



Curriculum Statement 2026-2027: Samuel King's School

Curriculum Aims

At Samuel King's School we have always believed in delivering a broad and balanced, knowledge-based curriculum that prepares students to face the academic rigours of GCSE exams at the end of their Year 11, while also developing the wider skills, knowledge and interests that will help to prepare them to face their studies and training at College or Sixth Form, at 16+, and set them on course for a successful and fulfilling life beyond.

At Key Stage Three (Years 7-9) we aim to provide a sound foundation in English, Maths and Science as well as a wide range of other academic subject areas. Our Year 9 curriculum is designed to help students to decide what might be good KS4 options for them in Years 10/11. We are keen that students can qualify for the Ebacc by taking academically challenging subjects through to GCSE, therefore we encourage students to study History and/or Geography and an MFL where suitable.

In Years 10/11 (Key Stage Four), the core GCSE curriculum centres on English, Maths and Science, continues but is extended with students choosing four additional options subjects, all to be examined at the end of Year 11. We are transitioning across to a two-year GCSE model with this years' Y11 being the first cohort to study all subjects across two years. From 2022 all students have been taking the triple science qualification at GCSE (either at higher or foundation tier), as long as they are able to. We are able to provide a wide range of choices, enabling students to pick subjects that are of particular interest to them and in some cases directly relevant to future areas of study and employment.

The diagrams below indicate the curriculum and choices available to students in each Year Group.

Key Stage Three

Year 7,8 and 9 Subjects	No. of Lessons Each Week
⇒ English	3 (+2 half lessons)
⇒ Maths	3 (+2 half lessons)
⇒ Science	3
⇒ Languages	2
⇒ History / Geography	4
⇒ Religion, Philosophy & Ethics	1
⇒ Performing Arts	1
⇒ Music	1
⇒ Computing	1
⇒ Art and Design	1
⇒ Design Technology	1
⇒ Catering	1
⇒ PSHE and Citizenship	1
⇒ Physical Education	2

Key Stage Four

<i>Year 10/11 Core Subjects</i>	<i>No. of Lessons Each Week</i>
⇒ English	4
⇒ Maths	4
⇒ Science	6 / 7
⇒ Physical Education	2 / 1.5
⇒ Careers/RE/PSHE	1
<i>Total</i>	<i>17</i>

Options Subjects for 2025 - 2027

<i>Option 1</i>	<i>Option 2</i>	<i>Option 3</i>	<i>Option 4</i>
Geography	Computer Science	MFL	History
Food Technology	Art	Statistics	RPE
Health & Social Care	Animal Care	Business Studies	Sport Studies
		Dance/Drama	Music

Students choose one subject from each column and have two lessons in each choice making their 25-period week.

Options for 2026-28

OPTION A	OPTION B	OPTION C	OPTION D
Geography	German	Statistics	History
Drama (V)	Art	Business Studies	Music
Computer Science	Animal Care (V)	Dance (V)	Sport (V)
		Food Technology	RPE