



Monday 30th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Curriculum Information – Autumn 1

As part of our commitment to strengthening communication between parents/carers and the Academy, we would like to ensure that parents and carers are able to easily access information on what their child is learning at school, to enable positive discussions and support around this at home.

What will my Year 9 child learn during Autumn 1?

English	Year 9 will study a vibrant anthology of relationship poetry, consolidating KS3 poetry skills while exploring challenging themes and devices to enhance their poetic knowledge.
Maths	Students will consolidate skills with decimal numbers, learn to round using significant figures, and apply multiplication and division skills to various calculations, concluding with fractions.
Science	Year 9 will deepen their understanding of forces, learning to calculate turning moments and understanding water and atmospheric pressure, as well as how hydraulics work.
MFL	Students will explore the topic of Relationships, using reflexive verbs to discuss family and friends while employing past, present, and future tenses to describe leisure activities.
History	Year 9 historians will examine the complex outbreak of World War I, the realities of trench warfare, and the contributions of soldiers from across the British Empire.
Geography	Students will study Climate Change, gaining insights into its causes, effects, and strategies to mitigate its impact.
Art	Year 9 artists will learn hand-building and decorating techniques with clay while exploring the Surrealist movement and the concept of visual metaphor.
Music	Students will study the musical genre, developing vocal and keyboard skills while appreciating its social and historical context.
Religious Studies	Year 9 will be introduced to ethics, focusing on normative ethical theories like Natural Law and Situation Ethics, and analysing Christianity's influence on these concepts.
PE	Students will advance their skills in performance settings (Fit to Perform), combine fitness components (Fit for Life), and lead and officiate in games (Fit to Lead) through various sports.
PSHE	Building on previous years, students will learn about consent and relationship expectations.
Dance	Year 9 will create a group performance piece, applying their knowledge of movement and performance skills while collaborating on choreography with their teacher.
D&T	Students will cover all three D&T specialisms, learning basic workshop tools in product design, printmaking in textiles, and preparing dishes like tray bakes and pastries in food technology.
Computer Science	Year 9 will focus on Cyber Security, studying techniques used by cybercriminals and protective measures against data theft and system disruptions.
Drama	Students will explore scripted extracts from <i>Blue Remembered Hills</i> by Dennis Potter, working on monologues and duologues to portray believable characters.

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Yours sincerely,

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