



11th May 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

RE: Year 9 Specialisms

I am writing to inform you about the year 9 specialisms curriculum that has been designed for 2022/23. As your child progresses into year 9, they will continue to study our full, broad and balanced Key Stage 3 (KS3) curriculum. In addition to this, your child will also have the opportunity to select 3 subjects in which to specialise. The subjects on offer through this programme will provide pupils with an experience of subjects and content that they have not studied throughout their KS3 curriculum.

All year 9 pupils will study 1 specialism per term, during periods 4 and 5, every Wednesday afternoon. The intention of this programme is to enable pupils to explore subjects that they are particularly interested and passionate about. They will learn valuable transferrable skills, which will further support them when starting GCSE courses in year 10. We also hope that this programme will help pupils make a more informed decision about which GCSE courses they would like to study.

Your child will be able to select their preferences through the following link by **Friday 20th May**, using their school email address:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=IUVmEPIfGE2U9SfICX2T_cregHnzSOBMpg2etJwhe7JUMkg2SzFPS0INMII5V0FOS1FEU1MwRDhEUC4u

This programme and process was explained to pupils during a year 8 assembly on Tuesday 10th May. To further support your child in making this decision, we have attached a brief guide of information for each subject and also created the following page on our website:

<https://www.worcs.tgacademy.org.uk/curriculum/year-9-specialisms/>

If you have any questions regarding the process, or would like some support in making this decision, please contact your child's College Leader via office@worcs.tgacademy.org.uk.

Yours Sincerely,

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