

# **The Parallel Curriculum – Statement of Intent & Implementation**

## **Introduction**

Bowden House School delivers a Parallel Curriculum which allows flexibility to address the varying needs, personal growth and interests of its students. The Education Development Plan highlighted the demand for an alternative learning programme for students who find difficulty in following a conventional, academic curriculum and designed a Parallel Curriculum to compliment the standard subject areas.

## **Aim**

The aim of the Parallel Curriculum is to re-engage KS4; to raise their attainment in core subjects and promote effective teaching and learning across the school. The programme aims to improve educational outcomes and the best possible life chances on leaving school. Each student will have a 'bespoke' timetable to meet his individual needs including additional support to build confidence in the learning experience and the opportunity to learn a range of vocational skills!

## **Implementation**

The implementation and success of the Parallel Curriculum will hinge upon the range of options that best meet the needs of our students. The school is mindful of the considerable challenges its students will face when they leave education but through the Parallel Curriculum is able to offer flexibility and learning opportunities which will result in academic and social achievement.

## **On-site Vocational Training**

- motor mechanics. The school has a custom-built garage with facilities for car and motorbike restoration/mechanics
- the school plans to re-designate an out-building to offer construction; painting/decorating and plumbing (expected date of completion – December 2017)

## **Off-site Vocational Training**

- College placements – home authority or local to school
- Brighton & Hove Albion 'football in the community reintegration project'
- Angling for Education
- London Fire Brigade – life skills course

All students will be supported in the classroom and on off-site programmes, when needed. SAM Learning is available to all students either in school or as a distance learning package.

## **Summary**

This Parallel Curriculum is an evolving programme designed to create a positive impact on learning at KS4. The school will continue to explore additional vocational options aimed at extending students' knowledge, skills and enthusiasm for learning.