

Year 8 into 9

Enrichment Choices Brochure

2026 - 2027



Dear Parent / Carer,

Year 9 Courses and Enrichment 2026-2027

Throughout the first two years of their secondary education your son/daughter has received a broad and balanced curriculum. In Year 9, students continue to study a broad range of compulsory core subjects: English, Mathematics, Science, Geography, History, Music, Art & Design, Design Technology, Computer Science, a Modern Foreign Language, PE and RE / Ethics. Students can then select 2 further subjects from a range of enrichment subjects available.

The selection of enrichment choices does not limit or influence the options process that takes place in Year 9. For example if Food Tech enrichment is not taken in Y9, it can still be selected as a GCSE option for Years 10 and 11.

Enrichment choices give students the opportunity to develop their skills in two subject areas that they are curious about, enjoy, and might wish to study in the future. Students should choose subjects that they are interested in and that they wish to develop their skills in. Enrichment subjects will be studied one hour per week in addition to the wider curriculum.

This booklet provides details of the subjects available to our students in Years 9, 10 and 11 together with the process and timescale for choices to be made. We want each student to choose wisely, having considered his or her own aptitudes and abilities, and hope that you will be able to support them in making these important educational decisions.

The Enrichment Choices Form will be emailed out by the Year Team and is available at the end of this document. It will be live between Friday 09th January and Friday 27th February 2026. The form must be **completed by 3.00pm on Friday 27th February 2026.**

Yours faithfully,



G R Mullings Headteacher

Important dates in the Enrichment Choices Process

Friday 9th January 2026	Enrichment Information (including Google Form) sent home with Year Bulletin.
Tuesday 20th January 2026	Year 8 Enrichment Information Evening – please only attend if you have further questions about the process and notify us that you wish to attend this information evening via the Google Form provided below.
Friday 27th February 2026	Deadline for completion of enrichment choices form.
Before May Half Term	Once the initial allocation of students to courses has been processed and timetabling constraints have been identified, individual conversations may take place with students where it is not possible to accommodate both of their enrichment choices, to discuss alternatives.
Summer Term	Enrichment choices confirmed. We aim to build the timetable as best we can to reflect all students' choices. A minority of students may be allocated reserve choices where courses are oversubscribed. Health and Safety dictates that in certain practical subjects a maximum group size be observed. Significant under-subscription to a course may render it financially unviable, in which case the school reserves the right not to run the course.

The Year 9 Course Structure

For Year 9 all students study the compulsory core subjects: as well as choosing two enrichment subjects to supplement their curriculum studies. **Enrichment choices do not affect GCSE option choices at all**, although they may support students in making their final choices in Year 9.

Year 9 Course Structure Link to Subject Information on the School Website	
Core Subjects studied by all students	English Mathematics Science Geography History Religious Education (GCSE Short Course will be taken in Y10) Modern Foreign Language (French, German or Spanish) Core PE Core Music Core Design & Technology and Food Core Art & Design Core Computing & ICT
Enrichment subjects - choose 2 from:	Art Photography Drama OR Performing Arts Music Information Technology OR Computer Science Design & Technology Food Preparation and Nutrition Sports Science OR PE

Year 9 allows students to focus on future Level 2 qualifications, whilst strengthening foundation knowledge in preparation for KS4 studies in Years 10 & 11. It consists of compulsory core subjects and two enrichment choices.

Students will continue to follow a Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) programme, consisting of themes that form a natural progression from Year 8. These include, but are not limited to, personal development focusing on social and moral responsibility, Relationship and Sex Education, Mental Health Education and First Aid.

Careers/Work-Related Learning aims to ensure that students are fully prepared for the next stage of their educational journey as well as the world of work.

GCSE Religious Education (Short Course) will be studied by all students in Years 9 and 10, with the exam being taken at the end of Year 10.

Our KS3 curriculum is designed to allow students access to a wide range of courses in Year 9 that will then support informed decision making about final GCSE options, taken in Year 9, to be studied in Years 10 & 11.

What to do now

Once course preferences have been arrived at, students should enter their choices by accessing the form, using the link below which will be live from Friday 9th January until Friday 26th February 2026 at 3.00pm.

[Google Form to select Enrichment Choices](#)

Enrichment choices completed late will be processed after those received on time and may result in a restricted choice, so please ensure you complete the online form on time.

If you have any further queries regarding this process then please complete [this Google Form](#) to reserve a place at the Information Evening on Tuesday 20th January. Otherwise there is no need to attend as no further information will be given out in the evening.

Please contact Mr Abraham in the first instance if you have any further queries regarding this process.

Frequently Asked Questions:

[Will my child's enrichment choices affect their options choices in Year 9?](#)

No - the options process in Y9 is not affected by Y8 enrichment subjects.

[Can my child change their enrichment option once the course has started?](#)

This may be possible, via discussion with the year team, if places are available on other courses.