



**OLCHFA**

**Curriculum Policy**

## **UN Convention on the Rights of the Child**

**Article 28** You have the right to an education

**Article 29** You have the right to education which tries to develop your personality and abilities as much as possible and encourages you to respect other people's rights and values and to respect the environment

### **Aims**

At Olchfa, we offer a broad, balanced, relevant, differentiated and inclusive curriculum.

Our curriculum has been developed to meet the requirements of Learning Pathways 14-19 and the Learning and Skills (Wales) Measure as laid down by the Welsh Government. We are committed to providing a wide range of subjects and our collaboration with external sources enhances our offer.

As a Pioneer and Innovation School, we are also developing a curriculum to prepare the school for the implementation of the Curriculum for Wales 2022

At Key Stage 3 there is an emphasis on Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Competency across all subjects

At Key Stage 4, we aim to provide a personalised curriculum by engaging pupils and parents in discussions regarding the appropriateness of their subject choices.

The curriculum offered at Key Stage 5 benefits from collaboration with Gowerton School and this allows us to broaden the number of Level 3 subjects that we can offer.

The curriculum offer is reviewed each year and the curriculum plan agreed by Governors.

## Our curriculum aims to

- Provide a broad, balanced education for all pupils
- Deliver the *four purposes* of the curriculum as set out in *Successful Futures* so that our learners develop as

Ambitious, capable learners, ready to learn throughout their lives

Enterprising, creative contributors, ready to play a full part in life and work

Ethical, informed citizens of Wales and the world

Healthy, confident individuals, ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society

- Enable pupils to develop knowledge, understand concepts and acquire skills, and be able to choose and apply these in relevant situations
- Support pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development
- Support pupils' physical development and responsibility for their own health, and enable them to be active
- Promote a positive attitude towards learning
- Ensure equal access to learning, with high expectations for every pupil and appropriate levels of challenge and support
- Provide subject choices that support pupils' learning and progression, and enable them to work towards achieving their goals
- Develop pupils' independent learning skills and resilience, to equip them for further/higher education and employment

## Years 7, 8 and 9

Olchfa has been a Pioneer School since November 2015. Our KS3 iLearn curriculum is developed in line with *Successful Futures* (February 2015), the refined guidance for *Curriculum for Wales* (January 2020) and *The Journey to 2022* (October 2020).

The iLearn curriculum consists of 6 Learning Areas which are named as follows:

Learning Area	iLearn equivalent
Languages, Literacy and Communication	iCommunicate
Mathematics and Numeracy	iCalculate
Science and Technology	iDiscover
Humanities	iThink
Expressive Arts	iCreate
Health and Wellbeing	iThrive

The curriculum is designed to deliver lessons rich in the *four purposes* and is reviewed regularly.

In Y9, pupils choose two 'iExplore' options, designed to support their preferred learning path or aspiration.

In January of Y9, pupils and parents are invited to the school to discuss option choices for study at KS4.

## **Years 10 and 11**

Olchfa offers a broad and varied curriculum choice including GCSE and Vocational subjects, which adhere to guidelines set down by *Learning Pathways 14-19* and the *Learning and Skills (Wales) Measure*.

All learners will study for GCSE qualifications in

- Mathematics
- Mathematics – Numeracy
- English Language
- English Literature
- Science
- Welsh
- Welsh Baccalaureate

In addition, learners study non-examination, statutory elements of the curriculum including

- Religious education
- PSE
- Careers education
- PE

Optional subjects form the final part of the curriculum at KS4 and these are reviewed annually to ensure breadth and appropriateness for the cohort.

## **Years 12 and 13**

Olchfa offers a wide range of subjects at KS5. This is enhanced by a formal collaboration with Gowerton, where additional subjects are available for study. In a reciprocal arrangement, Gowerton and Bishop Vaughn have access to subjects in our collaboration option block.

The range of subjects offered complies with the *Learning and Skills (Wales) 2009 Measure*.