



**Year 8**

# **Options 2019**

**Subject Information**

**Booklet**



<b>Geography</b>	
Course Description	Explore both the physical and human world of geography, with a focus on explaining processes and applying examples to case studies/countries. In addition participate in 2 compulsory fieldtrips.
Physical Geography - Exam	The challenge of natural hazards. The living world Coasts. Rivers.
Human Geography - Exam	Urban issues and challenges. The economic world. Food supply issues. Water supply issues.
Geography Skills - Exam	Problem solving/decision making. Fieldwork questions. Geography skills such as map reading.
Speak to	Miss Pearce

<b>History</b>	
Course Description	This course looks at four historical topics, varying from depth studies over thirty to forty years, to development studies over a longer
Medicine through time - Exam (30%)	Causes and cures of illness. Prevention of disease. Case studies. Trench medicine.
The American West & Anglo-Saxon and Norman England - Exam (40%)	England before and after the Norman Conquest. Controlling England. Early settlement of the American West. Development of the Plains. Conflict and conquest.
Weimar and Nazi Germany - Exam (30%)	The Weimar Republic. Hitler's rise to power. Nazi control and dictatorship. Life in Nazi Germany.
Speak to	Mr Bradley

<b>Spanish</b>	
Course Description	Vocabulary and grammar around the following topics: Family and Friends Technology & social media Free time activities Customs and festivals Home town Social issues and charity work Environmental issues and poverty
Exam 1 - 25%	Reading exam
Exam 2 - 25%	Listening exam
Exam 3 - 25%	Writing exam
Exam 4 - 25%	Speaking exam
Speak to	Mr Bufton

Art	
Course Description	Study a number of differed artists
Coursework 60%	Explore a range of techniques, processes and materials including ceramics, sculpture, drawings and paintings
Exam 40%	Create a final piece based on a celebrity
Speak to	Miss Hatt

3D Graphic Art	
Course Description	Study a number of differed artists in the world of 3D art.
Coursework 60%	Explore a range of techniques, processes and materials including ceramics, sculpture, and 3D design.
Exam 40%	Create a final piece based on in 3D design
Speak to	Miss Hatt

Dance	
Course Description	60% practical, 40% theory
Unit 1	Identifying skills, performance, evaluation and creative ideas
Unit 2	Themed dance, evaluation
Speak to	Miss Philpott

Drama	
Course Description	A practical subject. Each lesson has a practical focus, where you will perform devised and scripted pieces based on different stimuli.
Unit 1 - 60%	Performance based on a theme. Portfolio of evidence and written evaluation.
Unit 2 - 20%	Performance of a published play. Read the play and perform 2 sections from the play.
Unit 3 - 20%	Written exam of a published play. Watch a professional performance and write a review
Speak to	Mrs Tyler

Computer Science	
Course Description (9 aspects of computing)	1.Fundamentals of algorithms 2.Programming 3.Fundamentals of data representation 4.Computer systems 5.Fundamentals of computer networks 6.Fundamentals of cyber security 7.Ethical, legal and environmental impacts of digital technology on wider society, 8.Aspects of software development 9 Programming project
Exam 1 50%	Computational thinking, problem solving, code tracing and applied computing as well as theoretical knowledge of computer science
Exam 2 50%	A mix of multiple choice, short answer, longer answer and extended response questions assessing a student's theoretical knowledge.
Speak to	Mr Cocks

<b>Food</b>	
Course Description	Explore a range of ingredients and techniques. Learn about functional properties, chemical characteristics and nutritional content of food and drink.
Coursework - 50%	
Exam - 50%	
Speak to	Mr Rees

<b>Music</b>	
40% Listening & Appraising	Studying set works from a range of styles and responding to questions based on extracts heard.
30% Performing	Performing both as an individual and as part of a group.
30% Composing	Creating your own musical ideas in response to given briefs
Speak to	Mrs Davies

<b>PE</b>	
Exam 1	Anatomy & Lifestyle
Exam 2	Health & Lifestyle (Both a mix of multiple choice, short answer and essays) 60%
Coursework	Written personal exercise programme - 10%
Practical	Ability in 3 sports - 30%
Speak to	Mr Philpott

<b>Religious Studies</b>	
Course Description	This course looks at religious belief, philosophical questions and contemporary ethical issues.
Exam 1—50%	Written exam focussing on beliefs and practices in Christianity and Islam, with a focus on how religious belief affects their lifestyle.
Exam 2—50%	Written exam on ethical and moral issues including topics such as Good and Evil, Life and Death and Relationships.
Speak to	Miss Pippard