



The start of Key Stage 3 marks an exciting phase in the lives of our students. It is the period when they build on their primary education and prepare for their Key Stage 4 choices. We have designed our curriculum carefully, to meet the expectations of the United Learning Curriculum and do what is best for our students.

We believe in the benefits of a broad and balanced school experience and so proudly run a three-year Key Stage 3 curriculum, with option choices made at the end of Year 9. This means that students go into the options process with an in-depth understanding of the range of subjects available to them and do not specialise too early.

The Key Stage 3 curriculum at The Totteridge Academy is designed so that students can master key skills and knowledge whilst building on the wonder and excitement of the many varied subjects we offer. Our students have access to a far-reaching and coherent curriculum that empowers students through learning, plus our strong core of English and Maths ensures that basic skills are embedded early to allow students to flourish throughout their time with us. A range of learning pathways support and challenge all students and our exciting Extra-Curricular programme ensures all students have access to catch-up, extension, clubs and enrichment.

### **Subjects studied and time allocations at KS3:**

|                   | <b>Fortnightly lesson allocation (100 minute sessions)</b> |               |               |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Subject</b>    | <b>Year 7</b>                                              | <b>Year 8</b> | <b>Year 9</b> |
| English           | 5                                                          | 5             | 5             |
| Maths             | 5                                                          | 5             | 5             |
| Science           | 4                                                          | 4             | 4             |
| P.E.              | 2                                                          | 2             | 2             |
| Modern Languages  | 2                                                          | 2             | 2             |
| History           | 2                                                          | 2             | 2             |
| Geography         | 2                                                          | 2             | 2             |
| Philosophy & R.E. | 2                                                          | 2             | 2             |
| Art               | 1                                                          | 1             | 1             |
| Drama             | 1                                                          | 1             | 1             |
| Music             | 1                                                          | 1             | 1             |
| Computing         | 1                                                          | 1             | 1             |
| Technology        | 2                                                          | 2             | 2             |
| PSHE / RSE        | 3.5                                                        | 3.5           | 3.5           |

Students who are not on track to achieve their targets in the core may be expected to attend practice sessions in key subjects, or complete extra work at home in order to support their catch up. There is also specific 1:1 and small group intervention with the inclusion team for students who require extra support.

The Extra-Curricular opportunities at The Totteridge Academy are headlined by our unique partnership with the charity GROW, plus competitive sports teams, domestic and international trips, school shows and many more clubs available to students.