

The Futura curriculum

The Futura curriculum is ambitious and inspirational. It provides access and entitlement to powerful knowledge, ensuring enjoyment and promoting the very best life chances.

It encapsulates our values:



Respect

- Each school has its own distinctive identity; this is reflected in the local context of its curriculum
- The curriculum is planned progressively across the phases, to build on previous learning and prepare pupils for their next stage.



Opportunity

- A rich and diverse curriculum, both inside and outside the classroom, which exceeds the full intent of the national curriculum
- A curriculum that enables success for all pupils regardless of their starting points.



Collaboration

- A coherently sequenced 2-19 curriculum curated by our subject experts
- A curriculum that is enhanced by cross-trust experiences.



Aspiration

- The curriculum in each school is designed to prepare learners for the next stage of their education, giving them the knowledge and cultural capital needed to succeed in their adult life
- A curriculum that introduces pupils to a range of experiences and knowledge that broadens their horizons and prepares them for life as global citizens
- A wider curriculum that promotes emotional, physical and spiritual wellbeing.

All our schools follow the Futura curriculum which has been developed by cross-phase groups of passionate subject specialists. The curriculum has been planned vertically and horizontally giving thought to the optimum knowledge sequence for building secure schema. Progression through the curriculum is by shared age-related expectations. At each phase, the curriculum focuses on closing gaps, early intervention, and developing the core literacy and numeracy skills for success at that level.

Essential features of the Futura curriculum:

- Futura schools are **knowledge engaged schools**, where knowledge underpins and enables the application of skills
- The shared and agreed subject curricula allow for the progression of substantive and disciplinary knowledge within specific subject disciplines
- It supports the long term retention of knowledge and skills
- It spans the 2-19 age range
- It encapsulates the entirety of our pupils' school experiences both inside and outside the formal timetabled learning
- It draws on the latest thinking and research in this area.

Futura primaries

- Early years provision follows the EYFS with a balance of play-based learning and adult-led interaction
- The curriculum in Key Stage 1 and 2 is delivered as discrete subjects, or through combining subjects, where appropriate for deepening knowledge and skills.

Futura secondaries

- At Key Stage 3 all schools follow the national curriculum
- All pupils follow a three-year Key Stage 3 and a two-year Key Stage 4
- The secondary curriculum remain as broad as possible for as long as possible and provides a rich experience in all areas of the curriculum
- All pupils have the opportunity to study the EBacc, regardless of prior attainment
- All schools guide and advise pupils to study a combination of subjects that gives them the best foundation for future success. Curriculum choices are based on what is best for an individual pupil, not what is best for a school
- All schools are expected to achieve the [Gatsby Benchmarks](#), providing a full entitlement to high quality careers education, information, advice and guidance.

Futura sixth forms

- The Futura post-16 offer provides a wide choice of qualifications and progression routes that enable all students to continue their education with us
- All students access a programme of study that is tailored to their individual needs and career goals
- All students receive high quality advice and guidance that supports their progression into education, employment or training.

Futura special schools

- Futura special schools follow an appropriately adapted form of the national curriculum and meet the wider aims of the relevant phase. Preparing pupils for adult life is a strong theme running throughout the curriculum.