

Table 12.1 The core and option subjects offered at the 18 schools

	School																	
	12	14	15	21	22	23	24	25	31	32	33	34	35	41	42	43	44	45
English	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Maths	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Careers	+	+	+	+	+			+	+		+	+				+		
Social or health education, life skills, guidance		+		+		+		+		+			+	+	+	+	+	+
Religious education		+	+	+	+			+		+				+	+	+	+	
Physical education	+	+		+	+	+		+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+
General studies							+											
Physics	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Chemistry	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Biology	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Computer studies	+			+	+	+	+	+		+	+			+	+	+	+	+
Combined, integrated or general science	+	+		+			+		+	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	
Modular science				+	+	+												
Applied science						+												
Environmental science			+				+				+							
Science at work			+					+							+	+		
Electronics						+												
Human biology			+									+				+		
Technology				+				+	+						+			
History	+	+	+		+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Social studies	+		+	+	+	+		+				+	+	+	+			
Economics	+	+						+		+								
Sociology			+				+							+				
Classical studies											+							
Understanding industrial society				+														
Geography	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Islamic studies			+															
French	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
German	+		+	+			+	+						+				+
Spanish		+					+	+	+	+								
Punjabi														+	+		+	
Bengali		+	+															
Urdu									+						+	+	+	+
Italian						+												
Latin											+							
Communications		+																
Basic skills	+																	
Cambridge cert. in English, ESL			+	+	+	+	+	+	+				+				+	
Art	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				+	+	+
Art and design, art or design and craft	+				+			+	+						+			+
Printmaking								+						+				+
Sculpture or pottery	+	+						+						+				+

	School																	
	12	14	15	21	22	23	24	25	31	32	33	34	35	41	42	43	44	45
Creative craft										+			+	+				+
Textiles			+						+					+				+
Multimedia															+			
Drama, theatre arts	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+									+
Music	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			+		+	+	+	+	+	+
Media studies			+															
Home economics, homecraft		+	+		+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	+
Needlework, embroidery		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	+
Childcare				+	+	+	+	+		+	+		+	+		+		+
Food and nutrition				+			+	+		+								+
Graphical communicat- ion, technical drawing	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+
Craft, design and technology				+	+		+	+	+									
Design and technology	+			+	+	+	+	+	+									+
Modular technology				+														
Engineering, link course	+								+				+	+	+	+		
Metal work, jewellery	+	+				+		+		+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+
Woodwork	+	+		+		+		+		+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+
Motor engineering							+			+	+				+			
Combined materials							+							+				
Construction (link course)															+			
General craft										+								
Do It Yourself												+						
Rural studies, outdoor pursuits				+										+				
Typing			+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			+	+
Office practice or skills			+	+		+		+	+	+							+	+
Shorthand				+	+						+							
Commerce			+		+	+			+						+			
Accounts					+													
Statistics					+						+							
Dance						+												
Waterskills				+		+												
Community studies, recreational studies		+	+												+	+		+

Table 12.2 Curriculum organisation in years one to three in the 18 schools

School
12 Mixed ability all 3 years except in German
14 Mixed ability but setted in maths, French and science for less able
15 Mixed ability (after 1980). In year 3, choice of German or Bengali
21 School divided into upper and lower bands. Setting in academic subjects
22 Mixed ability, except for setting in English, maths and French
23 'Virtual streaming' from year 1 (setted for everything but craft)
24 Year 1 mixed ability, years 2 and 3 setted for academic subjects. 'Special needs' group withdrawn.
25 Year 1 mixed ability, setted in years 2 and 3 for Maths, English, French, German and music
31 Setting from year 1 in maths, English and French. In year 3 also setted in history, geography and science.
32 Years 1 to 3 banding for maths and English, and separate Spanish in year 2.
33 Streamed in all three years
34 Mixed ability except remedial pupils withdrawn and setting for maths and English
35 Mixed ability except special needs and ESL pupils withdrawn
41 Year 1 mixed ability. Years 2 and 3 banding into three bands
42 Years 1 and 2 mixed ability. Year 3 setted for English and maths (three sets)
43 Year 1 mixed ability (1984). Years 2 and 3 streamed
44 Study children years 1 and 2 setted, year 3 streamed. (In 1984 combined school under new head changing to mixed ability)
45 Years 1 and 2 mixed ability. Year 3 mixed ability except setting in maths and English

Table 12.3 Ability as the basis of recommendation for options

School	Basis of recommendation	High and low ability have choice	Ability tested in third year
12	Ability, behaviour	No	No. But pupils ranked for suitability
14	Ability and gender	No	Yes. Standardised test
15	Ability, pupil choice	No	No
21	Ability	No	Yes. Subject exams
22	Ability, behaviour	No	Yes. Subject exams in English, maths, French science
23	Ability	No	Yes. Subject exams
24	Ability	No	Yes. Subject exams
25	Ability, behaviour	No	Yes. Exams plus continued assessment
31	Ability, behaviour, effort	No	Yes. Exams and standardised tests
32	Ability	No	Yes. Exams and standardised tests
33	Ability No		Yes. Exams and standardised tests
34	Ability (level) Pupil choice (subject)	No	Yes. Subject exams
35	Pupil choice	No	No exams
41	Ability (level) Pupil choice (subject)	No	Yes. Subject exams
42	Ability, resources	No	Yes. Standardised tests
43	Ability, pupil choice	No	No. Assessment profiles made out
44	Ability	No	Yes. Subject exams
45	Ability	No	Yes. School exams: pupils ranked on marks and effort