

Year 11 Options 2013/14

As discussed in assembly last half term, this booklet contains important information about the subjects that you will be studying next year, including new subjects that you may begin in September.

Core Subjects

All students will continue with the core subjects that they have been studying this year: *English, Maths, Science, General Studies and P.E.*

Students who are currently in Set 1 for Science will also begin to have extra Science lessons in September, in order to study towards a Triple Science qualification. This means that those students will complete separate GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry and Physics. These qualifications are vital if students wish to study Science subjects at A-Level and for entry into careers such as medicine, dentistry, veterinary science or forensic science.

Options Subjects

Option Block A (6 lessons per week):

All students will finish their current courses at the end of Year 10 and will begin another one year course in September of Year 11. The information for each of these courses is contained in this booklet.

- *Students should not select a subject that they have already studied, or are studying in blocks B or C.*
- *If students are studying/have competed a qualification in Art they should not select Photography, or vice versa.*
- *As mentioned above, students in Science Set 1 will have extra Science lessons in this block and, therefore, do not need to choose an option.*

Options choice forms need to be returned to students' Form Tutors by Friday 19th April.

Options Blocks B & C (2 lessons per week):

It has been decided that, in order to give students the best possible chance of achieving their full potential, these courses will, where possible, continue until the end of Year 11. Therefore, students do not need to select any new courses in these option blocks.

Exceptions to this are as follows:

- BTEC Art and BTEC ICT (option Block B) – students who have achieved an acceptable standard by the end of Year 10 will have the opportunity to work towards another qualification in these areas in Year 11. Students who require extra time in these subjects will continue until the end of Year 11.
- GCSE Spanish (option block B) – this course will finish towards the end of Year 10. Students will have the opportunity to follow either an Art, ICT or RE qualification in Year 11.
- GCSE History and GCSE Geography – due to a change of specification next year, all students in these courses will sit their exams at the end of Year 10. Once exam results are received in August, decisions will be made upon whether these students will continue in these subjects or begin an alternative qualification in RE.

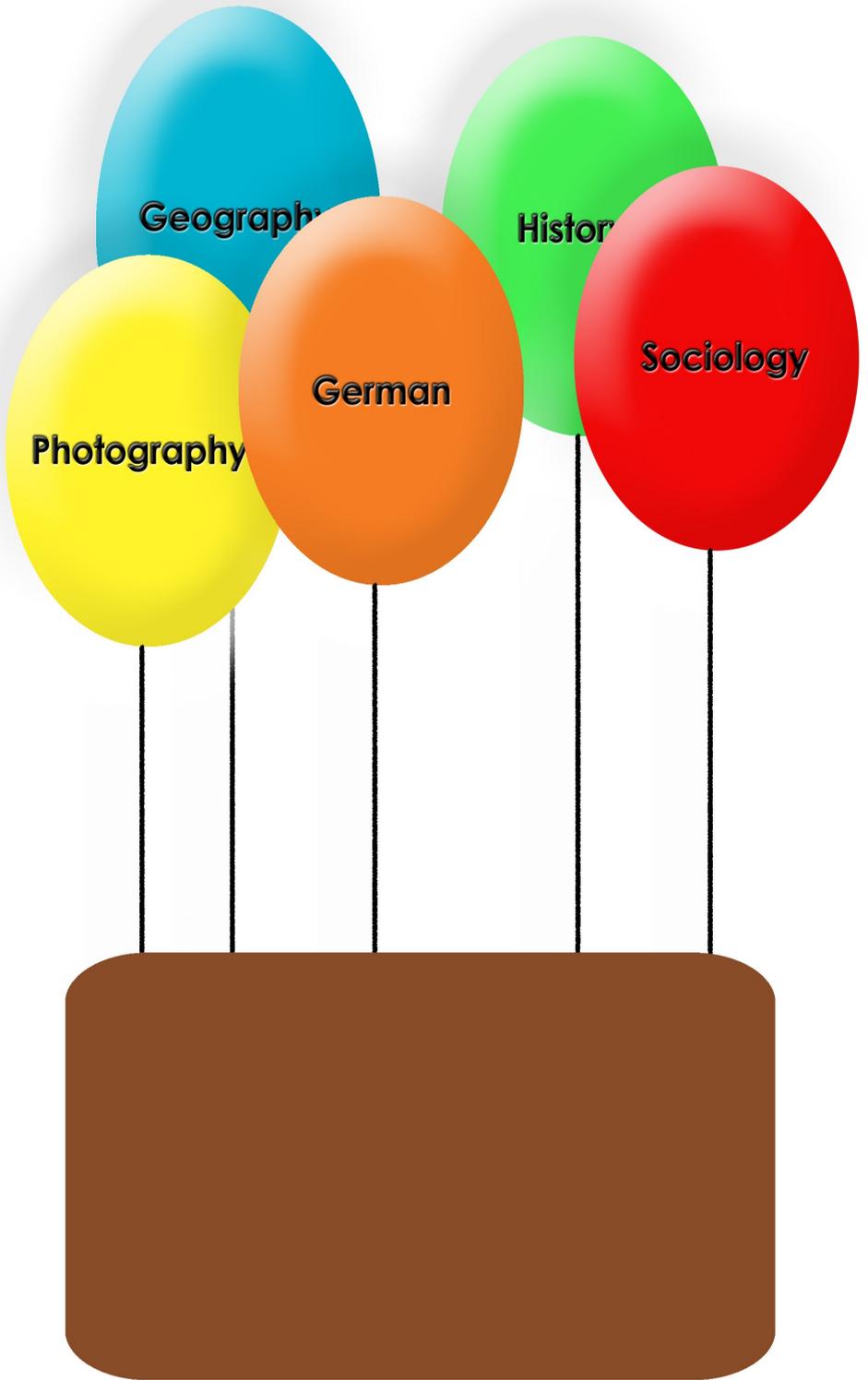
For all of the above exceptions, further information will be issued to both students and parents/carers in the Summer term.

If students and/or parents and carers would like to book an appointment to discuss this further, please contact me at the Academy's on phone number 01302 840961 and I will be pleased to meet and discuss the process with you.

Good Luck!



Mr N Cairns
Assistant Principal



Course Title: GCSE Media Studies Single/Double Award

For further information, please contact: Mrs M Williams/Mrs A Cousins

What is the course about?

Media Studies is an exciting and practical course, which involves a lot of variety in terms of topics studied. You will study the comic industry, film industry, print production industry and you will make your own practical production such as a music video.

Why should I do this subject?

If you are interested in films, music videos and magazines and more importantly intrigued **in how these texts are organised and put together and why**, then this is the course for you! You will be taught about how these industries work and have an insight into the jobs that could be available to you.

Why might I not want to do this subject?

We don't watch films! In Media Studies we study the theory side to Media and the industry, which some students find really difficult. You will have to write essays and write evaluations of anything that you creatively produce.

How will I be assessed?

- Single Award GCSE: 2 coursework essays
- A practical production unit
- External exam

When will the assessments be?

- Two coursework essays - Year 9
- A practical production unit - Year 10
- External exam - Year 11

Will I need any special equipment?

Equipment will be provided by the school.

What qualifications or courses could I go on to study after this one?

A Level Media Studies.

What career might this course led to?

- ◆ Screen Writer
- ◆ Layout Designer
- ◆ Advertising
- ◆ Journalist
- ◆ Editor
- ◆ Director
- ◆ Producer
- ◆ Marketing
- ◆ Camera Technician
- ◆ Sound Technician

PERFORMING ARTS

Option

Course Title: BTEC Level 1/2 Performing Arts

For further information, please contact: Miss H McNulty

What is the course about?

This is a course that includes both practical and written elements. You will learn about the performing arts industry, as a whole, and work on related practical activities that will enable you to become a better performer, both inside and outside of the classroom.

You will have the opportunity, as an individual and as part of a group, to perform both devised and scripted pieces, have an understanding about the performing arts business, as a whole, and be able to follow professional guidance from the tutor and use your own ideas to shape your own pieces.

Why should I do this subject?

It will help you to:

- ◆ Improve your social skills.
- ◆ Work effectively as a team member.
- ◆ Understand commitment and realise its benefits.
- ◆ Improve your self-discipline.
- ◆ Enable you to improve your ability to work independently.
- ◆ Improve your problem solving skills.
- ◆ Look at the performing arts industry as a whole not just from a practical point of view.

Why might I not want to do this subject?

You must be prepared to perform in front of an audience. Your performance may be in front of your peers or a KS3 class within school.

You will not just do practical work: there is also a written coursework element to it.

How will I be assessed?

You will be assessed on coursework that is marked both internally and externally.

This amounts to: 75% Internally assessed. 25% Externally assessed.

When will the assessments be?

Assessment is on-going and students will be given final assessment deadlines at the start of each module of work so that they can focus on time management skills.

Will I need any special equipment?

You will not need any specialised equipment for this subject.

What qualifications or courses could I go on to study after this one?

If you are awarded a Level one qualification from this, you will be able to go on and study Level 2. However, if you have been awarded the Level 2 qualification, you will then be able to go on and study a BTEC Level 3 Performing Arts Certificate, then Subsidiary Diploma and/or an A - Level in Drama or Performance Studies.

What career might this course led to?

It will give you experience for a number of careers in the Performing Arts industry, including actor, singer, dancer, theatre, radio, TV and film work.

Course Title: GCSE Sociology

For further information, please contact: Miss E Wright

What is the course about?

Sociology is the study of people, the way they behave and the societies that they live in. Very few people live their lives by themselves and sociologists are interested in the ways that people interact with other people and with other aspects of society such as their families, the education system, the legal system and the mass media. In sociology, you will find out about the different types of families that we belong to, why some people do well at school whilst others fail, and why some people break the law when others don't. You will also get the chance to compare different cultures and find out about how and why different people in different places behave differently.

Why should I do this subject?

People who like to talk and get involved in debates and discussions always make great sociologists. If you are interested in people and what they get up to and why, then you will enjoy sociology.

Why might I not want to do this subject?

If you don't enjoy extended writing or contributing to discussion then sociology probably isn't for you.

How will I be assessed?

You will sit two exams.

When will the assessments be?

At the end of the course.

Will I need any special equipment?

You will have access to specialist GCSE text books in class.

What qualifications or courses could I go on to study after this one?

You could study for an A-Level and if you went to college or university it would help if you are interested in studying law, childcare, criminology, journalism or education.

What career might this course lead to?

People who study sociology make great teachers, police officers, social workers, criminologists, youth workers, prison officers, lawyers and journalists.

Course Title: GCSE Photography

For further information, please contact: Miss R Heaton

What is the course about?

The course is about recording aspects of the world through photography to communicate a message or meaning. You might use simple traditional black and white photography methods as well as using digital technology to produce images. You could study art/photography from other times and cultures like the early 1900's and America, or base work on themes such as Power and Politics, Links, Self- Image. You will study lots of different artists'/photographers' work too.

Why should I do this subject?

If you like taking photographs and manipulating them on the computer to make art, this subject is for you. If you are creative and like spending your time taking photographs as well as getting out and about in different interesting locations.

Why might I not want to do this subject?

If you don't enjoy computer work or taking photographs. Don't forget creative work is time consuming so you will need to be happy to work in your own time.

How will I be assessed?

Your class work will be worth 60% of your final grade and you will work on this through Years 9 and 10 and the first half of Year 11. In the last half of Year 11 you will do a final project called the 'externally set task' where you will have 10 hours to make the artwork you have designed for this project. This will be worth 40% of your final grade. You will only be able to work by yourself during these 10 hours, but your teacher will support you through the rest of the project.

Course Title: GCSE Photography

For further information, please contact: Miss R Heaton

When will the assessments be?

All of your work will be assessed by your teacher at the end of each project. At the end of Year 11 the quality of your work and your teacher's marking will be checked or moderated by the Exam Board.

Will I need any special equipment?

It is essential that you have access to a digital camera and your own data stick. You will need the basics like a pencil, rubber and sharpener and a folder to take work home in. Any other art materials you have are a bonus, as this will help you when you are producing your sketchbook work.

What qualifications or courses could I go on to study after this one?

You would be able to study A-Level Photography or L3 BTEC Art and Design. An art/photography qualification would also be useful if you were interested in courses like animation, media, interactive media, graphics any creative subjects. Sixth form qualifications could lead you to study a variety of creative subjects at degree level.

What career might this course lead to?

◆ Photographer ◆ teacher (primary or secondary) ◆ jobs in fashion ◆ graphic designer
◆ animator ◆ work in the media ◆ advertising ◆ make-up artist ◆ film-maker to mention a few - the world is your oyster!

Course Title: GCSE Art & Design

For further information, please contact: Miss R Heaton

What is the course about?

The course is about drawing, painting and using a variety of different materials to make pieces of art work on a variety of themes. You might use clay, plaster, print-making techniques and photography, as well as drawing and painting. You could study art from other cultures like Africa and Islam or base work on themes such as Sea life, Cubism, Self Image. You will study lots of different artists work too.

Why should I do this subject?

If you like making art work and can draw skilfully this subject is for you. If you are creative and like spending your time doing art work or making things.

Why might I not want to do this subject?

If you don't enjoy drawing, painting or getting your hands dirty making art work. Don't forget making art work is time-consuming, so you will need to be happy to work in your own time.

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Option

Course Title: BTEC Level 1/2 First Award in Sport

For further information, please contact: Mr D Hildreth

What is the course about?

This is a course that includes both practical and written elements. You will learn about the sports industry as a whole and work on related practical activities that will enable you to become a better sports performer, learn the rules and regulations of some sports, and the responsibilities of referees and officials. You will also become more informed to manage your own fitness and lifestyle.

You will study four units in three years. They are Fitness for Sport and Exercise, Practical Sports Performance, The Sports Performer in Action, and Training for Personal Fitness.

Why should I do this subject?

It will help you to:

1. Be an effective participator in Sport.
2. Work effectively as a team member.
3. Be an independent learner who can work out problems by themselves.
4. Improve your self-discipline.
5. Be a creative thinker and ask questions to extend your knowledge.
6. Be able to reflect on your own strengths and limitations.
7. Look at the sports industry, as a whole, not just from a sports performer's point of view.

Why might I not want to do this subject?

You will be participating in practical lessons in mixed sex groups.

You will not just do practical work, there are also classroom based lessons.

A lot of your assessment will be written coursework.

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Will I need any special equipment?

You will not need any specialised equipment for this subject.

You will be required to wear your full academy PE kit in all practical sessions.

What qualifications or courses could I go on to study after this one?

If you are awarded a Level 1 qualification from this, you will be able to go on and study Level 2. However, if you have been awarded the Level 2 qualification you will then be able to go on and study a BTEC Level 3 in Sport and/or an A-Level in PE or Sports Studies.

What career might this course led to?

It will give you experience for a number of careers in the Sports industry including:

◆ professional sport ◆ sports coaching ◆ fitness instructor ◆ lifesaving ◆ teaching ◆ physiotherapy ◆ sports journalism ◆ sports photography ◆ sports psychology.

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