

## 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.”*

**Hear from current Year 9 Pupil/s**

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# Year 8 to 9 Preferences

Assembly 1

# Reasons for Year 9 Preferences

- ✿ Allowing you some choice in what you study in Year 9.
- ✿ Allowing you to select subjects you **enjoy** and do well in.
- ✿ Not having to do some subjects that you already know are not for you.
- ✿ 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**
- 🍷 **French**
- 🍷 **History**
- 🍷 **Geography**
- 🍷 **Food Technology**

# What May Change?

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

- ❏ The preference curriculum allows you to personalise your curriculum to your interests:
- ❏ ***Creative Options: Art; Drama; Music; Dance; Textiles; Media Studies; Graphics.***
- ❏ ***Technology Options: IT; Computer Science; STEM; Materials Technology; Business Studies; Photography.***

# Preference Subjects – 4 Hours a Week

<b>Creative</b>	<b>Technology</b>
<b>2 hours a week</b>	<b>2 hours a week</b>
Art	IT
Graphics	Computer Science
Dance	Business Studies
Drama	Materials Technology
Textiles	STEM
Media	Photography
Music	

# The Process – How Does it Work?

- ❖ Read through the Preference Booklet with your parents/carers, looking at all the available subjects.
- ❖ Heads of Department will speak to you about their subjects from **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November.**
- ❖ We will hold another assembly **on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November** introducing **Business** and **Media**. We will also explain how to fill in the form.
- ❖ You will be given the Preference form on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.**
- ❖ Discuss with your parents/carers the subjects you do well in and enjoy. You can refer to previous WAGs and reports.
- ❖ Complete the form and submit by **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019.**



# 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 or fourth 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 at the start of the new school year.

# Heads of Departments

- Please feel free to speak to the following Heads of Departments about our Preference Subjects:

• Art/Graphic Design.....	Ms J Dawson
• Dance.....	Mrs J Thompson
• Drama.....	Mr N Milne
• Music.....	Miss H Earl
• Media.....	Mr C Dobbs
• Business Studies.....	Ms C Calveley
• Design & Technology - STEM, Materials Technology.....	Mrs V Smith
• IT and Computer Science.....	Mr D Whittle
• Textiles/Photography.....	Mrs L Williams