycles of twelve weeks. Each cycle comprises ten teaching weeks; during which students cover new topics in preparation for examination at the end of Year 11. The tenth week is an assessment week when all students in Years 7-11 complete tests and other assessments in every subject to analyse their strengths and weaknesses in current and previous cycles. In the twelfth week, known as the Super Teaching week, teachers re-teach areas that students have struggled with in the assessments. The first lesson of every cycle is a contextual lesson where the teacher outlines what will be covered within the cycle and how it prepares students for final examination. In the first week an automated knowledge assessment will take place that will establish prior knowledge of each student.

We structure our curriculum consistently across all subjects. This is done to make school structures as efficient as possible in developing students' knowledge and skills whilst developing a wider more holistic school experience.

Our curriculum is based on the knowledge that students arrive with significant prior knowledge and require not only to gain knowledge and skills to obtain optimum GCSE outcomes but also to develop a love for subjects, acquiring knowledge and skills which set them up for future studies.

Our curriculum aims to provide alignment between everything that our students learn and consistency across all subjects.



## Curriculum Time

% curriculum time	Y7	Y7 (if studying Spanish)	Y8	Y8 (if studying Spanish)	9w	9e	10w	10e	Y11
<b>En</b>	20%	16%	20%	16%	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%
<b>Ma</b>	20%	16%	20%	16%	16%	20%	16%	20%	16%
<b>Sc</b>	16%	16%	16%	16%	20%				
<b>Sc &amp; Iv</b>						20%	20%*	20%	
<b>Sc/Bi &amp; Ch</b>									16%
<b>Bi</b>									
<b>Ch</b>									
<b>Ph</b>									
<b>Sp</b>	0	8%	0	8%					
<b>Fr/Sp</b>					8%		8%		
<b>Ge</b>	4%	4%	4%	4%					
<b>Hi</b>	4%	4%	4%	4%					
<b>Ge/Hi</b>					8%	12%	8%	12%	
<b>Pe</b>	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	4%
<b>Wb</b>	8%	8%	8%	8%	4%	4%		4%	
<b>Wb/Cz</b>							4%		4%
<b>Ad</b>	4%	4%	4%	4%					
<b>Cu</b>	4%	4%	4%	4%					
<b>Dr</b>	4%	4%	4%	4%					
<b>Mu</b>	4%	4%	4%	4%					
<b>Te</b>	4%	4%	4%	4%					
<b>Option P</b>					8%	8%	8%	8%	
<b>Option Q</b>					8%	8%	8%	8%	
<b>Option A</b>									10%
<b>Option B</b>									10%
<b>Option C</b>									10%
<b>Option D</b>									10%

\*Those students studying separate science will also have an additional hour after School per week.

## Content

We follow most aspects of the National Curriculum. The West Exe Baccalaureate (WEB) covers elements of the Devon Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education; the AQA GCSE in Religious Studies and the OCR GCSE in Citizenship Studies. It also delivers elements of the PSHE Association's Programme of Study, particularly those areas relating to SRE and mental health; and contributes to the School's delivery of Careers Information and Guidance. In KS4, the WEB also delivers the Barclays' Life Skills material.

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