



Physis Academy

Curriculum Plan

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Curriculum Offer

Curriculum Offer 2025/2026	
<u>KS3</u>	<u>KS4</u>
English	English
Mathematics	Mathematics
Science	Science
Humanities	Physical Education
PSHE / RSHE	Employability
Quantum Leap Program	Quantum Leap Program
Careers	PSHE
Physical Education	Option subject: Vocational Health and Social Care
Art	Option subject: Vocational Child Development
	Option subject: Humanities – Religious Studies, History, Geography
	Option subject: Arts Award
	Option subject: Vocational Home Cooking Skills
External Providers: Motor Vehicle / Construction / Hair and Beauty / Animal Care / Equine Studies	<i>External Providers:</i> Motor Vehicle / Construction / Hair and Beauty / Animal Care / Equine Studies

KS5	
GCSE Maths re-sit	Arts Award
GCSE English re-sit	PSHE
GCSE History re-sit	Quantum Leap program
GCSE Religious Studies re-sit	Employability
GCSE Geography re-sit	BTEC Health and Social care
GCSE Science re-sit	Child Development
External providers:	Renu – hair and beauty

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The Curriculum Overview outlines the frequency of subjects taught over each year group.

The day is split through 6 Periods: 2 Periods, Break, 2 Periods, Lunch, 2 Periods. (30 lessons per week)

* Quantum Leap Program is a bespoke PHSE program which includes specific individual intervention programs that cover a diverse range of hidden or expressed needs for each individual student. This is integral to the company's ethos and plan to support the young people from a clinically informed approach.

** PSHE encompasses relationships and sex education and a program of SMSC / thematic personal development. The sex education is subject to agreement of the legal guardian of the student.

*** Alternative providers, and bespoke education can be accessed within the timetable if it is requested to support student's views and aspirations (where appropriate for year 9+).

Accredited Learning Programs

Accredited Learning Programs 2022/2023	
(The current exam board is stated, but others will be used for continuation of qualifications partially completed)	
Program Title & Awarding Body	Level of Award
English & Literacy	
AQA GCSE English Language	GCSE (1-9)
City and Guilds Functional Skills English	Entry Level 1, 2, 3 Level 1 and 2
Mathematics & Numeracy	
AQA GCSE Mathematics	GCSE (1-9)
City and Guilds Functional Skills Mathematics	Entry Level 1, 2, 3 Level 1 and 2
Science	
AQA GCSE Science	GCSE (1-9)
AQA Science Entry Level Certificate	Entry Level 1,2,3
PSHE	
BTEC Personal Growth and Wellbeing	Level 1 and 2
Art	
Arts Award	Levels 1 and 2

Program Title & Awarding Body	Level of Award
Food	
BTEC Home Cooking Skills	Level 1/2
Employability Skills	
SWEET – linked to PSHE.	Level 1/2
External Courses to the school that can be offered	
Hair and Beauty External Qualification	
Hair and Beauty Sector	NVQ Level 1 and 2
Equine Studies	
BHS - NVQ Horse Care and Riding	NVQ Level 1 and 2

Curriculum Overview

As a trauma-informed school we recognise that many of our students have faced difficult and sometimes overwhelming experiences. We approach education with a deep empathy, understanding, and a commitment to creating a safe space where students can thrive and learn at their own pace. We focus not only on academic achievement but also on the emotional well-being of each student, because we know that true learning happens when children feel safe, supported, and valued.



Know who I am
It is important that students recognise the importance of understanding themselves to make progress socially, emotionally and within learning. Students are assessed at the start of their learning journey with us, to provide baselines to help build student's individual learning and pastoral plans. We encourage students to take responsibility for their behaviour and work. We encourage social skills throughout the day as well as through aspects of SMSC and our enrichment opportunities. Our PSHE/RSE education offers vital learning about themselves, their values and beliefs and their place in the world.

Be an active Citizen
Students are encouraged to take an active part in school life and in their community as a whole. They are encouraged to participate in work experience, outdoor education and PE activities. They are encouraged to consider wider social issues through PSHE, assemblies and be outside speakers.

Understand my world
Physis Academy encourages students to recognise their place in the wider world and see it as a place of opportunity. We foster an interest in the world through engaging students in activities they may not have previously accessed as well as exploring different places, cultures and faiths.

Be safe & healthy
Students learn about how to keep themselves safe in PSHE and QLP, and in all subjects. We deliver the Personal Growth and Wellbeing qualification through PSHE which includes online safety and personal finance. Students have access to mental health and wellbeing support from all school staff. Relationships and Sex Education is delivered through PSHE and supported by the Science curriculum. Students gain life skills through Food, ASDAN, PE and Careers education.

Take control of my future
At Physis Academy we aspire to enable our students to become the best they can be. There is a focus on the academic curriculum, and we then offer our students to engage in positive post-16 destinations. Our school careers lead works with students to identify routes to further education, training or employment. Our focus on academic subjects ensures that students are more able to move onto post-16 opportunity of their choice. The aim is for students to be entered for as many qualifications as they can manage and at a level that suits them, whether at GCSE or entry level.



Monitoring

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Interim Review Comments: Update on qualifications offered by Academy.		
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Interim Review Comments: Update on qualifications offered by Academy to include KS5 and reduction in Alternative Providers.		