



SPRING/SUMMER TERM 2019

Head of Year Info

Challenge Week and getting GCSE-ready, time flies!
Best wishes,

Mr. Bland, Miss Anderson and Miss Cook



Coming Up . . .

Tuesday 23rd April - First day back
Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday
Tuesday 14th May - EBL Launch Assembly
Wednesday 15th May - EBL choices made by students
Wednesday 15th May - Year 9 Progress Reports 3 home
Monday 20th May - Literature Festival all week
Monday 27th May - Half Term week
Wednesday 26th June - Friday 28th June - EBL
Friday 5th July - Staff Training Day
Wednesday 10th July - Sports Day
Friday 19th July - End of term

Wellbeing

We all know that school and modern life can sometimes create challenges to our wellbeing and mental health.

We have subscribed to Kooth, a useful online counselling and wellbeing platform where students can find help and advice for problems. Check out <https://www.kooth.com/> and the posters around school for guidance.

Curriculum

Already we are into the Summer term as Year 9 whizzes by. We have now completed the options interviews and are putting together next year's timetable as students look ahead to a term featuring the Literature Festival,

English - Students will continue to study their set text which will be either 'The Door That Led to Where' by Sally Gardner, 'The Foreshadowing' by Marcus Sedgwick, 'Lord of the Flies' by William Golding or 'Blood Brothers' by Willy Russell.

Maths - Students will start the GCSE course, studying basic number work, angles, estimation, maps and scales, basic algebra, recurring decimals and straight line graphs. Students will work from booklets and will have an end of year assessment.

Science - Students will be completing current topics including end of unit tests and they will be starting their next topics. Biology: Ecology. Chemistry: Environmental Chemistry. Physics: Atomic Structure.

Art - Students will be building construction skills with a 3D project. They will also get their GCSE project ready working on A0 ideas, presentation of sheets and building skills in pencil and oil pastels.

DT - Students will complete two pieces of work: an electronic night light and a sweet dispenser. Students will be using skills in soldering, circuits, timber, laser cutting and design.

Robotics - Practical work will be used to improve the accuracy of students work before moving on to producing a practice circuit including processing, drilling and soldering.
Jewellery - Students will research, design and then make items of jewellery inspired by architecture.

Drama - Students will be rehearsing and performing dialogues. They will be studying some of the acting techniques of the Russian theatre practitioner Constantine Stanislavski, and looking at how to apply these techniques to their own acting.

Food and Textiles Technology - Students will cook more complex dishes which demonstrate a wide range of preparation skills. In Textiles students will create a funky friend out of a range of fabrics and use a wide range of techniques.

French and German - Topics covered in French include: Food, Drink and Healthy Living, Environment and Schools. German topics include: Schools and Holidays.

Geography - Students will be studying map skills, Japan and Tropical rain forests.

History - In the final term of Year 9, we are looking at what makes a mystery and what makes a conspiracy and then investigating a range of famous, and not so famous, historical controversies.

Music - Cover versions - What makes a great cover version? Students will then work in groups to create their own cover version.

PE (Core) - Students will be participating in a range of summer sports including Cricket, Athletics, Rounders and Softball.

PE (Extra) - Students will continue to participate in a range of GCSE practical sports focusing on skill development and performance.