

Your Year 9 curriculum



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What will you be studying in Year 9?

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In Year 9, you will continue many of the subjects that have been following in Key Stage 3. The subjects listed below are ones that all students will follow. We know your middle schools well and we plan information that completes your Key Stage 3 (Years 7,8,9). At the end of Year 9 you can expect an assessment on all the knowledge through Key Stage 3. This feeds into GCSE

- English
- Maths
- Science
- Art
- Dance
- Drama
- Computing
- French
- Geography
- History
- PE
- PRE (Philosophy, Religion and Ethics)
- PSHCE

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Subject	No of lessons per fortnight	How are students grouped
English	6	Taught as mixed ability groups
Science	6	
PSHCE	2	
Maths	6	Taught in ability groups according to Maths data (although PE will be split into boy/girl)
Computing	2	
PRE (Philosophy, Religion and Ethics)	2	
PE	4	
Art	2	Taught as tutor groups
Dance	1	
Drama	2	
French	3	
Geography	4	
History	4	
Option 1	3	
Option 2	3	

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Year 9 Languages



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In Year 9, you will all study French.

We were proposing to offer a choice of French or Spanish to all pupils, however, significant challenges in the recruitment of Spanish teachers has meant that we were unable to offer this choice.

We are able to offer a limited number of Spanish groups and so have placed this as one of the 'option' subjects.

If you wish to (or are considering) taking Spanish for GCSE then you will need to choose Spanish here so that you study it in Year 9.

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Year 9 Options subjects



Alongside these subjects you will have 2 more choices of subject to follow for the year. **These option subjects are just for Year 9 and are not part of your KS4 option choices (GCSE/BTEC) – this will be done in the Spring term.**

Which subjects can I choose from?

Technology/Design Subjects

- Fashion and Textile Design
- Food Technology
- Graphics
- DT (Product Design)

Creative/Other Subjects

- Music
- Performing Arts (Dance)
- Performing Arts (Drama)
- Spanish
- Sports Development

For your two choices:

- one of these should be a Technology/Design Subject
- one Creative/Other Subject.

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Subject overview

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Technology/Design

Fashion & Textiles design



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Do you enjoy designing and creating things? This could be the subject for you.

The option will concentrate on the following areas:

- Develop skills in designing for fashion and textiles
- Develop key skills in construction and fabric decoration techniques.
- Develop knowledge of textile components and equipment.
- Learn about sustainability related to textile and about the Textile industry.
- Learn about Textile artists and designers.
- Learn about the social, cultural and moral issues.
- You will design and make Textiles products

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Technology/Design

Food Technology



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In this you will:

- Investigate nutrition and how it links to health
- Understand how to cook safely with regards to hygiene, health and safety
- Be able to plan for nutritious meals
- Make a range of basic recipes from scratch
- Learn the provenance of food – where it comes from and how it grown and reared
- Understand why tradition impacts on our food choices

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Technology/Design

Graphics



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This is a creative arts subject where you will have the opportunity to develop your creative drawing and design skills using a range of hand drawn media and computer graphics programs.

The option will concentrate on the following areas:

- Studying a range of graphic artists and Illustrators
- Learn how to develop creative drawing inspired by the designers and illustrators.
- Learn how to use a range of drawing media.
- Learn how to use Adobe Photoshop to create a range of digital drawing, painting and design.
- Learn a range of techniques to develop your drawing skills.

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Technology/Design

DT (Product Design)



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Do you like designing and making useful products? Do you enjoy looking for solutions to practical problems?

DT involves designing and making useful everyday products using materials such as woods, metals and plastics to create 3D objects.

The option will concentrate on the following areas:

- Developing key practical skills in wood, metal, plastic, electronics and card.
- Designing and making creative products.
- Using design software creatively.
- Using a range of traditional workshop tools and machinery.
- Presentation and design skills.

You will solve problems by designing and making a range of products using various materials either for a chosen client or yourself.

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Creative/Other

Performing Arts (Dance)



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Do you enjoy being creative and have a passion for Dance? If so, this would be a great subject for you.

The option will concentrate on the following areas:

- Develop skills, knowledge and understanding of dance as a performer and choreographer
- Apply and adapt your skills in performance and choreography
- Create dances for a range of purposes and in a range of styles
- Learn to appreciate the contribution of dance to your personal and social health, fitness and wellbeing.

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Creative/Other

Performing Arts (Drama)



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Do you enjoy being creative and have a passion for acting? If so, this would be a great subject for you.

The option will concentrate on the following areas:

- Develop skills, knowledge and understanding of Drama as a performer and in the devising of your own performance pieces
- Apply and adapt your skills in performing and devising
- Create performance pieces for a range of purposes and in a range of styles
- Analyse work of other students and professionals
- Working in collaboration with others in the creative process.

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Creative/Other

Music



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Do you enjoy being creative and learning practically?
The Music option will:

- Work on developing you as a well-rounded musician.
- Be mostly practical based.
- Have the opportunity for lots of group work.
- Work on performing, composing, and listening to music.
- Look at lots of different genres, including pop, rock, blues, music technology, rap, and more.
- Music, drama and dance pupils (performing arts) have a range of opportunities linked to musicals and shows.

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Creative/Other

Spanish



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This is your chance to learn and use another foreign language.

In this you will:

- Learn to speak in Spanish
- Write and read in Spanish
- Understand people talking in Spanish
- Learn about grammar
- Improve your vocabulary and spelling
- Learn about the culture of Spanish speaking countries
- Mastering a second language is a life skill, which is both useful and highly sought after by employers and universities. Languages make you a more desirable candidate!

If you are thinking of selecting Spanish as one of your GCSE subjects in Yr10/11 then you must choose it as one of your Year 9 options

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Creative/Other

Sports Development



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In this you will:

This is in addition to the core PE lessons and is likely to cover aspects such as:

- Development of skills in traditional sports
- Fitness Testing
- Injury Prevention
- Leadership
- Coaching/Officiating
- Nutritional Benefits
- Game/Match analysis
- Planning Sports Events

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Tomorrow morning (during Guidance), you will be asked to complete a form where you rank these in order of preference.

Your favourite subject will be number 1, followed by 2 for your second favourite.

We will do our best to accommodate as many high preferences as possible but can't guarantee this as each subject has a maximum class size. If this is not possible, we will look at subjects with the highest preferences that can be accommodated.

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Please rank ALL of the subjects (1-9)

Your favourite subject will be number 1

Subject	Type	Please rank (1-9) (1 = top choice)	
Fashion and Textile Design	Technology/Design	6	One of these should be included as choice 1 or 2
Food Technology	Technology/Design	1	
Graphics	Technology/Design	9	
Product Design	Technology/Design	5	
Music	Creative/Other	3	One of these should be included as choice 1 or 2
Performing Arts (Dance)	Creative/Other	4	
Performing Arts (Drama)	Creative/Other	2	
Sports Development (South only)	Creative/Other	8	
Spanish	Creative/Other	7	

- Please number 1-9 (or 1-8 if in South)
- Do not put 2 x number 1 otherwise these will automatically be ranked
- Make your numbers legible!

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Where can I find out more?

This presentation will be available on the school website for you to view this evening

www.woottonupper.co.uk



New Intake 2024/25

You will complete your choices during Guidance tomorrow morning (Thurs 5th Sept).

If you are absent, we will email a form to your parents which will need to be completed by 12pm with your preferences, otherwise you will be allocated subjects where there is space.

New timetables will be issued by the end of Friday.

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Year 9 Assessments



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Over the next few days, you will be completing assessments for English, Maths and Science.

Please ensure that you take these seriously and do the best that you can.

These will help us see how well you can do while you are at Wootton and allow us to plan to support you and work together so that you can succeed

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