



Please find information about each option on the attached sheet. Ask your subject teacher if you would like further details.

You must choose 3 different options – 1 from each column. Base your choice on what you want to do. You also need to choose a reserve from each column.



If you choose DT, you will have 2 hours a week for this subject. You will therefore choose 2 options not 3. The second one must be from the Option 3 column only.

Places will be allocated randomly if any courses are oversubscribed. Please be aware that some courses may not run due to insufficient numbers.

Please complete this option form and return to the Year 8 base by Friday 21 May 2021.

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Enter a tick for your first choice and the letter 'R' for a reserve:

OPTION 1		OPTION 2		OPTION 3	
	✓ R		✓ R		✓ R
Art		Art		Business & Enterprise	
Drama		Performing Arts: Dance		Drama	
Music		Music		Equestrianism & Animal Care	
Open Spaces		Open Spaces		Languages: German Language and Culture	
Photography		Philosophy, Politics & Economics		Languages: Italian Language and Culture	
DT: Fashion				Media: Lights, Camera, Action	
DT: Food				Media: 2d Games Design	
DT: Graphic Design				Music	
DT: Product Design				Performing Arts: Musical Theatre	
DT: Resistant Materials				Photography	



YEAR 9 Creative Curriculum Course Information 2021

ART



This is a multi-disciplinary course where you will explore how to create work 3 dimensionally using clay, plaster, wire, willow, recycled sculptures and interactive installation work. You will also have the opportunity to use a range of mixed media which will include techniques such as print making, collaging, relief work, textiles and graphic illustration.

Throughout the course, you will gain inspiration for your own work through looking at the work of other artists and practitioners.

This is an exciting course that exposes students to a broad range of practical experiences. Other skills that will be developed throughout the course include creative thinking, independent and collaborative working, communication and presenting ideas and project management.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography is full of surprises and it's a great way to get creative whether by capturing light trails on camera, or by making distorted images of your friends through a magnifying glass!

It's not just 'taking pictures' of your holiday or trips into town – it's about learning to see the world around you in different ways and using your camera or phone to record your own take on life.

We do lots of experimental work both with the cameras and with the work that you produce – no two pieces of work are the same and it's YOUR way of thinking and seeing that will ultimately result in some amazingly creative work.

MEDIA: 2D GAMES DESIGN

Designing and creating 2D Games in Game Maker Studio.

You will learn how to use professional design tools to build your worlds and characters with transferrable skills that can take you to a multitude of paths outside of school.

We will be exploring the history of gaming by recreating a few well known games and then you will be taking that to the next level by letting your imagination take your game anywhere you want it to go.

From shoot 'em up to platformers and beyond you will be bringing your creations to life.



LANGUAGES: GERMAN OR ITALIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

These courses will give you an introduction to everyday life in those countries where German or Italian is the first language.

You will study basic language skills to allow you to communicate but will also learn what it's like to live there through studying the important issues of the day, the culture, traditions and food of the country.

PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS & ECONOMICS

Do you want to rule the world, but don't know how to go about it? Would you like to know who really holds the power in our country, and how they got there? Would you just like a better idea of what people are talking about when you listen to the news?

If so, then Politics, Philosophy and Ethics (PPE) is the choice for you. Over the course of the year we will explore how countries around the world have decided who should get to be in charge, and what leaders should be allowed to do once they have power. We will explore how the economy works and the influence money has in shaping the world we live in. We will also examine the philosophies that help make sense of the fast paced, and ever changing world around us.

PPE is a popular degree course, but a subject rarely studied at your age. PPE graduates have gone on to be world leaders and politicians, Nobel Laureates and famous journalists. Perhaps this could be the first step on your path into power and influence!



OPEN SPACES

Look no further than the Open Spaces option if you are ready to spring into action and get outside to work the land and learn how to grow your own food and rear your own animals. You are offered the chance to be outside every week during these practical lessons in Open Spaces.

If you would love to work with your hands and learn new skills for life, as well as contribute to a more sustainable Cumbrian landscape, this option is for you.

Learn what to plant where and how to get the best from your crop, as well as construct and landscape areas. There will be various school grounds projects that will enhance the outdoor areas.

MEDIA: LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION

You will work on a number of practical projects, producing things like music videos, adverts, trailers, short films and stop motion animation. All projects are practical, so expect to be planning and then filming and editing your work.

No technical experience is necessary for this course – we will provide all the training you will need, but you should be prepared to learn technical skills such as camera operation and editing.

You'll be learning how to use video cameras and also editing and animation software. For most projects you will be either working in a very small group or on your own.

If you have ever watched a film trailer, music video or animated film and wondered how they made it, or thought you might do better, then come and have a go!

BUSINESS & ENTERPRISE

Are you a budding Entrepreneur? Do you want to learn the skills needed to be a success in the business world?

During Enterprise lessons you will be able to find out all aspects of how a business works, including putting together an advertising campaign, brand and logo for your business. You will meet industry experts and have the chance to put this knowledge into practice by running your own small business competing with other students.

EQUESTRIANISM AND ANIMAL CARE

Students will learn about horse-riding and horse maintenance, as well as having additional opportunities to develop their care skills for other animals, both domestic and livestock. The equine studies aspect of the course will explore different riding disciplines and will allow you to understand the mechanics of cross country, show-jumping, dressage and mounted games. Students will also learn about types of tack, grooming techniques, feeding and nutrition, biology of the horse, stable and field management and horse welfare including basic first aid for horses. There will also be emphasis on career paths in equestrianism, exploring the journeys of top riders and grooms and their careers.

You will also be able to find out more about horse rescue centres and how they rehabilitate horses around the world. We will explore how horses are used, from entertainment (e.g. racing) to work (e.g. the Mounted Police) to the history of horses' services (e.g. war). In addition, the Animal Care aspect of the course will enable you to develop skills in cleaning, grooming, feeding and showing domestic animals. You will also have an opportunity to find out more about rearing and caring for livestock at different points in the year according to the farming calendar. Students do not need to have any animals of their own to access this course. It is intended that we will work with local farms, animal welfare centres and equestrian centres (where possible) to give students wider access to animals to develop their skills and passion.

DT: RESISTANT MATERIALS

Are you interested in how products are designed and manufactured in the way they are? Are you interested in why they are manufactured using those materials? Do you like to design and make products to solve problems in a practical way?

Then Resistant Materials is the course for you! You will develop a wide range of creative, designing and making skills by working on a number of small projects. As well as developing hand skills you will use a range of industrial processes using Computer Aided Design, Computer Aided Manufacture with machines including Vinyl Cutter and the CNC router.

DT: PRODUCT DESIGN

“The design is not just what it looks like and feels like. The design is how it works” — Steve Jobs

Do you love designing? Are you interested in the way products and buildings look and function? Do you want to be an architect, industrial designer, automotive designer or product designer?

With access to CAD CAM equipment including the Lasercam, Vinyl Cutter and 3D printers you will produce a range of practical tasks including; modelling a dream house, 3D fidget spinners, this is a practical course designed to improve your understanding of the world around. Could you be the next Jonathan Ive or Mark Zuckerberg?



DT: GRAPHIC DESIGN

Graphic Design is an essential part of modern day life and it is an area that continues to develop.

Do you ever wonder who designs those iconic logos and branding we see every day? With access to CAD CAM, you will be designing and making 3D graphic products such as packaging, branding, advertising and producing merchandise for your favourite film, band or branding for a new makeup product. You will be enthused and challenged to learn through graphic images, to use and apply colour and to understand the impact of graphic media in the world we live in.

DT: FASHION

Do you have an interest in fashion and interiors? Do you enjoy working with fabrics? Are you curious about how things are made? Do you enjoy the process of designing and making products? Are you the sort of person who likes to solve problems in a practical way? Would you like to be a fashion, textile or interior designer or a fashion buyer?

If the answer is yes, then this is the course for you!

DT: FOOD & NUTRITION



Ever wondered how batter becomes cake or freak shakes froth? Are you the next Master Chef Champion, or fancy being the next Body Coach or Jamie Oliver on a food revolution? Do you have an interest in health and nutrition and enjoy learning about and using a range of ingredients and techniques? Could you be the one to solve the current obesity epidemic or improve the health of the nation?

Food Preparation and Nutrition allows you to build an understanding of healthy lifestyles and nutrition whilst developing important life skills for the future. You will learn about the science behind the making whilst developing your culinary knowledge, creativity and technical skill.

During the course, you will go on a culinary journey around the world exploring a range of international cuisines, from Italy in the heart of the Mediterranean to the famous Bengali curries of India.

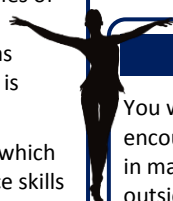
If you're interested in how things work, coming up with practical solutions or fancy taking part in national competitions, then Food and Nutrition could be for you.

PERFORMING ARTS: DANCE

This course is for anyone who enjoys dancing and creating dance. You will explore different styles of dance including jazz, commercial, ballet and contemporary. We will look at how dance has changed throughout the decades and how it is constantly evolving.

This is a highly practical and creative course which aims to develop your technique, performance skills and choreographic skills.

With opportunities to attend trips and workshops by visiting dance practitioners, this course will challenge you as an athlete and as an artist.



MUSIC

You will have the opportunity to focus on a chosen instrument/voice where you will be encouraged to work in various ensembles as well as a solo musician. You will be performing in many different styles (pop, rock, musicals etc) and will have the opportunity to perform outside the classroom in various events. Recording technology will be used to enable you to make, produce and share digital recordings of your performances. You will also have the opportunity to compose in various styles including song writing and film music. You will learn how to use music technology such as Cubase, MuseScore and Sibelius, to create successful pieces of music. Through taking part in various listening activities you will explore how music works, building an interest in how music has developed over time and help you to become a more successful musician.

You will explore careers within the music industry where you will have the chance to talk to professional practitioners. There will also be a range of trips to various events so that you can experience professional live concerts/gigs. Not only will you develop your musical skills but will also improve your transferable skills such as communication, teamwork, confidence and creativity.

PERFORMING ARTS: MUSICAL THEATRE

Do you enjoy watching and performing in musicals? On this course you will have the opportunity to develop your skills as a triple threat; this means you can sing, act and dance all at the same time! All abilities welcome no matter what your previous experience. We will develop your skills in:

- Acting skills (Improvisation, group work, pair work, character development, comedy)
- Dance skills (Jazz, Rock and Roll, commercial)
- Singing skills (group singing, harmonies, acting through song)

You will work towards creating a performance from a musical extract as either a triple threat or focusing on your favourite skill within Performing Arts.

This course is highly practical and builds on your transferrable skills such as teamwork, problem-solving and resilience.

DRAMA

During this course you will explore different styles of performance and different approaches to making Drama and Theatre. If you enjoy any aspect of Drama or Theatre, this is the course for you!

We will be developing our skills in: Devising drama - through a range of different games and thought-provoking exercises; Performing drama - in pairs and groups to build on confidence in role and developing a character; and understanding the different roles involved in creating a theatrical performance such as lighting designers.

You will work for some of the time on group projects which require you to make creative choices and justify the intended impact on an audience, thus building on your transferrable skills such as working successfully as a team. This is a course that asks you to 'think' rather than 'know'. You will also have opportunities to attend the theatre and work with visiting drama practitioners. This course will help you progress onto and develop the skills required for GCSE Drama.

