



Year 9

### **Y9 Business**

In Y9 students are taught in mixed ability classes and follow Schemes of Work produced by EDEXCEL. Students are taught content from Theme 1 and 2. Students are provided a variety of different learning opportunities, including a slightly more practical approach to their studies.

### **Y9 Drama**

Students are taught in mixed ability classes and follow a scheme of work that introduces them to the key skills needed to succeed in the GCSE AQA specification.

### **Y9 Music**

In this GCSE foundation year, students complete schemes of work that focus on the musical elements – Harmony, Melody, Rhythm & Metre, Texture and Structure. Students will explore these through practical music-making (composing and performing) along with building their musical vocabulary and listening ability. Students will also study a musical instrument of their choice in preparation for their performance coursework.

### **Y9 Art**

At GCSE students are expected to explore different themes allowing freedom to develop work from independent starting points. Over the course of the 3 year GCSE students will complete 4 theme based Portfolio projects before tackling the exam unit in Year 11. Each project is both individual and self-lead from conception to completion, resulting in personal outcomes that are unique to each and every learner.

### **Y9 Media**

At GCSE students are expected to engage with and explore a variety of media forms. The three-year course is made up of practical as well as theoretical analysis, ensuring a well-rounded perspective on how the media constructs reality. Over the course of the three-year course, students will conduct one piece of practical controlled assessment (Independent) as well as two exams at the end of Year 11. The theoretical aspect of the course focuses around a variety of Broadcast, Print and E-media forms set by the examiner, which are extensively focused upon and assessed throughout the entirety of the course.

### **Y9 French or Spanish Language**

The learning of French or Spanish become optional so students may continue or stop learning MFL. It is strongly advised that students continue learning a language as it is part of the English baccalaureate. In Year 9, students will initially go over the basics and then embark on GCSE preparation which will involve the practice and assessment of 4 skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing.

### **Y9 Design and Technology**

Students are taught in mixed ability classes. Students continue to develop skills and knowledge across all areas of design and technology through the completion of context based tasks.

### **Y9 Food Preparation and Nutrition**

Students are taught in mixed ability classes. Students continue to develop skills and knowledge through the completion of focussed and self-led tasks.

### **Y9/10 English Language and English Literature**

Students are taught in mixed ability sets. All students will take English Language and English Literature at GCSE. Reading and Writing skills are assessed through examinations. Both GCSEs are now 100% examination. A Spoken language exam must be completed and receives a separate award.

### **Y9 History**

In Year 10 students are taught in mixed ability classes and follow Schemes of Work produced by AQA to reflect the requirements of the new 1-9 specification. They are taught for five lessons per fortnight.

### **Y9 Geography**

In Year 9 Geography students are taught in mixed ability classes and follow Schemes of Work produced by Edexcel to reflect the requirements of the new 1-9 specification. They are taught for five lessons per fortnight.

### **Y9 Maths**

Students are taught in ability set classes and follow the EDEXCEL GCSE Maths specification.

### **Y9 PE**

Students are taught in ability groups and follow a curriculum that is aligned to the National Curriculum requirements and sports linked to the new GCSE specification. Students will complete an activity each half term which will be assessed using AQA GCSE PE assessment criteria.

### **Y9 GCSE PE**

Students are taught in mixed ability classes and follow a scheme of work with assessment that reflect the AQA specification requirements. Students are taught theory (60%) for five lessons a fortnight and they spend the four hours of core PE lessons a fortnight being taught and assessed in the practical (40%) element of the course.

### **Y9 BTEC**

Students are taught in a mixed ability class following Edexcel guidance for the Level 2 BTEC Award in Sport. Students study four units, including one externally assessed exam and three units of internally assessed coursework. The course is taught for five hours a fortnight over three years.

### **Y9 Science**

In Science all students are studying GCSE sciences in line with the National Curriculum. There are two pathways for different students, the combined trilogy and triple Sciences. Course is linear and students will study over three years and sit exams at the end of the three years.