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Dear Parent/ Carer

We hope this letter finds you safe and well.

Year 9 Key Stage 3 Overview

In September 2022 your child will continue to study English, maths, science, modern foreign languages, history, geography, personal development, philosophy & RE; and physical education, as well as a choice of 3 creative-arts subjects.

To ensure that Y9 is a transitional year from Key Stage 3 into Key Stage 4, your child will be asked to choose 3 creative arts subjects to study in more depth to develop a sound foundation knowledge of each subject. This will help to provide your child with a more informed basis of knowledge to select their guided choice subjects at the end of Year 9, in full readiness to start GCSE study in Year 10. Furthermore, it will begin to prepare your child for the process of choosing subjects, widening their experiences and reflecting upon their future aspirations.

The choice of creative-arts subjects are shown below:

- Art - for students who want to learn a wide range of techniques, skills, media and methods, and learn about a broad range of art movements and cultures.
- Dance – for students who are passionate about dance and dedicated to improving through regular rehearsal and participation in dance activities and events or simply love rhythm and moving.
- Design and Technology - for students who are creative and curious about how things work and want to use innovation and problem solving skills to learn about new technology and materials.
- 3D Art and Design- for children who are interested in architecture and keen to develop skills in model design.
- Drama- for students who are passionate about drama and love to perform in front of an audience or want to build their self-confidence.
- Fashion and textiles - for students with an interest in material, clothing and fashion and have imagination and creativity to design.
- Food technology- for students who are interested in developing their skills in the kitchen and being creative with food.



- Information technology (IT) - for students who want to learn how the world is connected and how we can use information technology to improve the way we work and live.
- Music - for students who love making music and are dedicated to improving through regular practice and participation in music activities and events.
- Photography- for students with an interest in photography and who enjoy using visual images to document the world around them.
- Sculpture - for students who want to explore art in three dimensions making work using ceramics, wire modelling, mod-rock, relief collage, cardboard construction, papier-mâché and junk sculpture.
- Sport – for students who love sports and fitness and are keen to be sports leaders.
- Conservation studies- for students who are keen to be outdoors and work in our forest school and develop an understanding of natural sciences, the environment and wildlife conservation.

Choosing your subjects – deadline Friday 5th June 2022

We are limited to how many students we can accommodate in each class and therefore we need to offer subjects on a first come, first served basis. Please look at the table below. Your child will need to select 3 subject choices, one from each Option column (A, B, C), plus a reserve subject.

Option A	Option B	Option C
Sport	Textiles	Sculpture
Conservation Studies	Conservation Studies	Conservation Studies
Music	Drama	Dance
Photography	Photography	Sport
Digital IT	Digital IT	Digital IT
Design & Technology	Art	Drama
Art	Food	Food
Dance	Music	3d Art & Design

From Monday 9th May, you will receive an email from the school with an online link so that you can and child can select which 3 creative-arts subjects your child would like to study in Y9.

Yours sincerely,

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