



# Year 9 Curriculum

Year 8 Options

# What's different?

- ✓ Broader range of compulsory subjects in Y9 compared to previous years – completion of National Curriculum
- ✓ Some opportunity for students to choose subjects
- ✓ Chance to trial new or different subjects
- ✓ Opportunity to refine curriculum again in Year 9 (for Years 10 and 11)
- ✓ Students making informed choices about GCSEs

# The rationale for change

1. Expectations/steer from Government, Department for Education, OFSTED
  - Broad Year 9 curriculum
  - Completion of National Curriculum
  - 2-year GCSE
2. Students retaining the opportunity to make choices
3. Opportunity to try subjects that are new or different
4. Students being able to make informed choices for GCSE

# Our new Year 9 curriculum

- ✓ Transitional year
- ✓ Complete National Curriculum
- ✓ Broad range of subjects
- ✓ Some experience of GCSE-type courses
- ✓ Learn/develop GCSE-type skills and knowledge
- ✓ Prepare students to make good choices and be GCSE-ready

What subjects do students have to do?

- **English (7 hours)**

- **Maths (7 hours)**

- **Science (7 hours)**

# What subjects do all students have to do?

- **Computer Science (3 hours)**
- **Geography (3 hours)**
- **History (3 hours)**
- **PE (3 hours)**

# What subjects do all students have to do?

- **Art (1 hour)**
- **Drama (1 hour)**
- **Ethics & Philosophy (1 hour)**
- **Life Skills (1 hour)**
- **Music (1 hour)**

# Options

- **Language option (French or German) – 3 hours**
- **Technology option (Food, Graphics, Textiles, Resistant Materials) – 3 hours**
- **Two other options – 3 hours each**



# Options available

Art

Business  
Studies

Dance

Drama

Ethics &  
Philosophy/RE

Health &  
Social Care

Media

Music

PE Theory

Science  
Additional

Second  
Language

Second  
Technology



Looking  
ahead to  
Years 10  
and 11

## Making choices for Years 10 & 11

- Refine choices further in Year 9 for Y10 and Y11 subjects
- All students study:
  - English Language & Literature
  - Maths
  - Combined Science (2 GCSEs)
- 4 option subjects
- Non-examined subjects (Ethics & Philosophy, Life Skills, PE)

## Option subjects in Years 10 & 11

- ✓ Choose 4
- ✓ At least one Ebacc subject (Computer Science, French, Geography, German, History)
- ✓ Many students will be advised to complete the full **English Baccalaureate** (French or German, and Geography or History)
- ✓ Must be a subject studied in Year 9
- ✓ Triple Science would count as one of the 4 options

# Things to consider

- ✓ What am I good at?
- ✓ What do I like/find interesting?
- ✓ What do I think I might enjoy and succeed in?
- ✓ What might you want to study in Years 10/11

# Things not to consider

- My friend is doing it
- I like the teacher
- It looks easy
- It's new!

# What do students do now?

- **Read the curriculum booklet** and talk to staff/students – make sure they know what the subject is all about – these will be printed and distributed to all students
- **Listen to what teachers** say about their performance so far
- Consider your **strengths, interests**, or what you **may want to study in Years 10 and 11**
- **Return completed options form** (4 choices, 2 reserves) to form tutor by **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

# Option Subjects

- **Put them in priority order (1<sup>st</sup> choice, 2<sup>nd</sup> choice etc.)**
- **Choose two reserve choices as a back up in case your choices are not possible**



Where to now?

**W11 – English, Maths, Science, Computer Science,  
Geography, History**

**NW1/2 – Art, Business Studies, Design Technology,  
French, German, Media, Music, PE, Performing Arts,  
Philosophy & Ethics**