



The Curriculum – Core Subjects

The six core subjects provide for the students' essential learning needs. These core subjects are Maths, English, Science, Social Studies, Word Building (including Etymology) and Literature. Academic electives, stand-alone educational software, and learning-to-read programmes are added for enhanced learning opportunities.

The curriculum is presented in the form of workbooks called PACEs (Packets of Accelerated Christian Education), and each subject consists of 12 PACEs per level. Students work daily on PACEs one at a time, in each of the subjects. Each student generally completes a minimum of 72 PACEs in one academic year; however, this varies according to the student's ability.

Extended Curriculum

At The Branch Christian School, we believe that the extended curriculum subject matter has a very important part to play in the overall development of the student. In order to give the student a well-rounded education, we offer a wide variety of subjects in the afternoons especially designed to complement the PACE material. Of course, we recognise the importance of keeping all learning materials in accordance with the Word of God and we strive to achieve the highest standard of excellence possible with the resources that God has provided.

We believe that these extra subjects will allow the student to develop important skills such as; note-taking, essay writing, creative writing, practical skills in maths and science, musical and dramatic skills. As well as this, these lessons provide time for discussion, group interaction, project work and research. Generally two subjects are taken in the afternoons.

Subjects already covered: Art, Drama, Biology, Domestic Science, History, Geography, Creative Writing, Music, Crafts, Practical Maths, Practical Science, Information Technology, Design and Technology, English Literature, French, German and PSHE. Sport is also emphasised within the curriculum. Many team games are taught and played, along with athletics. Opportunity is given to compete against other schools at the Annual Christian School's Convention.

International Certificate of Christian Education

ICCE provides graduating students with an internationally accredited qualification that enables them to gain entrance to universities and colleges around the world and to find their place in the world of work according to their interests, aptitudes and achievements.

As students' progress in working towards the various ICCE Levels of certification, they have the opportunity to choose certain Electives/Options. Full details can be obtained by visiting the ICCE website: ice-global.org

Policy Review Information:

Review date	Changes made	By whom	Date of next review
September 2017	No changes required.	Mrs. D Thomas	September 2020
April 2019	Core curriculum information updated in line with CEE ACE information.	Mrs J Holt	September 2020
	Extended reverted to Extended Curriculum		
April 2019	None	Mr S Hodgson	September 2020