

Previous Year 9 Views

94% of Year 9 pupils feel the Preference Curriculum is a good idea. Attitude to Learning, behaviour and attainment grades have increased in the Preference subjects.

"I chose these subjects because I like them – they are fun! The subjects I took involve the jobs I have in mind."

"Some of them I have never done before and I wanted to see what it was like."

"It makes learning more fun because it's about the things you want to learn about."

"It gives the children choosing them a sense of freedom so it shows what it will be like when you decide what to do in later life. It's an excellent idea!"

"Because it gives people a chance to have their voice heard and have a selection of subjects that they can choose from."

"We get to pick the lessons we enjoy most and might want to pick at GCSE. I think it is good that we get to study them in more depth."

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EXCELLENCE



EQUITY



ENGAGEMENT



ENTERPRISE

Reasons for Year 9 Preferences

- Allowing pupils some choice in what they study in Year 9.
- Allowing pupils to select subjects they **enjoy** and do well in.
- Not having to do some subjects that they already know are not for them.
- Opportunity to study some subjects not experienced in Years 7 and 8.
- It is **NOT** about starting GCSEs early.

What Will Stay the Same?

Many of your lessons will stay the same in Year 9:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- RE, PE and PSHCE
- IT & Computing
- Modern Foreign Languages
- History and Geography

What May Change?

There can be an element of choice in the Foundation subjects:

- Opportunity to major/minor in either **Geography** or **History** or study a second Modern Foreign Language, **Italian**.
- A preference to choose more time to study in a **Creative** subject. **Double Art; Single Art; Drama; Music; Dance; Textiles; Media Studies**.
- A preference to choose more time to study in a **Technology** subject. **Double Food Technology; Single Food Technology; Graphics; STEM; Materials Technology; Business Studies**.
- Potential to study a **double** lesson in either a Creative or Technology subject.

Preference Subjects – 7 hours a week

Humanities	Creative	Technology
3 hours a week	2 hours a week	2 hours a week
2 Geography, 1 History	Double Art	Double Food Technology
2 History, 1 Geography	Single Art	Single Food Technology
1 Geography, 1 History, 1 Italian	Single Dance	Single Graphics
	Single Drama	Single Business Studies
	Single Textiles	Single Materials Technology
	Single Media	Single STEM
	Single Music	



The Process – How Does it Work?

- ❖ Read through the Preference Booklet with your child, looking at all the available subjects.
- ❖ Speak to the Heads of Department present tonight.
- ❖ Heads of Department will speak to all pupils about their subjects from **Thursday 23rd November – Thursday 30th November**. **Please do not complete the form before then.**
- ❖ I will hold another assembly **tomorrow** introducing **Business** and **Media**. I will also explain how to fill in the form to your children.
- ❖ Discuss with your child the subjects they do well in and enjoy. You can refer to previous WAGs and reports.
- ❖ Complete the form and submit by **Friday 1st December 2017**.
- ❖ The new timetable will start from **June 2018**.



Health Warning – Some Points to Consider

Please note – there are some constraints to the process:

- If too few or too many pupils pick a particular subject we may need to go to the second or third choice. This helps to manage class sizes.
- We will not switch pupils from one side of the year group to another as this would affect all their Core subjects.
- If you are thinking of doing a GCSE in Year 10 then it would be wise to do it in Year 9 too!
- We will not change Preference subjects once pupils start their new courses in June.

Preference Form

HUMANITIES OPTION (3 HOURS A WEEK)

You will continue to study Geography, History and Spanish. However, pupils will now select either an extra hour of History, Geography or another Modern Foreign Language - French. Please place a tick next to the Humanities subject you wish to follow.

OPTION A: 2 History

1 Geography

OPTION B: 2 Geography

1 History

OPTION C: 1 History

1 Geography

1 Italian

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CREATIVE OPTION (2 HOURS A WEEK)

You may choose 3 Creative subjects from the list below. You will study 2 out of 3 choices. This will then mean you study these 2 subjects for 1 hour a week in Year 9. Please note that if you choose to do Double Art, then this will be your only choice and you will study it for 2 hours a week.

DOUBLE

Tick the box below if you wish to do Double Art, then choose 2 reserves from the other subjects opposite:

DOUBLE ART:



NOW GO TO THE TECHNOLOGY OPTION

RESERVES (TICK 2)

Single Media

Single Art

Single Music

Single Drama

Single Dance

Single Textiles

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DOUBLE FOOD TECHNOLOGY:



Single Food Technology

1

Single Graphics

Single Design & Technology – STEM

2

Single Design & Technology – Materials Technology

Single Business Studies

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