



ACHS Curriculum Overview

At Astley Community High School our curriculum in Year 9 remains broad and balanced, with students studying the full range of National Curriculum subjects. Our vision is to offer a curriculum which is interesting, engaging and challenging for our students throughout their Astley journey and our aim for our students is that they are literate, independent, numerate and culturally aware young people when they leave us.

In the spring term of Year 9 the options process begins, with a commitment to getting students on the best curriculum pathway for Key Stage 4. This is always done in conjunction with parents and ensuring that our students have the necessary skills and attributes to be successful members of society regardless of their starting point. SEND and disadvantaged students have the same opportunities as the rest of our students. The options process is a robust and rigorous one, and for the majority of students the correct option choices are made during the initial decision making. However, there can be some flexibility within the first few weeks of Year 10 to address any issues with option choices; although as we move into the Autumn 2 half term subject changes are unable to be facilitated. The majority of students choose to continue their studies in our Sixth Form, where we offer an outstanding range of courses.

Faculty leaders have a clear rationale for the curriculum they offer, and this can be seen in the subject overviews in each faculty area of this website. They thoughtfully plan the curriculum in their subjects and courses with careful sequencing of content in order to build knowledge and skills. That content can be seen for each subject in each year of study in their long term plans, which are available to view in subject areas.

Our engaging curriculum is underpinned by quality first teaching, however, it is further enhanced by our additional curriculum offer which aims to foster our students' personal development. Students' personal development is at the heart of our extensive careers programme and our extra-curricular offer. Our weekly theme and focus delivered in assemblies allows students to reflect on their role in not only their school community, but the wider community, furthermore, our tutor time programme expands our students' wider cultural knowledge and curiosity.