



Art (Creative Subject)

What will you study?

- Find out more about the work of artists, craftspeople and designers
- Experience a wide range of art media and techniques to include experimental drawing, ceramics (clay), printmaking, painting, photography and computer aided work
- Explore different approaches to visual recording of ideas and observations including drawing and use of a camera
- Make a personal response to themes such as Distorted Portraits (Faces), Food And Drink and Letterforms

Why should you study this subject in Year 9?

- To develop your creativity
- To use your imagination
- To learn by making and doing
- To develop your art skills
- To develop key art skills for GCSE and Advance Level Study
- To improve your presentation skills

What are the Homework expectations?

Homework is set on a fortnightly basis and is crucial to success on this course. It will develop concepts taught in class and feed back into subsequent lessons. Most homework's are practical drawing/making tasks.

Things to consider

- Do I enjoy Art?
- Do I want to find out more about Art?
- Am I Committed to working hard to improve?
- Am I interested in studying Art at GCSE or pursuing a career in the creative industries?

For more information speak to Mr Hardy or Mrs Benson

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Drama (Creative Subject)

What will you study?

Technical theatre design, the devising process, improvisation, response to stimulus, stage fighting, study of a play (Blue Remembered Hills or Beasts and Beauties) and performance of play extracts. We will take a trip to see an appropriate play.

Why should you study this subject in Year 9?

- To develop confidence in performing and designing
- To develop key drama skills for GCSE and Advanced Level Study
- Drama will also help with English skills especially speaking and listening
- Building self confidence

What are the Homework expectations?

- Line learning is the most important skill to develop and will take up much home work time
- Designing tasks
- Short essays on theatre that is experienced during the course

Things to consider

- Whilst costume, prop and makeup design skills are options for devised and scripted work, every student will be required to learn a range of acting skills
- Drama will involve collaborative work with others

For more information speak to Mr Cartwright

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Music (Creative Subject)

What will you study?

- Composition
- Performance
- Listening
- Topics including Film music, Music for Special Occasions, Minimalism and Cover versions.

Why should you study this subject in Year 9?

- To improve your confidence
- To be able to explore new cultures and styles in music
- To learn new vocabulary
- To extend your knowledge and skills in musical notation

What are the Homework expectations?

- Homework is usually set fortnightly with a focus on extending the understanding of the current topic.

Things to consider

- Do I enjoy Music?
- Do I want to find out more about Music?
- Am I committed to working hard to improve?
- Am I interested in studying Music at GCSE/BTEC or pursuing a career in the creative industries?

Questions you might like to ask yourself...

- Am I interested in learning about new styles of music?
- Do I have an interest in an instrument/voice?
- Do I have the patience to practise, practise and practise some more?

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Catering (Technology Subject)

What will you study?

This is a practical based course in which you will develop your culinary skills over a full academic year. You will learn how to cook a range of challenging dishes using fresh raw ingredients.

We plan our recipes to make the best use to seasonal ingredients and usually start the course in September with apple pie which ties in nicely with the harvest festival period.

All recipes are demonstrated 'live' in the lesson beforehand by the teacher. Recipe and method information can then be downloaded electronically via the Design and Technology SharePoint through office 365.

Every autumn, we offer you the opportunity to enter the annual Rotary Club Young Chef competition. This proves to be extremely popular and involves professional chefs coming into school to work with you. For many students, this is an inspirational experience that promotes self-confidence and a real sense of achievement.

Why should you study this subject in Year 9?

One of our Year 9 students summed up her experience of catering ...

"I really enjoy cooking because I get the chance to cook things I would never think of cooking at home!"

Ellen Gledhill, Year 9 student in 2017 and Winner of the Cumbria Young Chef Competition 2017

What are the Homework expectations?

As all work is project based there will be homework tasks given during the projects and these will be designed to help you develop the independent learning skills required for GCSE study. You will also be required to organise ingredients, research techniques and find recipes; you will also be expected to develop your own recipes.

Things to consider

You might like to choose catering if.....

- You would like the opportunity to cook once per week, every week, throughout Year 9
- You enjoy skills based learning and learning through making
- You would like to develop the confidence to cook for yourself and learn a skill for life!

.For more information speak to Mr Sharp or Mrs Anderson

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Engineering (Technology Subject)

What will you study?

During Year 9, you will work almost exclusively in the workshop creating a range of high quality products.

You will also have the chance to develop your design skills using our industry standard Computer Aided Design or CAD package which is called Solidworks.

Working mainly in wood and metal you will learn new skills that will challenge and inspire you. During the autumn term, you will be taught how to make a “dovetail” joint before going on to make a solid wood tea tray for your home.

With more workshop time available, you will be able to access more of the facilities on offer which will help you with your GCSE work.

We also include a module on wood turning that fits nicely into a project to make a hardwood box with removable lid.

Why should you study this subject in Year 9?

“This is one of my favourite lessons because it teaches you really useful skills – skills for life. I’m really proud of the products I’ve made this year!”

Isobel Kelly, Year 9 student in 2017

What are the Homework expectations?

As all work is project based there will be homework tasks given during the projects and these will be designed to help you develop the independent learning skills required for GCSE study.

Things to consider

You might like to choose Engineering if....

- You would like the opportunity to make high quality products in a workshop environment
- You would like the chance to learn traditional workshop skills
- You enjoy learning through making
- You enjoy graphics and would like an introduction to computer aided design

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Textiles (Technology Subject)

What will you study?

You will be given challenging projects throughout the year that will allow you to refine the knowledge and skills learnt to make high quality products, entwined with theory knowledge to gain a better understanding of the purpose of textiles within the environment.

You will learn...

- How to pattern cut and construct finished pieces with accuracy
- How to construct garments
- How to use specialist equipment relating to the textiles industry
- Textiles theory which will help you enhance your practical work and gain a better understanding of how to use textiles in the real world
- How to create detailed fashion drawings to help you communicate your designs to an audience or to a client

Why should you study this subject in Year 9?

- To develop your drawing and communication skills
- To develop your skills using specialist equipment
- To improve your presentation skills
- To develop key skills for GCSE and Advanced Level of Study of textiles

What are the Homework expectations?

As all work is project based there will be homework tasks given during the projects and these will be designed to help you develop the independent learning skills required for GCSE study.

Things to consider

- Do you enjoy Textiles and are you interested in making high quality products?
- Do you enjoy practical, hands-on learning?
- Are you interested in studying at GCSE or pursuing a career in the creative industries?
- Are you interested in further developing the skills you have learnt and learning more about the purpose and different uses of textiles in the industry?



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