



CROYDON METROPOLITAN COLLEGE

CURRICULUM POLICY

Introduction

The aims of CMC are:

1. To offer an education of the highest quality for students according to their individual needs and aspirations.
2. To provide an education which encompasses the academic, physical, cultural and social requirements of the whole person
3. To give each student sufficient guidance in preparation for subsequent studies at university.

Student performance is monitored closely to inform students and their carers of any disparity between their measured and expected performance. Regular homework and frequent testing is an important feature on all of our courses. In general, students can expect to receive at least one hour's homework for each hour of tuition they receive. All homework is marked thoroughly and returned promptly. Students are tested every two weeks in each subject. Frequent meetings are held with students, the principal and senior staff to discuss each individual's progress. Written reports are sent to parent/guardians every term and there are parent's evenings in the autumn and spring terms where parents can meet their son or daughter's personal tutor..

CMC currently offers:

1. A two year GCSE course
2. A two year A-level course
3. Retakes
4. Extra tuition classes

GCSE Students

GCSE students take five subjects which include English, Mathematics and three other subjects from the list below:

Additional Science
Biology

Business Studies
Chemistry
Economics
French
Geography
German
ICT
Media Studies
Physics

First and Second Year AS/A2 Level Students

Students in the first year of A-Levels (AS) usually take four subjects. Students in the second year of A-Levels (A2) take three A2 level courses. Some students take four A2 level subjects if CMC believe they possess the necessary commitment and academic ability to do so. Subject matter appropriate for the ages and aptitudes of students is provided through departmental schemes of work in line with AS/A2 curriculum and syllabus guidance. Requirements for those choosing Mathematics or a Modern Foreign Language is an A/A* grade in that subject at GCSE and for other subjects chosen for A-level, a B grade at GCSE in that subject if previously studied.

Subjects may be chosen from:

Accounting
Biology
Business Studies
Chemistry
Computer Studies
Economics
English Literature
French
Further Mathematics
ICT
Law
Mathematics
Physics
Psychology
Statistics
Spanish

We do not allow students to take both Business Studies and Economics, since this renders the curriculum too narrow. Students who choose Further Mathematics must also choose Mathematics. Those who choose Statistics may also choose Mathematics if they wish though this is not a requirement.

Students are entered for all AS examination units in June at the end of Year 12. In January of Year 13, they either sit one A2 unit or resit one AS unit. In June at the end of Year 13, they may sit the remaining A2 units and resit as many AS units as they wish.

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