

Year 9

Parent Newsletter

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Head of Year Info

I hope Year 9 students have had a relaxing summer break as we have a busy and exciting half term planned for September. We will start with our cross-curricular project which focuses on future aspirations and will involve making new friends and honing skills that will prepare students for future life. We very much look forward to welcoming and working with our new year group! Best wishes.

Mrs Fitzpatrick



Curriculum

English - will begin the year with a short unit exploring the ways that writers begin stories. They will then go on to study the Daphne Du Maurier story 'The Birds' continuing to look at how writer's tell stories. We will focus on language, symbolism and structure.

Maths - We will be covering core number, algebra and shape skills with a particular focus on problem solving.

Science - Earth and Atmosphere, Space, Let's think Scientifically, experimental design and practical work based on basic electricity, acids and alkalis and the nervous system.

Art - Exploring and applying the formal elements to an observational drawing of toys and exploring print, specifically monoprinting and drypoint.

DT - Students will look at Mars Rover work covering core aspects of the Design Technology course leading to option choice discussions.

Drama - Students will work in groups to interpret a play text. They will rehearse and perform a key extract, with a focus on the development of vocal and physical skills, and communication of character. Students will analyse and evaluate their own work and the work of others.

Food and Textiles Technology - Students will complete two ten week modules, one in Food and the other Textiles. The food module is an introduction to food preparation. Textiles involves developing a range of sewing skills.

French, German and Spanish - Topics include: family, free time, shopping, food and restaurants, and festivals in the first half term.

Geography - We will be looking at a range of Environmental Issues, at a local as well as a global scale, that have an impact on the the world in which we live in.

History - Students will study the Russian Revoltion and the Second World War.

Music - Reviewing the basics of pitch and rhythm.

PE (Core) - Students will spend the first half term participating in a range of different activities covering team building, fitness, sports hall athletics and different sports as an introduction.

PE (Extra) - Students will participate in one sport per half term. All students will cover the same sports throughout the year.

Coming Up . . .

Thursday 3rd October - National Poetry Day

Monday 14th October - Year 9 Settling in checks to parents

Thursday 17th October - Year 9 Tutor Evening

Friday 25th October - Monday 4th November - Half Term

Monday 9th -13th December - Christmas Lectures

Tuesday 17th December - Carol Service

Friday 20th December - Christmas Jumper Day. End of Term