KS3 Department Curriculum Summary and Department Overview (2022/23)

The KS3 department at Sir Tom Finney Community High School offers formal learning for young people with a wide range of SEND. The timetable includes all compulsory national curriculum subjects; English, Maths, Science, Computing, Physical Education, PSHE/RSE (Personal, Social, Health & Economic Education / Relationships & Sex Education), Humanities (Geography & History), BSL (British Sign Language), Design & Food Technology, Art & Design, Music and Drama. Religious Education is delivered through an immersive 'Theme Day' each half term.

The curriculum in KS3 follows the National Curriculum programmes of study, differentiated and personalised to meet the individual needs and abilities of each learner. We recognise that some of our learners need access to a customised timetable enabling them to make greater progress and reach their individual potential. There are currently six classes (learning groups) in the department which are broadly ability based (both academically and socially) each having a mix of learners from Years 7, 8 and 9.

Interventions are in place for learners who require additional support in meeting their personal Education, Health and Care Plan outcomes. Sensory Regulation, Hydrotherapy, Physiotherapy and Speech, Language and Communication plans are followed alongside the formal curriculum for learners who need access to additional provision.

Enrichment activities and 'theme days' are provided to enable learners to develop their confidence, independence and resilience in conjunction with teaching the importance of keeping physically and mentally healthy. All activities provide extended learning opportunities as well as simply having fun with their peers!

Departmental assemblies take place each week to celebrate the achievements of individual learner's success, however great or small. The KS3 department is the foundation for preparing our learners to build towards adulthood as they transition throughout school.

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