

PE - Outside activities including: Handball, rugby, football and orienteering. Inside activities including: Sensory circuits, bench ball, basketball and trampolining. All lessons will include time in the inside gym.

World Around Us – Students are working towards their Entry Level Qualification in Humanities. The students will be exploring the Re unit of Religious Festivals and Celebrations.

Creative Arts – Students will explore the Creative Arts through tactile, theme-based projects. This term, our focus is ‘fantasy worlds’. Projects will involve a range of materials to create monsters, heroes and magical items. The aim is therapeutic, and time will be given for discussion to support wellbeing and self-regulation.

RE - Students will be exploring different religious and spiritual ways of life regarding diverse beliefs about God and his existence.

ICT - Pupils in ICT will revisit Word & PowerPoint to consolidate their skills, and will be taught advanced formatting tools to organise information derived from websites sources on the Internet. They will then be introduced to different uses of Microsoft Excel to augment their digital literacy, laying down the foundation for a Digital Literacy Skills certification.

Food Tech - Pupils will be introduced to the fundamentals of food technology. This will include recapping the importance of good kitchen hygiene and kitchen safety. Pupils will then go onto making a number of dishes including pasta, stir fries and healthy snacks.

English - The theme for reading and creative writing this term is ‘Action Adventures’. Students will also begin developing the non-fiction reading and writing skills they will need for Functional Skills assessments, as well as building their vocabulary and SPaG skills.

Maths - Students will complete number work focusing on the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division as well as problem solving using these operations. Students will also cover geometry, measure and statistic topics appropriate to their ability.

Some students will begin working a **Maths Entry Level** qualifications and doing some exams. This certificate covers basic and relevant mathematical skills and allows students to demonstrate confidence in Maths.

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Year 9

Autumn Term Curriculum 2026-27

PSHE - Self-Awareness: Types of prejudice, discrimination and how this impacts people and society. Understanding the impact of peer pressure and bullying. Pupils to identify trusted adults who can support them in school and in the community.

Self-Care & Support: Pupils will complete a 6-week St. John Ambulance Basic First Aid course.

Art - Pupils will be investigating gargoyles their origins and uses. They will be looking at the process of design and 3D model making using clay techniques and glazes. Pupils will move onto personal projects in preparation for yr10.

Science - Students work towards the AQA Entry Level Certificate, a modular programme that enables them to build both their scientific knowledge and practical skills step by step. This term, they will focus on the Biology component: *Environment, Evolution and Inheritance*.

Life Skills - On a termly rotation, pupils will get to experience either: Bushcraft skills at school at our new Bushcraft area. Everyday cooking skills in the food tech room or, stop motion animation using the iPad and models. They will spend 1 term on each of these activities building on skills learnt in Year 8.

DT: Resistant Materials - Pupils are introduced to types of plastics i.e. thermoplastics and thermosetting plastics. Pupils revise their skills working with plastics as they design and make an acrylic clock with incorporated clock fitting. Students will enhance skills and abilities using CAD software in conjunction with our laser cutter.

Preparation for Adulthood – Students will be exploring the local labour market and identifying the skills gap within the local area to help them make informed decision regarding potential skills and careers that will be needed in the future. They will then be looking at work ready skills in-depth and become confident with the process of how to get a job and the different ways employers select their new employees.