



Year 8 Options 2020

Subject Information

Booklet



In Years 7 and 8, your child has accessed a wide range of subjects, and undoubtedly will have made decisions about which subjects they enjoy and where they experience success. They also will be beginning to think about what they may like to do in the future and what interests them. Your son/daughter should use these experiences, as well as conversations with yourself and the teaching staff at the Academy to make choices for study during Year 9.

In Year 9 all students will study the following core subjects and choose two 'options' which they continue to study until the end of Year 11.

Year 9

Core Subjects (all)	Options (choose two)
English	Art*
Maths	3D Art*
Science	Business Studies
Core PE	Dance
	Drama
History	Food
Geography	Music
Religious Studies	PE
Spanish	Triple Science^

* students cannot study both Art and 3D Art.

^ by invitation only

At the end of Year 9 students will make a further set of option choices and will continue with two subjects from History, Geography, Religious Studies and Spanish.

Year 10

Core Subjects (choose two)
History
Geography
Religious Studies
Spanish

How to Make Your Choices

- ◆ Use the course information booklet.
- ◆ Speak to teachers at Parents' Evening.

Next Steps

- ◆ Complete the form which your child has brought home today (Monday 16 March) choosing two options and two reserve subjects and sign it.
- ◆ Your child should return the form to Reception before 8.55am on Wednesday 18 March.
- ◆ Your child will have a 1:1 curriculum meeting on Friday 20 March to discuss their options with curriculum specialist staff.
- ◆ Option choices will be confirmed after the Easter break.

Important Points

- ◆ Unsigned option forms will not be accepted.
- ◆ Forms received late may result in students not getting their first choice of options.
- ◆ Option subjects will only be offered if a sufficient number of students chose it.
- ◆ In the event of a subject having more students opting for it than places available, some students will be allocated their reserve choice. This decision will be based upon evidence of the students' effort and attitude in the subjects over recent assessment points.
- ◆ Once options have been confirmed, there will not be any movement between option subjects.

Art

Course Description	Coursework 60%	Exam 40%	Additional Information	Speak to
Study a number of different artists.	Explore a range of techniques, processes and materials including ceramics, sculpture, print, drawings and paintings. This exploration will end with a final piece of work using the students chosen art material.	Develop research based on an exam question and make a final outcome.		Miss Hatt

3D Dimensional (3D) Art

Course Description	Coursework 60%	Exam 40%	Additional Information	Speak to
Study a number of different artists in the world of 3D art.	Experience working in a variety of 3D mediums, including ceramics, plaster, modrock, wire and card. Design final 3D outcomes.	Create a final piece based on in 3D design.		Miss Hatt

Business Studies

Course Description	Coursework 50%	Exam 50%	Additional Information	Speak to
An engaging qualification that reflects the demands of a truly modern and evolving business environment.	Unit 1 - Investigating small businesses. Enterprise and entrepreneurship, spotting a business opportunity, putting a business idea into practice, making the business effective, understanding external influences on business.	Unit 2 - Building a business. Growing the business, marketing decisions, operational decisions, financial decisions human resource decisions.		Mr Cox

Dance

Course Description	Coursework 60%	Exam 40%	Additional Information	Speak to
In GCSE dance you will develop your performance skills in solo and group dances. You will also choreograph your own dance (either a solo or group) and explore the dance works of 6 professional choreographers, learning how to critically analyse performance pieces and apply these skills to your own work.	Perform 2 phrases set by the exam board and a duet/trio performance. Choreograph your own solo/group dance, based on a stimulus provided by the exam board.	Knowledge and understanding of choreographic processes and performing skills. Critical appreciation of own work. Critical appreciation of professional works.	To be successful in GCSE dance you must be willing to perform in front of others and open to developing your own dance skills. The exam board states that dances must be done in bare feet and we expect all GCSE dancers to comply with this.	Ms Macnamara

Drama

Course Description	Coursework 80%	Exam 20%	Additional Information	Speak to
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 two sections.	Unit 3 - Written exam of a published play. Watch a professional performance and write a review.		Mrs Tyler

Food & Nutrition

Course Description	Coursework 50%	Exam 50%	Additional Information	Speak to
Explore a range of ingredients, preparation techniques and cooking methods. Learn about functional properties, chemical characteristics and nutritional content of food and drink. Explore different reasons for food choices and their impact on the environment.			The practical side of the course is compulsory and students will be expected to cook a range of dishes and must commit to bringing these ingredients in on a regular basis.	Mr Rees

Music

Course Description	Coursework 60%	Exam 40%	Additional Information	Speak to
Music offers the opportunity to develop students' understanding of a wide range of musical genres through listening, performance and composition.	Performing 30%. Developing performance skills on a chosen instrument/voice, both as an individual and as part of a group. Composing 30%. Creating your own musical ideas. Students need to create one free composition in their own chosen style, and one to a set brief.	Listening to a broad range of music from four Areas of Study: Western Classical Music, Music for Ensemble, Film Music and Popular Music.	Students will need to be able to perform to Grade 3 standard by the end of Year 11 to access all marks.	Miss Brown

Physical Education

Course Description	Coursework 40%	Exam 60%	Additional Information	Speak to
You will learn about bones, muscles and how the body works, different types of physical training, sports psychology, health, fitness and well-being and the social influences on sport. You will also develop your practical ability in a range of individual and team sports.	Ability in 3 sports to include one individual and one team sport. Written assignment where you analyse your strengths and weaknesses in your main sport and develop and action plan.	One exam on anatomy and physiology, movement analysis and physical training. One exam on sports psychology, socio-cultural influences, health, fitness and well-being. Both exams will have a mixture of multiple choice, short and longer answer questions and data analysis.	If you have skills in a particular sport please check with the PE team to ensure this sport can be used to support your GCSE grade.	Mr Rivers

Triple Science

Course Description	Coursework	Exam 100%	Additional Information	Speak to
Biology - molecules, cells, organisms and ecosystems. Chemistry - elements and compounds, acids and alkalis, quantitative chemistry, rates of reaction and industrial chemistry. Physics - energy, forces, optics and the universe.		6 separate papers, 1hr 45min long.		Ms Murphy