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# Curriculum Policy

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### Intent:

“Curriculum is a framework for setting out the aims of a programme of education, including the knowledge and understanding to be gained at each key stage. “Amanda Spielman”, Friday 12 October 2018, ASCL Council Meeting.

At Headlands School our **intent** is to equip our students with the knowledge, skills, experience and understanding to thrive in a rapidly changing world and ensure they are:

- a) *Happy*
- b) Aspire to be successful in employment
- c) Are proud, respectful citizens in British society
- d) Lifelong learners

### Implementation:

This is the structure & narrative within a school. At Headlands School students have access to *quality teaching and learning*, all day, every day.

In particular at **Key Stage 3** the compulsory national curriculum subjects taught are:

- English
- Maths
- Science
- History
- Geography
- Modern Foreign Languages
- Design and Technology
- Art and Design
- Music
- Physical Education
- Citizenship
- Computing
- Religious Education (RE)
- Sex Education

At **Key stage 4** the majority of students at Headlands School work towards national qualifications - usually GCSEs. The compulsory national curriculum subjects taught are classified as ‘core’ and ‘foundation.’

‘Core’ subjects are:

- ✓ English
- ✓ Maths
- ✓ Science

‘Foundation’ subjects are:

- ✓ Computing
- ✓ Physical Education

✓ Citizenship

Schools must also offer at least one subject from each of these areas:

- Arts
- Design and Technology
- Humanities
- Modern Foreign Languages

At Headlands School we offer all of these. We also provide Religious Education (RE) and Sex Education at Key Stage 4.

### English Baccalaureate (EBacc)

In the Department for Education Performance Tables, the EBacc shows how many students got a GCSE grade 5 or above in English, Maths, 2 Sciences, a language, and History or Geography. At Headlands School we offer the Ebacc as a choice for students as part of our year 9 into year 10 options process.

#### Impact:

Students will have acquired the knowledge, skills, experiences and understanding to be successfully prepared for their future and be able to make *clear, informed, aspirational choices*.

*Words in italics are directly linked to the school's vision.*

Words underlined are directly linked to the school's values.