

KS3 Curriculum Guide

In Belfast Model School for Girls we understand that talent and capability are only the starting point. We believe that effort and determination are key to success.

We encourage our students to embrace a growth mindset. We know that intelligence can be developed. We help our students to become resilient and persistent learners who embrace challenges and who see failure as an opportunity to learn. We strive and work hard together to ensure 'Achievement for All'

In Year 8 - Year 10, classes are all-ability across the year group.

Year 8 - Year 10	Teaching Groups	Practical Sets	PE Sets
All classes all ability across the year group	Students are taught within their Form Class grouping	Students are mixed across the different teaching groups for practical subjects	Students are mixed across the different teaching groups for Physical Education
Access Group	Students are taught within the Access Group across the curriculum		

Students are taught in linear groups which are all-ability teaching groups. For practical subjects students are mixed in all-ability practical sets.

Access Group

THE **'ACCESS'**
GROUP WILL BE
A FORM GROUP

The Access Group is made up of those students who we know, for a wide variety of reasons, will need most support with their transfer to post-primary school. This group will have the same specialist teacher for a significant part of their week - for English, Maths, Drama, RE, Literacy and Numeracy - with a focus on the knowledge, skills, competencies and wellbeing needs required to be successful at post-primary school.

Year 8 - Year 10 study the following subjects:

Art **Drama** English **Geography** Home Economics
History Digital Technologies **French***
Learning for Life and Work **Maths** Music
Physical Education Religious Education
Science Spanish* **Technology** Careers
(Year 10)

***Please Note:**

Students in the Access Group will have additional English literacy time in place of a Modern Foreign Language.

Form Groups

- The Form Tutor is a parent's first point of contact
- Form Groups and Teaching Groups are the same for most subjects
- Form Groups and Teaching Groups are all-ability and follow the same learning programme

