



# EMMANUEL COLLEGE

## Lower School Curriculum Policy

The College curriculum is much wider than just the timetabled subjects. It embraces everything which helps each student to realise their fullest potential: everything from the rigours of the National Curriculum to the responsibility of looking after visitors; from assisting with one of the many clubs and societies to behaving properly around the College. Academic qualifications are undoubtedly important but so are basic social skills, qualities of leadership and the ability to cope with responsibility. The Emmanuel Experience is designed and continuously reviewed to provide this wholeness of development.

Academically, in accordance with the National Curriculum, all students will receive a broad-based education with a particular emphasis on mathematics, English, science and technology. It is also possible to provide additional tuition during the Emmanuel day which is, on average, four hours longer per week than many other secondary schools.

In Year 7 students have 33 periods per week. Each lesson lasts for 50 minutes except for period 3 and period 7 which are 45 minutes long. The lesson allocation is:

5	Science	2	Geography
4	English	2	History
4	Mathematics	3	Physical Education
4	Technology	2	Religious Education
3	French	1	Art
1	Special Lecture/Choir	1	Computing
1	Music		

The subjects for Year 7 will follow through to both Years 8 and 9 with some students also starting Latin in Year 7 and German in Year 8. Those in sets 1-2 will study Latin for one lesson per week during Year 7.

The Key Stage 3 curriculum outline for each of these subjects can be found at the end of this document.

### **Music Tuition and Speech and Drama Lessons**

Tuition in a variety of musical instruments is provided by specialist teachers and there is a scheme to make instruments available to those who do not yet have one. Lessons take place throughout the college day and most often involve students missing part of normal lessons although this is designed to be on a rota basis to avoid the same lesson being missed every week. Tuition is not free and parents registering their child for tuition must maintain that commitment for a full year. To aid in this regard payments may be spread across the year.

Speech and Drama lessons are offered by the Drama department to Year 7 in the summer term, and throughout the year for other year groups. Students will study for the prestigious LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art) examinations which take place at College in the Drama Studio. The examinations are designed to equip candidates, whatever their age, with a range of skills which will serve them throughout life by improving the way they present themselves through the spoken word and by fostering their self-confidence. As with music exams, there is a fee to pay for the tuition and the examination, the amount depending on the grade. Students will be able to take examinations in a range of skills such as the Speaking of Verse and Prose, Spoken English, Public Speaking or Acting. Payments for lessons are due at the start of each term. Lessons take place throughout the college day and most often involve students missing part of normal lessons although this is designed to be on a rota basis to avoid the same lesson being missed every week.

## Sport

Sport plays a key role in College life, both within lessons, after College and at weekends.

The wide variety of sporting activities offered are listed below with in-house and inter-school teams currently operating in those asterisked:

<i>Athletics*</i>	<i>Gymnastics</i>
<i>Badminton*</i>	<i>Netball*</i>
<i>Basketball*</i>	<i>Outdoor and Adventurous Activities</i>
<i>Cricket*</i>	<i>Rowing*</i>
<i>Cross-Country*</i>	<i>Rounders* and Softball</i>
<i>Dance*</i>	<i>Rugby Union*</i>
<i>Fencing*</i>	<i>Swimming*</i>
<i>Fitness</i>	<i>Table Tennis*</i>
<i>Football*</i>	<i>Tennis</i>
<i>Hockey*</i>	<i>Volleyball</i>

## Special Studies and Co-Curricular-Activity Programme

In addition to standard subjects, students are involved in a series of additional activities which take place both within and beyond the normal hours of the College Day. We expect every student to develop their own expertise in at least one of the activities listed.

### 1. Specialist Lectures

Throughout the year there are illustrated lectures outlining aspects of our developing culture, ranging from the History of Britain to the Development of Scientific and Technological Thought. Students will be developing note-taking techniques during these lectures as well as broadening their general knowledge.

### 2. Co-Curricular Activities

At present the following co-curricular activities are run, either at lunch time or after school:

After School Support, Aikido, Art Club, Athletics, Junior Badminton, Senior Badminton, Junior Band, Basketball, Basketball Shooting Practice, Book Club, Junior Brass Band, Brass Sectional, Cardio and Fitness, Chess, Choir, Christian Apologetics, Christian Unions, Cricket, Junior Cross Country, Senior Cross Country, Dance, Duke of Edinburgh, Economics Club, Fencing, Film Club, Fit Club, GCSE Revision, German Booster, Guitar Ensemble, Greenpower, Gymnastics, Hockey, Homework Club, Languages Club, Maths Mentoring Scheme, Netball, Orchestra, Politics Club, Productions (Rehearsals), Questions Club, Reading Mentoring Scheme, Rounders, Rowing, Rugby, Senior Choir, Senior Football, Junior Strings, Science Alive Club, Senior Orchestra, Sixth Form Book Club, Sixth Form Christian Union, Soprano Sectional, Spanish Club, Stamp Club, Beginner and Intermediate Strings, Success Maker, Table Tennis, Team Fitness, Tenor Sectional, Thimbles, Trampolining, Wind Band, Year 10 German Booster Class, Young Adults Book Club, Young Engineers and Young Enterprise.

## Curriculum Outline:

Maths	History
English	Religious Education
Science	Physical Education
French	Art
German	Music
Latin	Technology
Geography	Computing