



ACADEMIC MATTERS – GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The following principles apply to all teaching at BBIS:

- Every lesson is an English lesson! Teachers give consideration in each lesson to the vocabulary and language skills that students will need to use to access the subject and to the opportunities there may be for developing these skills.
- Lessons begin on and end on time and are delivered in an ordered and effective manner, with sufficient time for prep to be set and explained;
- Lessons are planned with clear aims and objectives, which are explained to pupils at the start of the class;
- Discipline is maintained so that everyone can learn;
- Prep is set according to the timetable. Students are given time to write prep down in their student planners and have it explained to them. Prep will relate to the objectives of the lesson;
- Study skills form an integral part of every lesson. Students are encouraged to take a pride in their work and are helped to ensure that their work is presented neatly, organised methodically and kept tidily;
- Classroom displays include examples of good work from students in the class;
- Work is handed in for marking which is done constructively with clear, helpful comments and returned promptly.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

Years 8, 9 and 10

In order to allow the emphasis on English necessary for students to progress well, the breadth of the curriculum has been limited slightly. All students study English, Maths, Science, Geography, ICT and Art. Students in Year 10 also take Business Studies. In addition, all students have one PSHE lesson each week and two or more timetabled sports sessions.

One-Year GCSE / Year 11

All students study English and Maths, plus three more subjects from an option system, of which at least one, and preferably two, should be sciences. Some of these option subjects may be examined as short courses rather than full GCSEs if appropriate. Students also have one PSHE lesson and one timetabled sports session.