

The Compulsory Core Curriculum

CPSHE, PE, Religion, Philosophy & Ethics

CPSHE – [Citizenship, Personal, Social and Health Education]

The CPSHE programme, run during a weekly tutor period or assembly, uses a variety of approaches to assist students acquire the necessary skills to enable them to make well-informed decisions concerning many aspects of their present and future life. This will help to develop personal growth, social skills and build positive self-esteem

There will be an opportunity to review academic dimensions, explore relationships and health education, careers and many topical issues, of which, many encompass aspects of Citizenship. Students are encouraged to improve their communication and group skills along with nurturing a sense of adult responsibility.

PE – [Exmouth Community College Award in Physical Education]

During Year 10 and Year 11 **ALL** non-GCSE PE students are expected to take part in this course, building on their skills, knowledge and understanding in Physical Education. It is entirely a practical course and will be moderated and assessed throughout Year 10 and Year 11.

Students will cover a range of practical activities including: basketball, badminton, football, rugby, tennis, netball, handball, hockey, dodgeball, trampolining, table tennis, cricket, dance, rounders, athletics and a health & fitness module. Students will be taught in ability groups to provide optimum learning for one period a week. It is essential therefore that high attendance/participation is required and the correct PE kit is worn.

Religion, Philosophy & Ethics – [Core Short Course GCSE]

To meet national legal requirements, all students are taught one hour of religion per week. In this time, students will be studying a short course GCSE qualification. This will be assessed by exams only. There is no coursework component.

This course focuses on **two world religions - Christianity & Islam** and also explores **philosophy and ethics**. Students will learn about the impact religious faith has on life in the modern world.

Students will be taught in mixed ability groups. (*Full course students will be placed in an extracted group where possible*). There will be a wide range of activities including discussion, research and question and answer sessions. Students will be encouraged to formulate their own ideas and opinions and actively listen to and understand the beliefs and opinions of others. This course will also undoubtedly improve students' literacy skills which will feed into success in other subjects.

Assessments in the form of exam questions will take place each term on the relevant modules.