JMHS Curriculum - Years 7 and 8



Subject Area	Year 7 hours per fortnight	Year 8 hours per fortnight	Points to note
English	7	7	The English curriculum is designed to help all students develop the writer's craft, building on their learning in primary school.
Mathematics	7	7	The Mathematics curriculum is organised by stage not age with students achieving mastery before moving on to the next stage.
Science	6	6	Students study Biology, Chemistry and Physics. There is a strong emphasis on practical work and scientific thinking.
Humanities	10	10	Students study History and Geography for two hours per week and RE for one hour per week.
Languages	4	5/7	In Year 7 students study French in mixed attainment groups. In Year 8 students are set for languages and more able linguists study both French and German and have an additional after school lesson once per week.
Physical Education	4	4	Students participate in a wide range of sports and physical activity including some they have not tried before.
Arts	6	6	Students study an hour each of Art, Music and Drama/Dance in mixed attainment groups.
Technology	6	5	Students study Design & Technology, Computer Science and Food & Nutrition. The emphasis is on practical work.
Tutor time & PSHRE	5	5	Subjects taught in tutor time include Relationships and Sex Education, British Values, active citizenship, reading whole class novels, online safety, mental health & wellbeing and careers.

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) is taught in several ways including in science lessons, tutor time and extra lessons delivered by Year Leaders. In addition to the planned curriculum above, students have a wide range of educational visits and trips, two challenge days and an extensive range of extra-curricular activities.

Students who require additional support receive this through the Literacy and Numeracy classes and/or small group and one-to-one support with reading, spelling, literacy, maths and handwriting.