



Year 9 Parents' Evening

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Core Curriculum

All pupils will study the core curriculum.

Subject	Qualification
English	Entry Level / Functional skills L1&2 / GCSE English Language
Maths	Entry Level / Functional skills L1&2 / GCSE English Language
Sports Leaders Award	Level 1 Qualification in Sports Leadership
Food Studies	BTEC National Level 2 (GCSE equivalent)
Computing	WJEC Entry Level/1 Pathways in Information Technology
Careers	Level 1 & 2 King's Trust Award/Certificate/Diploma (GCSE equivalents)

Options

Pupils can then study two of the following optional courses (depending on staffing and time-tabling restrictions, these may not be their preferences).

Subject	Qualification	Teacher
Art and Design	GCSE Fine Art (AQA)	Antonio
Physical Education	GCSE PE (Edexcel Full Course)	Mr Kirkwood
Science	BTEC First Applied Science Level 1	Milena
Music	WJEC Level 1/2 Vocational Award Performing Arts Technical Award	Miss Martin



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Year 10

In Year 10 pupils start on their final part of their educational journey. Pupils remain in mixed ability classes and work is differentiated in order to match individual needs and abilities. Ongoing literacy and numeracy assessments maintain the level of support that each pupil requires and forms their 'normal way of working'. This, in turn, informs the level of support a pupil is allocated when completing public national examinations. English and Maths curriculums combine both Functional skill exams as well as GCSEs in order to maximise the opportunities for pupils to achieve.

In order to support the anxieties around completing examinations staff take the time to practise using past papers and hold Mock exams to give pupils the confidence and the knowledge that they can achieve. Interwoven amidst the academic qualifications required by the government we mix in an enrichment programme designed to build up key interests, vocational skills and challenges. These can include board games, cooking seasonal dishes, film reviews, gaming and Arts and Crafts. In addition, they will have the opportunity to participate in sporting activities such as trampolining, football and volleyball.

In Year 10 pupils are given the opportunity to extend their 'Leadership' skills through completing a Sports Leaders Qualification. Pupils will learn and demonstrate important life skills, such as effective communication and organisation, whilst learning to lead basic physical activities to younger people, their peers, older generations or within the wider community.

The aim of the Year 10 Curriculum is for pupils to:

- build up a portfolio of accreditations within English and Maths (including early entry)
 - begin to take responsibility and ownership of their own education
- lay the learning foundations for the range of examination subjects finalised in Year 11.

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Year 11

By the time our pupils reach Year 11 some of them may well have been with us for a significant amount of time. A key area within the Year 11 curriculum is ensuring that all pupils have guidance around transition and their destinations beyond Wandle Valley. The Careers curriculum supports this through: Arranging visits to local employers and training providers, hosting 'Careers Fairs', attended by 30+ local employers / training providers, offering informal mock interviews with external professionals and supporting with applications/interview preparation for prospective college placements, as required.

Mock exams are carried out to simulate the scenario pupils face in the summer of Year 11 and to familiarise themselves with the rules and regulations around national examinations. Revision of skills, knowledge and the application of relevant exam technique, forms the core of the Year 11 curriculum.

The aim of the Year 11 Curriculum is for pupils to:

- support pupils with their post 16 placements
- develop 'exam technique' and revision skills

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Please use this form to submit your child's option choices.

*Please write 1-4 in the boxes: 1 = **first** choice, through to 4 = **last** choice.*

The last date for submission is

Thursday 3rd April 2025

The form can be returned to school by your child or emailed to:

office@wandlevalleyacademy.org.uk

Subject	Qualification	Choice 1 - 4
Art and Design	GCSE Fine Art (AQA)	
Physical Education	GCSE PE Edexcel (Full Course)	
Science	BTEC First Level 1/2 in Applied Science	
Music	WJEC Level 1/2 Vocational Award Performing Arts Technical Award	

Pupil Name	
Class	
Pupil Signature	
Parent/Carer Name	
Parent/Carer Signature	