



ELECTIVES

SUBJECTS INFORMATION SHEET

Food & Nutrition

Three areas you will study in this subject area in Year 9 are:

- Planning, preparing and cooking safely using a variety of foods, cooking techniques and kitchen equipment.
- The economic, environmental, ethical, and cultural influences on food availability, production, and diet choices.
- Different culinary traditions, including their ingredients and cooking processes, to inspire new ideas and try a range of different foods.

Three skills you will develop in this subject area in Year 9 are:

- Independence when working in a practical environment and learning to make decisions for yourself.
- Critical thinking when looking at food provenance, seasonality, sustainability and availability.
- Inclusiveness when learning about and trying new foods and food cultures.

Careers and pathways in this subject area are:

- Careers in agriculture, food science, food processing and manufacture careers in dietetics, nutrition or teaching.
- Careers in advertising, food writing and food photography.

You should choose this subject in Year 9 if:

- You have enjoyed lessons in Year 7 and 8 and have a passion for food.
- You want to develop your understanding of nutrition and how food feeds the body.
- You want to develop your practical skills to produce nutritious, high-quality foods to enjoy.



Dance

Three areas you will study in this subject area in Year 9 are:

- Choreography - making and creating dances independently or in smaller or larger groups, or as part of a company.
- Dance technique and practice - learning and exploring a variety of styles (including street, contemporary, jazz and two cultural styles).
- Dance appreciation - watching and analysing professional works to compare and contrast styles, developing your journalistic, essay writing and evaluation skills.

Three skills you will develop in this subject area in Year 9 are:

- Performance skills that will make you a more confident and engaging speaker and performer.
- Innovation, inclusiveness and creativity through developing your own dances taking inspiration from different styles and cultures.
- Team work and leadership skills by working with others in groups or as part of a larger dance company, collaborating together on a creative task.

Careers and pathways in this subject area are:

- Dance careers in performance, choreography, production or rehearsal direction.
- Project manager, designer or events coordinator particularly in the creative sector.
- Therapeutic work supporting people through movement with their mental or physical health, including physiotherapy.

You should choose this subject in Year 9 if:

- You have an interest in dance, physical fitness or music.
- You are creative and enjoy working imaginatively as part of a group.
- You enjoy discussing social issues through theatre and like watching theatre or dance live or on video.



Creative iMedia

Three areas you will study in this subject area in Year 9 are:

- Planning and developing an app and/or website.
- Planning and developing an animation that includes edited sounds.
- Planning and developing a first-person game with multiple levels.

Three skills you will develop in this subject area in Year 9 are:

- Communication skills when sharing your ideas
- Initiative when sourcing assets to use in digital products.
- Creativity when planning and developing your animations, app and game.

Careers and pathways in this subject area are:

- Graphic designer either for a company or freelance (working for yourself).
- Web developer.
- Games creator.
- Animator.

You should choose this subject in Year 9 if:

- You enjoyed the creative topics in Year 8 computer science.
- You enjoy working on long-term projects.
- You enjoy working with others and sharing your ideas.



Drama

Three areas you will study in this subject area in Year 9 are:

- How to use Frantic Assembly's physical theatre techniques.
- How to devise in the style of verbatim theatre.
- How to add tension to a performance of a theatre script.

Three skills you will develop in this subject area in Year 9 are:

- Collaboration through working in a group.
- Creativity when interpreting a script and devising your own pieces.
- Confidence when performing in a range of theatre styles.

Careers and pathways in this subject area are:

- Working in theatre, film and TV as an actor or presenter.
- Working in theatre, film and TV as a designer or technician e.g. costume or lighting.
- Any career where presenting or working in team or presenting in front of others is part of the job e.g. lawyer, professional sports person, managing director of a company.

You should choose this subject in Year 9 if:

- You enjoyed drama or combined arts in Year 8.
- You like working practically and creatively.
- You like working with others and are keen to develop your confidence.



Fine Art

Three areas you will study in this subject area in Year 9 are:

- Drawing and painting techniques.
- Cultural contexts of art works.
- Creating art work with mixed media.

Three skills you will develop in this subject area in Year 9 are:

- Technical skills when practising the range of art techniques.
- Creative thinking when developing your artistic style.
- Annotation and self-reflection.

Careers and pathways in this subject area are:

- Art therapist.
- Architect.
- Gallery manager.
- Any creative art-based A-Levels and University degrees.

You should choose this subject in Year 9 if:

- You enjoy art and might like to pursue art in higher education or as a career.
- You enjoy being creative.
- You enjoy working with a range of media.



Textiles

Three areas you will study in this subject area in Year 9 are:

- Designing pieces using a variety of textiles.
- Learning how to use different textile techniques.
- Making a final piece showcasing the range of skills you have learnt.

Three skills you will develop in this subject area in Year 9 are:

- Independence to work up your final piece from scratch.
- Creativity and your own individual artistic style.
- Practical skills (how to use equipment).

Careers and pathways in this subject area are:

- Designer in a range of areas including fashion, textiles or lifestyle.
- Fashion merchandiser.
- Clothing technologist.

You should choose this subject in Year 9 if:

- You enjoyed designing and making the monster toy in Year 8.
- You want to do a creative, practical and 'hands on' subject.
- You are self-motivated and want to develop your independence.



Deadline to complete the form is Friday 15th May at 3.00pm

Sport / Physical Education

Three areas you will study in this subject area in Year 9 are:

- How sport is commercialised and the impact of sponsorship and media.
- Equality and inclusion in sport across gender, race and disability.
- The influence of sporting role models in society and their responsibilities.

Three skills you will develop in this subject area in Year 9 are:

- Creativity when designing sessions or campaigns.
- Research and evaluation of sporting topics and trends.
- Debating and critical thinking when discussing real-world issues in sport.

Careers and pathways in this subject area are:

- Physiotherapy, nutrition, coaching, personal training, and sport science.
- Sports media, analysis, event planning, business and leadership.
- Strength and conditioning or working in the health, fitness and education sectors.

You should choose this subject in Year 9 if:

- You are passionate about sport beyond just playing it.
- You want to develop practical life skills like teamwork and confidence.
- You're interested in future careers related to sport, fitness or health.



Computer Science

Three areas you will study in this subject area in Year 9 are:

- How computers and networks function, and exploring emerging technologies like artificial intelligence and cybersecurity.
- Developing programming skills through Python, creating algorithms and using logical thinking to solve real-world problems.
- Exploring the ethical, legal, and cultural impacts of technology.

Three skills you will develop in this subject area in Year 9 are:

- Problem-solving skills to break down complex tasks.
- Programming confidence and accuracy by developing and debugging Python code.
- Analytical and evaluative skills when exploring the impact of technology in society.

Careers and pathways in this subject area are:

- Software engineering, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence and game development.
- Opportunities in technology-driven sectors such as finance, healthcare, engineering, and media.
- Pathways to further study in computer science, information technology, or related fields at A-Level and University.

You should choose this subject in Year 9 if:

- You enjoy solving problems and working logically.
- You are interested in learning more about how technology shapes our world.
- You want to develop technical skills that are an asset across employment sectors.



3D Design

Three areas you will study in this subject area in Year 9 are:

- Learning how to use CAD (Computer Aided Design) and software like Google Sketch Up to create models.
- Working with various materials like clay, Modroc, wire and wood to create three-dimensional art pieces. You'll learn different sculpting techniques and how to express your own ideas.
- Exploring different design processes from initial sketching to prototyping to creating new products alongside learning about materials and manufacturing techniques.

Three skills you will develop in this subject area in Year 9 are:

- Subject-specific skills in designing, making and CAD.
- Self-confidence as you develop your own design ideas and style.
- Communication skills as you express your ideas verbally and visually through research, sketches and modelling.

Careers and pathways in this subject area are:

- Architectural design in the UK and abroad creating detailed 3D models of buildings and landscapes.
- Product design using 3D modelling to create prototypes for big companies such as Dyson, Rolls Royce and Formula 1.
- 3D Modeler creating 3D models for various industries, including film, games, and architecture.

You should choose this subject in Year 9 if:

- You have enjoyed your art & design technology lessons in Year 8.
- You enjoy being creative - drawing, sculpting and building.
- You like using different tools and materials.



Music

Three areas you will study in this subject area in Year 9 are:

- Listening to and analysing music to understand the similarities and differences across musical styles.
- Composing your own music using digital technologies.
- Working in groups to perform music using your voice or an instrument.

Three skills you will develop in this subject area in Year 9 are:

- Digital production skills by learning how to use Logic Pro.
- Confidence and performance skills by performing in front of others and collaboration by working with others in small groups.
- Knowledge of musical theory and communicating your understanding of this through your written work.

Careers and pathways in this subject area are:

- Creative digital production careers including in music, TV, film, computer games, apps and podcasts.
- Music industry roles including music journalism, music licensing, composer/producer, session musician or music therapy.
- Live venue technical careers including sound and light engineering, stage management, theatre production.

You should choose this subject in Year 9 if:

- You love listening to music.
- You have an interest in using computers to create music.
- You are creative and like working in small groups.



Business Studies

Three areas you will study in this subject area in Year 9 are:

- Generating product and business ideas.
- Conducting market research to understand how business decisions are made.
- Calculating profit/loss and cashflow forecasts.

Three skills you will develop in this subject area in Year 9 are:

- Critical thinking to understand how business decisions are made.
- Initiative through understanding how you could put business ideas into practice.
- Courage to generate fresh ideas and share these with others.

Careers and pathways in this subject area are:

- Working in marketing or advertising.
- Working in economics or finance.
- Owning your own business across a variety of sectors.

You should choose this subject in Year 9 if:

- You want to study a subject where you can see real-world application of your learning.
- You want to put skills you've gained in maths and humanities subjects together in a different way.
- You have entrepreneurial ambitions.



Sociology

Three areas you will study in this subject area in Year 9 are:

- Crime: types of crime, causes of crime and patterns of crime.
- Poverty: types of poverty, causes of poverty and patterns of poverty.
- Perspectives of sociology: marxism and feminism.

Three skills you will develop in this subject area in Year 9 are:

- Research skills when learning how sociologists conduct research.
- Critical thinking skills when analysing the world around us.
- Oracy skills while debating subject content.

Careers and pathways in this subject area are:

- Working in the 'third' sector - charity work, international aid/relations and social work.
- Working as a policy researcher or for a think tank.
- Working for the government in areas such as health, education or housing.

You should choose this subject in Year 9 if:

- You are interested in the world around you and your place in it.
- You want to learn more about inequality, power and social processes.
- You like to discuss and debate current events.



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Health & Social Care

Three areas you will study in this subject area in Year 9 are:

- Human Lifespan Development - understanding physical, intellectual, emotional and social changes from birth to old age.
- Health and Wellbeing - learning how lifestyle choices, life events and support services impact health.
- Care Values and Communication - exploring how professionals provide respectful, person-centred care in real settings.

Three skills you will develop in this subject area in Year 9 are:

- Empathy and communication when working on case studies or role-playing care scenarios.
- Decision-making and problem-solving in health and care-related situations.
- Research and analysis when investigating health issues and support services.

Careers and pathways in this subject area are:

- Nursing, midwifery, and social work.
- Counselling, youth work, and mental health support.
- Health promotion, public services, or working in education and early years care.

You should choose this subject in Year 9 if:

- You care about supporting others and making a difference in people's lives.
- You enjoy learning about real-life situations and how to solve problems in health and social care.
- You're interested in careers in the NHS, education, or community services.

