

### **An introduction to Key Stage 3**

Key Stage 3 refers to years 7, 8 and 9. It is an important time for students at school as it marks the transition between primary and secondary education as well as presenting new and exciting opportunities and challenges.

Our Key Stage 3 provision aims to make the transition from a Primary setting as smooth as possible with students being taught the core subjects of English, Maths and Science as well as PSHE and Humanities by their form tutor. Students are taught by subject specialists in PE, Computing, Art, Design Technology, Music and Food Technology. Students benefit from working in small classes alongside two familiar full-time LSAs in all of their lessons. During their time in Key Stage 3 our curriculum aims to develop student's ability to:

- Develop good social and communication skills
- Increase their independence in learning
- Grow in confidence of their abilities

As students are now in the Secondary department we expect them to set a good example to the younger Primary students by:

- Being Respectful
- Taking responsibility
- Helping each other
- Trying your best

### **The Curriculum at Key Stage 3**

Students attending Brent Knoll have complex social, communication and interaction difficulties and are generally working well below the national expectations. As a result Key Stage 3 Students follow a curriculum based on the National Curriculum that considers their individual level of understanding, abilities and needs. To aid student's development, the curriculum is delivered through 6 thematic topics over the year. This facilitates more continuity across the range of subjects that are covered.

The time allocated to each subject is:

<b>Key Stage 3- Years 7, 8 and 9</b>	
Subject	Number of lessons per week
English	5
Maths	5
Science	2
Topic-History/Geography	3
Computing	1
Food Technology	2
Art and DT (Rotation)	2
PSHE	3
PE	2
Enrichment	1