



## Curriculum Policy

Our pupils experience a rich and personalised curriculum which recognises their individual talents and interests and provides them with the skills, qualifications and self-confidence they need to fulfil their ambitions.

Our aim is for pupils to be equipped with the academic and social skills to become lifelong learners and valued members of their own and the wider communities.

We know that starting a new school can be both exciting and daunting. At Fearn's we ensure the transition from primary to secondary is a smooth and positive experience. To make sure that your children, our pupils, feel secure, safe and appreciated we:

- have small form groups.
- attach Year 11 Prefects to Year 7 forms to help them settle in.
- closely monitor the progress and development of each individual and report regularly upon this.
- provide opportunities for Form Tutors and Pupil Development Leaders to meet with individual pupils and parents to review all aspects of progress.
- listen to the views of pupils and parents to ensure the Fearn's experience is rewarding and exciting and enables every pupil to reach their potential. We have a formalised Pupil Voice group which have frequently calendared meetings.

At Fearn's we offer a full, broad and balanced curriculum and believe in giving pupils opportunities to extend and enrich their learning beyond their classrooms.

Pupils are actively encouraged to participate in the many clubs and activities that are on offer throughout the year in most curriculum areas. These include field trips, after-school and lunchtime clubs, off-site activities within the community and beyond, IAG drop-ins, progress clubs, etc.

We operate a two week timetable and have 5 one-hour lessons per day with the exception of Wednesdays. On Wednesday of each week we have 4 one hour lessons and form tutorial for 30 minutes.

### **Key Stage 3**

**At Key Stage 3** pupils are generally grouped according to ability and prior attainment. All pupils follow a common curriculum.

In Years 7-9 all pupils study:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Design and Technology
- Information and Communication Technology
- History
- Geography
- Modern Foreign Languages
- Art and Design

- Music
- Physical Education
- Religious Education
- Drama
- PSHE
- Literacy

### **Curriculum Model for KS3**

Please see breakdown of subjects and the number of one hour lessons allocated over the fortnight for each Year Group:

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Year 7</b>	<b>Year 8</b>	<b>Year 9</b>
English	7	7	7
Maths	7	7	7
Science	6	6	7
History	2	3	3
Geography	2	2	2
RE	2	2	2
Modern Foreign Languages	4	4	4
Technology	4	4	4
Art	2	2	2
Music	2	2	1
Drama	2	1	2
Literacy	1	1	0
PE	4	4	4
ICT	2	2	2
PSHE	1	1	1

### **SEND pupils:**

For pupils with SEN there is a withdrawal group to support individual needs within the Curriculum Support Department staffed by a specialist team. Pupils in KS3 access additional support here and have dedicated lessons to enhance both literacy and numeracy skills. In Year 7 pupils have 4 hours per fortnight, in Year 8 they have 6 hours per fortnight and in Year 9 they have 5 hours per fortnight.

### **Key Stage 4**

**At Key Stage 4** all pupils study a **core curriculum** of English, English Literature, Mathematics, Science, PSHE(including Computing for life), Physical Education and Religious Education.

### **Options:**

In addition, they choose an **option subject** from the following range of subjects:

History, Geography, Spanish or French or Skills for Working Life.

Pupils then select **3 subjects** from the range of subjects below:

- **GCSEs:** Art and Design, Art Textiles, Triple Science, History, Geography, Religious Studies, Food Technology and ICT.
- **BTECs:** Sport, Drama and National Certificate in Child Development.

**As part of the Core PE Curriculum pupils have the opportunity to complete the Sports Leader Qualification.**

### **Curriculum Model for KS4:**

Please see breakdown of subjects and the number of one hour lessons allocated over the fortnight for each Year Group:

Core Curriculum:

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Year 10</b>	<b>Year 11</b>
English Language and English Literature	8	7
Mathematics	7	7
Science Core and Additional	9	8
RE	1	2
PSHE	1	2
PE	2	2

### **Option Subjects:**

Pupils select 4 Option Subjects in total and therefore have 20 periods of their chosen subjects over the fortnight.