



Year 9

Specialisms

2022/23

Curriculum Choices

During year 9, you will continue to study the full KS3 national curriculum. However, for the first time, you will be able to select 3 subjects to specialise in. This is designed to give you exposure to subjects that you are interested in finding out more information about and try out, before making an informed decision about GCSE options in year 10.

You will study each subject for a full term (13 weeks) before moving onto the next. The specialisms lessons will take place on a Wednesday afternoon.

Choosing your options

Specialisms only run in subjects that you have not fully experienced during year 7 or year 8



Business Studies



Citizenship



Dance



Design and Technology



Food and Catering



Graphics / 3D Design



Health Sciences



Media Studies



Music



Photography



Physical Education



Sociology

Curriculum plan

English	7	█	█	█	█	█	█	█		
Maths	7	█	█	█	█	█	█	█		
Science	6	█	█	█	█	█	█			
Core PE	4	█	█	█	█					
Spanish	4	█	█	█	█					
History	3	█	█	█						
Geography	3	█	█	█						
STEPS	2	█	█							
Computing	2	█	█							
Art	2	█	█							
Music	2	█	█							
Drama	2	█	█							
DT	2	█	█							
Specialism	4	█	█	█	█					

Business/Enterprise and Marketing



Students will learn about a range of businesses in the real world, focusing on what aspects affect businesses in their decision making, how they decide to produce goods, how they advertise their business, the importance of good quality staff and how businesses manage finance. Students will apply their knowledge and understanding to different business contexts ranging from small enterprises to large multinationals and businesses operating in local, national and global contexts.

For further information please see Ms C Gent or Mr A Burrows

Citizenship



As a subject that leads on from the study of STEPS, citizenship further equips students with the skills to play a positive role in public and democratic life as informed and active citizens. Anyone interested in politics and law should consider specialising in this subject. Students learn about democracy through studying politics and government in the UK and the wider world, as well as law and justice. Students are also given the opportunity to take part in a 'citizenship in action' project.

For further information please see Ms C Mackie

Dance



Dance is good for both body and soul. It is an amazing workout, a great way of expressing yourself, an effective method for relieving stress and, most importantly, it is fun. As well as providing you with an opportunity to develop as a dancer and choreographer, you will also study the theory of dance, developing your analytical, evaluative and communication skills.

For further information please see Mrs Z Johnson or Ms S Nelson

Design and Technology



Good design involves creating something that works well and is satisfying to use. Design and technology looks at the way everything we use in everyday life is designed and made, from a t-shirt to a TV. You are designing to meet a commercial need and to design and manufacture a successful product you need to know what consumers need, and want, and how materials and industrial technologies can be used to create it.

For further information please see Ms R Jones

Food prep and nutrition



Food Preparation and Nutrition will help you to develop a greater understanding of nutrition, food provenance and the working characteristics of food materials. You will learn about food from around the world, through the study of British and international culinary traditions as well as developing an understanding of where food comes from and the challenges surrounding food security. You'll master culinary skills and appreciate the science behind food and cooking.

For further information please see Ms C Selwood

Graphics



By studying graphic communication students will develop skills and experiment with a whole range of new materials, graphic media and industrial applications. Their aim is to develop a wide understanding of graphic products through research and analysis of existing designers' work and then to use this to inform designs. This will then result in a range of high quality outcomes. Use of ICT and CAD/CAM will play a major role in this course.

For further information please see Ms R Jones

Health and Social Care



Student will look at the human lifespan development and investigate how, in real situations, human development is affected by different factors. In addition to this, student also explore health and social care services and values, where students will understand how they meet the needs of real service users.

For further information please see Mrs S Kenwright or Mrs K Farley

Media Studies



Media studies is a subject that offers pupils an exciting opportunity to analyse and create media products from a number of different platforms. Media studies is designed to broaden students' understanding of the media industry and has been developed to allow students to show off their ability to investigate and make judgements as well as create media products.

For further information please see Mr C Dent

Music



Music is an enriching and engaging subject, offering a unique combination of creativity and academic rigour. Studying music will allow you to develop and refine your understanding of music as a performer, composer, and as a listener. Furthermore, it allows you to explore and develop a passion for music, alongside building your confidence and communication skills.

For further information please see Mr J Cameron or Mrs K Harper

Photography



Photography offers a unique opportunity to explore a wide range of lens-based media, techniques and processes, using new technologies. This will allow you to explore and communicate your ideas and values visually. You will be encouraged to demonstrate skills and develop ideas through experimentation. You will acquire an understanding of photography processes and how to compose and interpret photographic images. You will have the opportunity to use professional quality digital SLR cameras, and Photoshop based image manipulation.

For further information please see Mrs A Short

Physical Education/Sport Studies



PE caters for people who are curious about the science and theory behind sports performance. This is a subject for those who already participate in sport at a good level and are now keen to further improve their understanding of the body and how it works in sports performances. It also provides an invaluable opportunity to improve your personal fitness and understand how to keep your body healthy.

For further information please see Mr M Barnes or Ms M Merriman

Sociology



Sociology is the academic study of human society and involves exploring the social interactions and relationships between different groups of people. Many students find the subject interesting as it is relevant to their lives. Sociology encourages students to question the world around them using evidence and challenge issues we face to develop their critical and evaluative skills.

For further information please see Ms K Farley