Year 8 Parents' Briefing

Options

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Year 7 and 8 Curriculum

English	9
Maths	9
Science	9
RE	3
PE	4
History	4
Geography	3
Language	4
PSHE	2

Art	3
Music	3
Drama	3
Technology	4

Year 9 Options (selected in Year 8)

- Study 2 subjects from

    - Art
    - Computing
    - Drama
    - Music
    - Technology

Computing

What will I learn?

- Computer systems
- More advanced programming
- Networks
- Security

- Web development
- Multimedia
- Databases
- Spreadsheets

How will I learn?
Project work – in groups and individually

Why I should take it?
Computers are an integral part of our lives. We use them every day. You will learn how they work and how to use them.

Music

Why take Music?

❖ You enjoy playing your musical instrument, or singing.

❖ You enjoy composing and want to develop your skills further

❖ Music gives you the opportunity to learn more about, and use Music Technology

❖ You would like to be able to listen to and study a range of music.

❖ You will develop your self-confidence, and creative skills for work and study. These skills are invaluable in a range of jobs and industries.

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You will:
Perform - develop instrumental skills, **and/or** sing
Compose - make your own music in your own choice of style
Listen to, and Analyse - Popular Music Styles and Film Music

Art and Design

What will I learn?

A wide range of techniques and processes by developing projects including 'portraiture' and 'urban landscape'.

You will also have the opportunity to learn new skills such as photography and Photo shop.
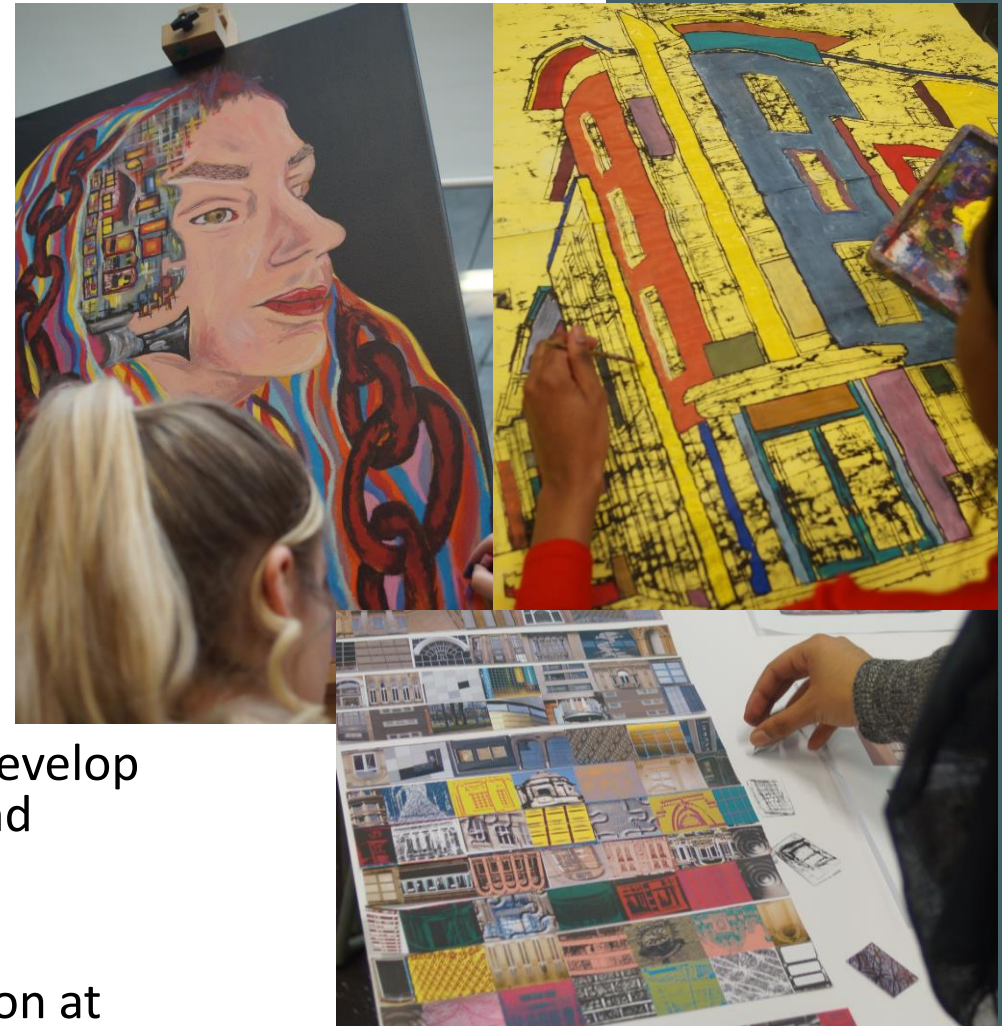
How will I learn?

You will be given more ownership of your work. Although you

will be working from project briefs you will have opportunity to develop your work independently, choosing your favourite materials and processes.

Why I should take it?

If you enjoy the creative process and are considering it as an option at GCSE. You will be on a very clear path to the best art universities in Britain, whether you want to be an Architect,

Fashion designer

or Photographer

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Drama

What will I learn?

– Acting, performance and evaluation skills.

– How to explore, research , devise and perform plays.

– The skills needed for a Level 2 course (GCSE/BTEC).

How will I learn?

– Through, mostly, practical work. In groups, in pairs and sometimes on your own. BY DOING.

– Research, written, presentation (preparation for Year 10).

Why I should take it?

– To develop your communication, your confidence and your presentation skills. Transferable skills needed beyond school.

– It can lead to a Performing Arts career path but other careers as well.

– If you enjoy performing. If you want a creative & expressive & an enjoyable part of the week.

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Design & Technology

Students will continue to study in all areas of the D&T Department. Groups will complete projects in each of the subject areas undertaking a range of design and make activities.

Projects will build on the knowledge and skills gained in years 7&8.

The curriculum is geared towards preparing students for KS4 courses.

We offer a range of courses at KS4, including D&T, Food Preparation and Nutrition, and Engineering.

D&T subjects not only lead directly into a wide range of courses and careers, but teach you transferable skills in analysis, evaluation and creativity that can be helpful in many other subjects.