



Rawmarsh Community School A Sports College

OPTIONS

BOOKLET 2020-21

A guide to choosing options

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INTRODUCTION

Our Option Programme will run Y9 -Y11 courses which match your potential and provide realistic prospects for further education or employment.

It is very important that you follow a broad and balanced curriculum.

We hope that you will find this booklet useful; indeed you may return to its pages time and time again over the next three years. The information is under subject headings and each has been prepared by the relevant Faculty Leader.

The progress you have made whilst at this school will, of course, be taken into account when the groupings in subjects are decided. You will be given every opportunity to have discussions with Tutors and Subject Staff on which are the best choices for you and this booklet details the courses offered.

The specifications, courses and exam boards are selected by the school to enable students access to the most appropriate curriculum.

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WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

- **Assembly – For students delivered by Head.**
Friday 5th February
- **Careers Workshops – Delivered in PSHE lessons.**
Monday 1st to Friday 12th February
- **Predicted student grades - Posted home.**
Wednesday-Friday 10th to 12th February
- **Options Evening - Wednesday 24th February**
 - *3 Main assemblies for parents and students delivered by Head - 5pm, 5.30pm and 6pm*
 - *15 minute slots with faculties to be booked via Google Hangouts. Each 15 minute slot will have a welcome talk by the FL, a short video and time allocated for Q&A's from parents/ carers. – Begin at 5.30pm every 15 minutes until 7pm*
- **Options Form – Emailed directly to students (Google Form) – After Options Evening**
- **All videos from faculties to be uploaded to school website along with options booklet after the event.**
- **Parent Careers Advice Week – Online appointments via School Cloud. w/c 1st March**
- **Deadline for completed forms – Wednesday 10th March**
- **Online Option Meetings with Students – w/c 15th March**
- **Options finalised and letter home confirming choices – by Wednesday 7th April**

Contact our careers officer Miss Mullins for helpful options information and advice at rmullins@rawmarsh.org

WHY STUDY ENGLISH LANGUAGE?

Language is all around us and it is something we use everyday.

English not only teaches you about language but also how to use it effectively, and respond to it with understanding.

Literacy skills are developed in English lessons that will help you in other subject areas in school, in everyday life and in your future career.

WHY STUDY ENGLISH LITERATURE?

English Literature will not only help you develop your reading and analytical skills but will also provide you with the opportunity to enjoy and appreciate a range of texts from different genres.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

All students are entered for both English Literature and English Language.

As part of the Language course you will complete a Speaking and Listening task which will also be awarded a grade on your GCSE certificate.

! Make sure you understand exactly what you need in order to pass your English examinations. If in doubt, ask!

4 EXAMS AT THE END OF Y11



WHAT DO EMPLOYERS THINK ABOUT ENGLISH LANGUAGE/ LITERATURE?

The skills you gain in English Language, such as the ability to read, write and speak with confidence, are highly valued by employers.

Most further education establishments and many employers look for a high quality GCSE qualification in English Language.

Skills learnt in GCSE English Literature such as literacy, analysis, communication, empathy and the ability to develop ideas and a line of argument, are useful in many jobs.



WHAT ARE SOME OF THE SKILLS I WILL GAIN?

In English Language / English Literature you will develop the ability to write accurately and analytically, in a range of styles and for a variety of purposes.

You will also be able to read and respond to a range of texts with understanding and insight. You will develop skills as a speaker for different situations.



WHAT WILL I LEARN ABOUT IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE/ LITERATURE?

The course requires you to read a wide range of poetry, plays and novels and respond to them in four exams in Year 11.

The key areas of study focus on:

- The study of a Shakespeare play
- A range of poems from a chosen collection
- A 19th Century novel and a modern novel or play
- Descriptive and Narrative Writing
- Writing to express a viewpoint
- Analysis of non-fiction and literary texts

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

You will be placed in academic 'sets' for examination at two possible levels:

- Higher Grades 4-9
- Foundation Grades 1-5

3 EXAMS - 1.5 HOURS EACH

Assessment:

- PAPER 1—NON CALCULATOR 33%
- PAPER 2—CALCULATOR 33%
- PAPER 3— CALCULATOR 33%

80 MARKS

! You will need the use of a scientific calculator.



WHAT DO EMPLOYERS THINK ABOUT MATHEMATICS?

Employers recognise that Mathematics is a demanding subject. The progress on your GCSE course gives them an indication of how well you might apply yourself in the world of work.

The Mathematics you study is an important foundation for many courses you may take in employment or further education. Many jobs and careers require you to have a GCSE in Mathematics.



WHAT ARE SOME OF THE SKILLS I WILL GAIN?

You will develop a wide range of skills in your GCSE Mathematics course.

These include the ability to:

- Use your mathematical knowledge to solve problems
- Apply a logical method to reach an answer;
- Find solutions to problems from real life;
- Use a calculator correctly and efficiently

WHY STUDY MATHEMATICS?

GCSE Mathematics covers many basic skills that you will need to use in a variety of ways all through your life.

You will use many of the skills you learn in other subjects. For example, in Science you need to take measurements, use formulae and solve equations. In Geography you need to read statistical diagrams and maps.

In Technology you need to be able to draw to scale and be competent with measures. In many other subjects you will be asked to obtain information from charts and diagrams.

WHAT WILL I LEARN ABOUT IN MATHEMATICS?

The course should enable you to:

- Make and monitor decisions to solve problems
- Develop skills of reasoning
- Communicate
- Understand place value and the decimal system
- Develop methods of computation
- Solve numerical problems
- Understand and use equations and formulae
- Understand and use properties of shape
- Understand the properties of position, movement and transformations
- Use measures
- Collect, process, represent and interpret data
- Estimate and calculate probabilities of events



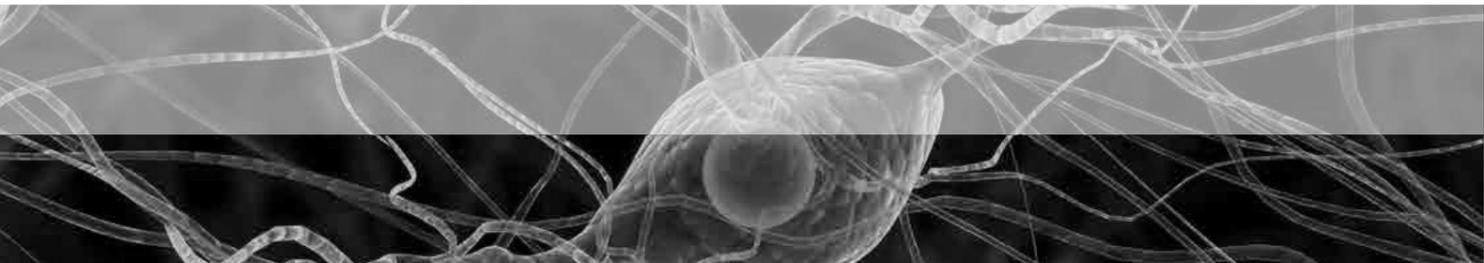
SCIENCE

CORE SUBJECT

WHY STUDY SCIENCE?

Science affects your life in many ways - the clothes you wear may include man-made fibres, the food you eat may contain chemical colourings, household appliances contain electric circuits.

All Science courses encourage you to acquire a body of scientific knowledge and develop an understanding of Science including its power and limitations; develop experimental and investigative abilities; develop an understanding of the nature of scientific ideas and activity and the basis for environmental applications of Science and of the economic and social implications of these.



WHAT WILL I LEARN ABOUT IN SCIENCE?

An equal amount of Biology, Chemistry and Physics are studied in all Science courses.

You will develop an understanding of how Science works and learn how to use scientific evidence to answer questions such as:

- What the possible risks are of giving children vaccinations?
- When is it economical to extract metals from their ores?
- How can radioactive tracers be used to detect forged bank notes?

To do this you will develop and improve your scientific communication skills by using different approaches to presenting information including using the Internet.



WHAT ARE SOME OF THE SKILLS I WILL GAIN?

In Science you will develop your ability to:

- Plan strategies to develop and test ideas
- Select, organise and present information clearly and logically
- Analyse critical data using knowledge and understanding
- Use ethical, moral, social and economic reasons to explain your ideas



WHAT DO EMPLOYERS THINK ABOUT SCIENCE?

For many careers, good Science qualifications are essential

These include careers such as Nursing and Health Care, Child Development, Engineering, Architecture and Construction, Surveying and any other careers that have a technical aspect.

Employers at all levels see Science as a desirable qualification, as it shows that students are able to demonstrate a wide variety of skills essential in the workplace, such as analysis and interpreting data, applying knowledge and researching.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

All GCSE courses begin to be taught in Y9. Most students will study Combined Science. In this course, students study Biology, Chemistry and Physics, and are assessed through 6 exams in Year 11. Students leave school with two GCSEs in Science.



Those students who are chosen to study Triple Science will also study Biology, Chemistry and Physics, but do so in greater depth. Again, assessment is through 6 exams at the end of Year 11.

Students who study Triple Science will leave school with three separate GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

EBACC & OPTION SUBJECTS

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ALL STUDENTS WILL STUDY CORE AND EBACC SUBJECTS.

CORE SUBJECTS THAT EVERYONE WILL STUDY IN YEAR 9 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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WHY STUDY HISTORY?

THIS IS A FASCINATING SUBJECT WHICH GIVES AN INSIGHT INTO AMAZING THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED IN THE PAST.

It helps us to understand where we came from and where we are going to. It gives us opportunity to understand others and to appreciate the challenges faced by those who have gone before us.



WHAT WILL I LEARN ABOUT IN HISTORY?

You will study with the Edexcel examination board: The main topics are:

- **Paper 1:** Crime and Punishment in Britain c. 1000– Present with a Depth Study of Crime and Policing in Whitechapel c. 1870–1900 (Jack the Ripper)
- **Paper 2:** Anglo Saxon and Norman England c.1060–1088
- **Paper 2:** The American West, c1835–c1895
- **Paper 3:** The USA 1954–1975– Conflict at home and Abroad (Civil Rights and Vietnam)

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

There are 3 formal examinations.

- **Paper 1**– 30%
- **Paper 2**– 40% (Each topic is worth 20%)
- **Paper 3**– 30%



WHAT ARE SOME OF THE SKILLS I WILL GAIN?

- To gather and select relevant information;
- To use historical materials to produce and communicate ideas
- To be able to develop your own reasoned point of view



WHAT DO EMPLOYERS THINK ABOUT HISTORY?

Skills you learn in GCSE History such as literacy, analysis, reasoning, communication, empathy and research are useful in many jobs and this is why GCSE History is valued by employers, colleges and universities.

They are great life skills no matter what your career path.

! There is NO coursework.

WHY STUDY GEOGRAPHY?

YOU LIVE IN THE WORLD - WHY NOT FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IT OFFERS AND HOW TO GET INVOLVED?

Find out more about how people are using different environments, both your own and those in other parts of the world. Investigate issues of sustainability - will the Earth still be able to provide us with all the resources we take for granted?



WHAT DO EMPLOYERS THINK ABOUT GEOGRAPHY?

The job market has become increasingly competitive and international. Around 75% of businesses think the UK is in danger of being left behind unless young people learn to think more globally.

However, the transferable knowledge and skills developed by studying geography are actively sought out by employers allowing graduate geographers to consistently experience lower than average levels of unemployment. A GCSE in geography is a stepping stone in becoming a valued in a competitive world of work.

WHAT WILL I LEARN ABOUT IN GEOGRAPHY?

Geography gives you the chance to study 3 units:

- **Living within the physical landscape** (this unit will look at the challenges of natural hazards, the living world and physical landscapes within the UK).
- **Challenges within the human environment** (this unit will look at urban issues and challenges, the changing economic world and the challenges of resource management).
- **Geographical application and skills** (this unit will allow you to leave the classroom and experience geography in the real world).

Students will also have the opportunity to participate in two fieldwork visits. One will focus upon human geography and the second on physical geography.



WHAT SKILLS I WILL GAIN?

- The ability to research information
- To develop organisational skills
- To be able to use graphs, diagrams and simple statistics to interpret and analyse information
- Practical fieldwork skills

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

- **Paper 1** is a 1 hour 30 minute examination which covers the living within the physical landscape unit and accounts for 35% of the final grade.
- **Paper 2** is a 1 hour 30 minute examination which covers the second unit of challenges within the human environment and accounts for 35% of the final grade.
- **Paper 3** is a 1 hour 15 minute examination which covers the third unit of geographical application and skill. This paper accounts for 30% of the whole GCSE.

! The course will be assessed entirely by external examination.

WHY STUDY SPANISH?

SPANISH IS A WORLD LANGUAGE WITH OVER 400 MILLION SPEAKERS WORLDWIDE.

Tourism, ICT, Marketing, Banking, Business and Engineering are just a few areas where you can use your language. People who speak a foreign language earn 20% more on average than those who don't!



WHAT DO EMPLOYERS THINK ABOUT SPANISH?

- Spanish is in the top three most desired additional languages by employers
- Job prospects open, not just in the UK but worldwide

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Assessment is all examination and you will be assessed on the four language skills:

- Listening – 25%
- Speaking – 25%
- Reading – 25%
- Writing – 25%

WHAT WILL I LEARN ABOUT IN SPANISH?

- A number of cultural themes including Media, Youth Culture and Employment
- A mixture of listening, speaking, reading, translation and writing activities linked to various topics
- Information about life in Spain, regional traditions and fiestas
- What life is like for a young person living in Spain in 2019



WHAT ARE SOME OF THE SKILLS I WILL PRACTICE?

- How to be independent
- Communicating with others confidently
- A knowledge of grammar
- Listening and reading for detail
- Identifying patterns
- Further develop good study skills and the ability to work and learn independently



WHY STUDY FRENCH?

FRENCH IS A WORLD LANGUAGE, THE LANGUAGE OF THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE.

Studying this course will build upon your existing language skills from KS3 to develop a more detailed understanding of French language and culture. Tourism, ICT, Marketing, Banking, Business and Engineering are just a few areas where you can use your language.



WHAT DO EMPLOYERS THINK ABOUT FRENCH?

- France plays a key role in many areas of engineering including the aerospace industry
- People who speak a foreign language earn 20% more on average than those who don't

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

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- Listening – 25%
- Speaking – 25%
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- Communicating with others
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- Identifying patterns
- Further develop good study skills and the ability to work and learn independently

WHAT WILL I LEARN ABOUT IN FRENCH?

- A number of cultural themes including Media, Youth Culture and Employment
- A mixture of listening, speaking, reading, translation and writing activities linked to various topics
- Information about life in France, regional traditions and national holidays
- What life is like for a young person living in France in 2019

GCSE GERMAN

EBACC SUBJECT

BTEC SPORT

BTEC LEVEL 1/2 FIRST AWARD IN SPORT

OPTION SUBJECT

WHY STUDY GERMAN?

GERMAN IS FUN AND ACCESSIBLE TO NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKERS. GERMAN IS ALSO THE MOST WIDELY SPOKEN MOTHER TONGUE IN THE EU.

Tourism, ICT, Marketing, Banking, Business and Engineering are just a few areas where you can use your language. People who speak a foreign language earn 20% more on average than those who don't!

WHY STUDY BTEC SPORT?

THE PEARSON BTEC LEVEL 1/LEVEL 2 FIRST AWARD IN SPORT HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO PROVIDE AN ENGAGING AND STIMULATING INTRODUCTION TO THE WORLD OF SPORT.

The qualification builds on learning from Key Stage 3 for those who may wish to explore a vocational route throughout Key Stage 4. It also provides a good introduction to Sport for learners in post-16 education, and brings together learning at levels 1 and 2 to ensure that every learner taking the qualification completes it with a level of understanding and skill on which to build at a later date.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Assessment is all examination and you will be assessed on the four language skills:

- Listening – 25%
- Speaking – 25%
- Reading – 25%
- Writing – 25%



WHAT DO EMPLOYERS THINK ABOUT GERMAN?

- 72% of businesses value foreign language skills (CBI 2016)
- Employers rank foreign language skills as second only to IT skills (CILT 2016)
- German is the foreign language most highly rated by employers as useful to their companies. (CBI 2016)
- German is a leading language in the world of business. **German companies include:** BMW / Mini / Bentley / Siemens / Bosch / E-On / RWE / Bayer / DHL / Tui and First Choice

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

- Unit 1—Fitness for sport. On-screen test (externally assessed)
- Unit 2—Practical sports performance
- Unit 3—Applying the principles of personal training.
- Unit 6—Leading sports activities
- ! Unit 2,3 and 6 will be assessed through coursework and practical evidence.



WHAT DO EMPLOYERS THINK ABOUT BTEC SPORT?

Skills you learn in BTEC Sport provide learners with opportunities to link education and the world of work in engaging, relevant and practical ways.

It support learners' development of transferable interpersonal skills, including working with others, problem-solving, independent study, and personal, learning and thinking skills.



WHAT ARE SOME OF THE SKILLS I WILL GAIN?

- The ability to work both independently and within a team
- Knowledge, of rules and tactics for a variety of activities
- The ability to observe and then analyse skills and tactics in different sports
- Knowledge and understanding of personal fitness



WHAT ARE SOME OF THE SKILLS I WILL PRACTICE?

- How to be independent
- Communicating with others confidently
- A knowledge of grammar
- Listening and reading for detail
- Translation skills

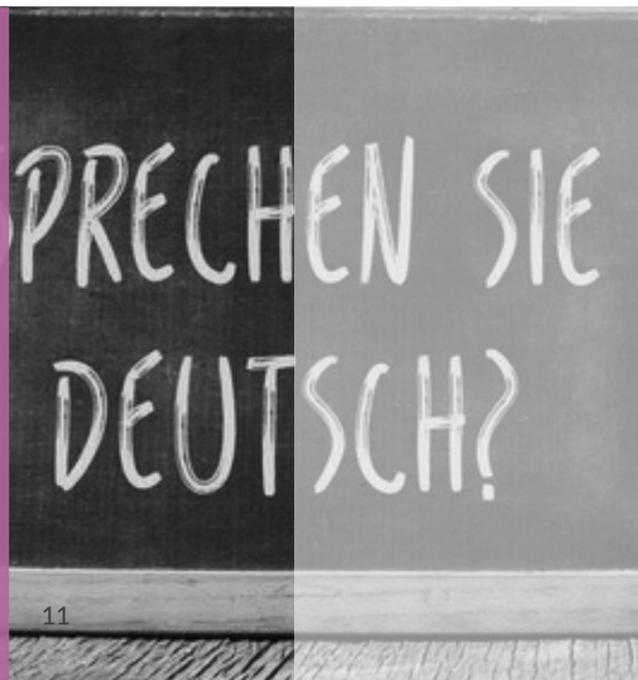
WHAT WILL I LEARN ABOUT IN GERMAN?

- A number of cultural themes including media, youth culture and current trends
- A mixture of listening, speaking, reading, translation and writing activities linked to various topics
- Information about life in Germany—what is life like in Germany in 2019?

WHAT WILL I LEARN ABOUT IN BTEC SPORT?

Learners will complete 4 units over 3 years. Learners must complete two core units, and a choice of optional units to complete the course. This BTEC First Award has units that your centre assesses (internal) and a unit that Pearson sets and marks (external).

- Unit 1—Fitness for sport and exercise. In this unit you will learn about different training principles and how to apply them in different sports.
- Unit 2—Practical Sports Performance. This unit covers all key aspects of performance and officiating 2 different sports.
- Unit 3—Applying the principles of personal training.
- Unit 6—Leading sports activities. This unit will be focused on planning and delivery of different sports and evaluating your strengths and weaknesses as a leader.



WHY STUDY RSL DANCE?

RSL IS A DEVELOPMENT OF DANCE AT KS3 AND A VITAL STEPPING STONE FOR FURTHER STUDY AT PERFORMING ARTS COLLEGE, COLLEGE OR SIXTH FORM. BY STUDYING DANCE THROUGHOUT Y9-Y11 YOU WILL:

- Develop practical performance ability and skills to become a well-rounded dancer/performer
- Improve self confidence through performance and rehearsal
- Develop greater knowledge and appreciation for different dance styles and enhance your critical thinking
- Develop independent working skills
- Develop teamwork skills through choreographing and performing with others

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

- Live Dance Performance (externally assessed)
- Choreography (internally assessed)

WHAT WILL I LEARN ABOUT IN RSL DANCE?

As a dancer, ability is what we are capable of doing, motivation determines what we do and attitude reminds us how we do it. The content of RSL Dance is centred around live dance performance and developing yourself as a well-rounded dance practitioner-

- Live Performance: perform in a live Dance event
- Choreography: exploring a range of dance styles and choreographic techniques



WHAT ARE SOME OF THE SKILLS I WILL DEVELOP & NEED?

- Have some previous experience in dance, whether it be what you have already taken part in in school or out of school.
- Willingness to perform in front of a live audience
- Have the determination and self motivation to rehearse independently, in and out of lessons
- Be able to work to set deadlines to complete coursework
- Be able to work independently and as part of a group
- Have a willingness to develop dance experience and skills



WHY STUDY DRAMA?

IN THIS COMPETITIVE CLIMATE DRAMA CAN BE THE SUBJECT THAT MAKES PEOPLE STAND OUT FROM THE CROWD.

Drama promotes confidence, communication, creativity and social skills– all desirable qualities in any profession.

! If you have any questions about the course, please don't hesitate to see Miss Heather



WHAT DO EMPLOYERS THINK ABOUT DRAMA?

Employers now recognise the importance of creativity and look for this in their staff, not just qualifications relating to their subject. They are looking for people with

transferable skills, a lot of which you gain from your work in Drama; time management, team work, planning, resilience, the ability to produce a product, diversity to name a few.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

- **First Unit - Live Performance**
An example of which would be the January Showcase. Can be scripted, or devised.
- **Second Unit - Your Choice**
From scripted, to stand up comedy, you can choose any unit for you to get the best possible grade.

HOW WILL DRAMA HELP ME OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL?

- **Improvisation** - The ability to think on your feet is desirable in any career.
- **Project management** - Seeing through a successful production from first rehearsal to the performance itself is a valuable lesson in project management.
- **Social skills** - Actors have the skill set to deal with different people and situations.
- **Actors empathy** - Can help you to better understand the human condition building a better understanding of the world and the people in it.
- **Dedication and commitment** - Nothing is easy in drama, actors work for months preparing for one project, skills required in every working environment.
- **Confidence!** - The ability to speak to anyone, any time, in any circumstance.

WHY STUDY RSL MUSIC TECHNOLOGY?

RSL MUSIC IS A DEVELOPMENT OF MUSIC AT KS3 AND A STEPPING STONE FOR FURTHER STUDY AT KS5 (COLLEGE, SIXTH FORM ETC.) SO BY STUDYING IT THROUGHOUT Y9 - Y11, YOU WILL;

- Develop your skills in music technology and music production Workstation (DAW)
- Develop your understanding and appreciation of different musical genres, and your critical and creative thinking
- Improve your independence through the setup and recording of live performers
- Improve your creativity and imagination using a Digital Audio Workstation (DAW)
- Improve your team work alongside other musicians

WHAT SKILLS WILL I NEED?

- Be able to understand how GarageBand works
- Have a willingness to be creative with given ideas and briefs
- Have determination and self motivation to improve technological knowledge, in and outside of lessons
- Be able to complete coursework to set deadlines
- Be able to work as an individual and as part of a team
- Have a willingness to be a better musician

WHAT WILL I LEARN ABOUT IN RSL MUSIC?

The content of RSL Music is centred around the recording of live music, and is based on the 3 units below. The units are a mixture of practical (studio and live recording) and coursework:

- **Music Sequencing and Production** - Produce two tracks that explore the use of layering, drum patterns, bass lines, chord progressions etc.
- **Using a DAW** - Develop and explore the full extent of GarageBand on a professional level
- **Live Music Recording** - Create a multi-track recording of a live performance in a studio or stage environment

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

- **Music Sequencing and Production** (core exam unit - externally assessed)
- **Live Sound Recording** (internally assessed)
- **Music Knowledge Development** (internally assessed)

WHY STUDY RSL MUSIC PERFORMANCE?

RSL MUSIC IS A DEVELOPMENT OF MUSIC AT KS3 AND A STEPPING STONE FOR FURTHER STUDY AT KS5 (COLLEGE, SIXTH FORM ETC.) SO BY STUDYING IT THROUGHOUT Y9 - Y11, YOU WILL;

- Develop your practical and performance ability - become a better musician!
- Improve your confidence - you'll gain self-confidence through performance and rehearsal.
- Develop your understanding and appreciation of different musical genres, and your critical and creative thinking.
- Improve your independence through rehearsal
- Improve your team work through performing with others

WHAT SKILLS WILL I NEED?

- Be able to play a musical instrument, sing or rap, even if you're currently a beginner
- Have a willingness to perform in front of a live audience
- Have determination and self motivation to rehearse independently, in and outside of lessons
- Be able to complete coursework to set deadlines
- Be able to work as a soloist and as a group
- Have a willingness to be a better musician and performer

WHAT WILL I LEARN ABOUT IN RSL MUSIC?

The content of RSL Music is centred around the performance of live music, and is based on the 3 units below. The units are a mixture of practical music making and coursework:

- **Live Music Performance** - Perform in a live music event
- **Instrumental Study** - Improve your ability on your chosen instrument by looking into techniques which will help you improve
- **Music Knowledge Development** - Explore a variety of different genres and styles that will help build a widened repertoire for your performance

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

- **Live Music Performance** (externally assessed)
- **Instrumental Study** (internally assessed)
- **Music Knowledge Development** (internally assessed)



WHY STUDY RESISTANT MATERIALS?

THE COURSE WILL BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL IF YOU INTEND TO FURTHER YOUR STUDIES AT COLLEGE ON ENGINEERING/TECHNICIAN AND TRADE TYPE COURSES.

It is of value to everyone because we all make use of tools, skills and materials in our everyday life. This course will allow students to specialise in the focus area of Resistant Materials. The course is designed to enable students to design and make products in a range of timbers, metals & plastics. Students will investigate a range of manufacturing methods, processes and finishes that are appropriate for these materials.



WHAT DO EMPLOYERS THINK ABOUT RESISTANT MATERIALS?

All employers value a person who is creative and capable of solving a problem independently. Resistant Materials will encourage you to develop these skills as well as your making skills. Employers value this 'hands on' approach to education. By opting for Resistant Materials you will gain a skill which can be used in a variety of college courses and careers.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

There are two elements to the assessment of this course:

Coursework: The coursework contributes 50% of the total marks for the course. It involves the preparation of a substantial portfolio of student centred design work and the production of an artefact in appropriate resistant materials. Students are usually required to finance the manufacture of the practical piece and this must be carefully considered before starting the course. The coursework is marked by the subject teacher and moderated by the examination board.

Examination: The written examination contributes 50% of the total marks for the and is two hours long. It is marked by the examination board.

! Grades available 1–9

In all Technology subjects the materials used in making what has been designed have a cost, and wherever possible students will be asked to make a contribution towards their resources.



WHAT WILL I LEARN AND WHAT SKILLS WILL I GAIN FROM RESISTANT MATERIALS?

- How to solve design problems
- A range of industrial manufacturing techniques and processes
- A range of construction methods and finishing techniques
- An opportunity to develop your research, design and evaluation skills

The course caters for students with a range of abilities. Whilst there is an emphasis on practical ability, students with some drawing and presentation skills are more likely to do well in the portfolio element of the coursework. The safety of everyone using the workshop is important and students intending choosing this option must be prepared to accept the discipline and routine necessary to guarantee the well-being of themselves and other students and adults working in the area.

WHY STUDY CONSTRUCTION?

THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IS A WIDE AND DIVERSE INDUSTRY WHICH OFFERS A HUGE RANGE OF OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK IN, INCLUDING AREAS SUCH AS CARPENTRY, PLUMBING AND ELECTRICAL.

A broad range of skills are available to enhance practical skills, from a DIY level to an expert craftsman level.



HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

WJEC Level 1/2 Vocational Award in Constructing the Built Environment

Unit 1: Safety and security in construction (25%)

- Externally assessed

Unit 2: Developing construction projects (50%)

- Internally assessed

Unit 3: Planning construction projects (25%)

- Externally assessed

! Available grades: Level 1 Pass, Level 2 Pass, Level 2 Merit or Level 2 Distinction

WHAT WILL I LEARN ABOUT IN CONSTRUCTION?

You will learn practical, hands on skills that are immediately transferable to the workplace, such as Tiling, Bricklaying and maintenance skills.

You will have to consider aspects that change and improve the value of the built environment in order to make recommendations on how to raise the quality of certain areas. You will do this first of all by analysing your local area, and how it is used by the community.



WHAT ARE SOME OF THE SKILLS I WILL NEED?

- The ability to complete in-depth written work
- The ability to extract information from a given text, including from graphs and tables
- Good problem solving skills
- Good ICT skills
- Follow instructions and be able to act on advice given
- Work independently and as part of a team
- Work safely in a workshop / construction environment

WHY STUDY HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE?

THE AIM OF A QUALIFICATION IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE IS TO PREPARE STUDENTS FOR PROGRESSION TO EMPLOYMENT AND/OR FURTHER EDUCATION IN THE HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE AND EARLY YEARS SECTORS.

This will be achieved by studying the principles which underpins all Health and Social Care practice and by learning how we all develop, and the factors which affect development.

WHAT SKILLS WILL I GAIN?



There will be an opportunity to improve all of the following key skills:

- Communication
- ICT
- Problem solving
- Improving own learning performance
- Working with others

WHAT DO EMPLOYERS THINK ABOUT HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE?



There are many openings with a qualification in Health & Social Care, both in employment and/or further education.

It helps to develop your skills which allows you to adapt to a number of situations in the world of work, and respond to the demands of our diverse society. Many people go on to nursing or midwifery, and many students have moved on to work with children in a range of settings, and also with adults who have complex needs and disabilities.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

- **2 internal assessment** (coursework) (60%)
- **1 external assessment** (controlled assessment under exam conditions) (40%)

WHAT WILL I LEARN ABOUT IN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE?

The course comprises of three units:

- **Human Lifespan Development** (internally assessed unit)
- **Health and Social Care Services and Values** (internally assessed unit)
- **Health and wellbeing** (externally assessed unit)

Human Lifespan Development (internally assessed unit)

You will investigate how, in real situations, human development is affected by different factors and that people deal differently with life events

Health and Social Care Services and Values (internally assessed unit).

You will study and explore practically, health and social care services and how they meet the needs of real service users. They also develop skills in applying care values. You will take part in a role play as part of the assessment in this unit.

Health and wellbeing (externally assessed unit)

You will study the factors that affect health and wellbeing, learning about physiological and lifestyle indicators, and how to design a health and wellbeing improvement plan.

! You will be graded as follows; Level 1 Pass, Level 1 Merit, Level 1 Distinction, Level 2 Pass, Level 2 Merit, Level 2 Distinction, Level 2 Distinction*

WHY STUDY CHILD DEVELOPMENT & CARE?

THIS QUALIFICATION PROVIDES THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP KNOWLEDGE AND APPLY PRACTICAL SKILLS IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT DEVELOPMENT, FOCUSING ON THE AGES 0-5.

It will be of interest to those who are considering a career in children, health or social work sectors, psychology, sociology and biology. It includes the Health and well-being for child development, Understand the equipment and nutritional needs of children from birth to five years and understand the developmental norms of a child from birth to five years.

WHAT SKILLS I WILL GAIN?



There will be an opportunity to improve all of the following key skills:

- Communication
- ICT
- Working with others
- Evaluation skills
- Research, planning, observation and carrying out of tasks

WHAT WILL I LEARN ABOUT IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND CARE?

RO18 (exam) 50% health and well-being for child development

- **Learning Outcome 1:** Understand reproduction and the roles and responsibilities of parenthood
- **Learning Outcome 2:** Understand antenatal care and preparation for birth
- **Learning Outcome 3:** Understand postnatal checks, postnatal provision and conditions for development
- **Learning Outcome 4:** Understand how to recognise, manage and prevent childhood illnesses
- **Learning Outcome 5:** Know about child safety

RO19 (coursework) 25%

Understand the equipment and nutritional needs of children from birth to five years

- **Learning Outcome 1:** Understand the key factors when choosing equipment for babies from birth to 12 months
- **Learning Outcome 2:** Understand the key factors when choosing equipment for children from one to five years
- **Learning Outcome 3:** Know the nutritional guidelines and requirements for children from birth to five years
- **Learning Outcome 4:** Be able to investigate and develop feeding solutions for children from birth to five years

RO20 (coursework) 25%

Understand the development of a child from birth to five years

- **Learning Outcome 1:** Understand the physical, intellectual and social developmental norms from birth to five years
- **Learning Outcome 2:** Understand the benefits of learning through play
- **Learning Outcome 3:** Be able to plan different play activities for a chosen developmental area with a child from birth to five years
- **Learning Outcome 4:** Be able to carry out and evaluate different play activities for a chosen developmental area with a child from birth to five years

WHY STUDY ENTERPRISE AND MARKETING?

YOU WILL BE INTRODUCED TO THE WORLD OF SMALL BUSINESSES AND WILL LOOK AT WHAT MAKES SOMEONE A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS PERSON.

If you enjoy: communicating and explaining your ideas, thinking creatively and making decisions, working with numbers to solve business problems, learning about the world of business through research and investigation, as well as through practical tasks. Then the Enterprise and Marketing course is the right subject for you!



WHAT WILL I LEARN ABOUT IN BUSINESS STUDIES?

- You will find out how to develop an idea and spot an opportunity, and turn that into a successful business.
- You will understand how to make a business effective and manage money.
- You will also see how the world around us affects small businesses and all the people involved.
- You will learn how business develops and markets a product or service.
- You will learn about different laws and how they affect the operation of a business
- You will learn to calculate aspects of Business Finances, such as Profit, Costs, Breakeven and Sales

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

- A Written Examination, worth 50% of the Qualification
- Two units of Controlled Assessment, each worth 25% of the Qualification
- There will be opportunities for students to resit the exam and resubmit the CA units throughout the course



WHAT ARE SOME OF THE SKILLS I WILL GAIN?

- Making decisions
- Being creative
- Solving problems
- Understanding finance
- Dealing with data
- Communicating
- Working as part of a team
- Being able to analyse a range of business decisions



WHAT DO EMPLOYERS THINK ABOUT BUSINESS STUDIES?

Business Studies helps develop a broad range of skills and help develop confidence in a wide range of areas.

It shows an interest in the world of business and enables students to become a confident, independent and self-motivated individual

WHY STUDY ICT?

ICT WILL QUALIFY YOU TO OPERATE CONFIDENTLY IN TODAY'S DIGITAL WORLD.

Studying ICT provides students the opportunity to use computers and IT equipment to create a range of multimedia products. These Products include: Websites, Digital Videos, Graphics and Interactive Multi-media Products. This course provides students with practical skills that can be transferred into a range of careers and industries.



WHAT WILL I LEARN ABOUT IN ICT?

The course is made up of 4 units, each worth 25% of the qualification:

- **Pre Production Skills:** Students will learn the importance of design-ing multimedia products. Students will learn about: Moodboards, Visualisation Diagrams, Storyboards and Scripts
- **Creating Digital Graphics:** Students will learn the basics of digital graphics editing skills in order to create a DVD or game cover to a set of specific requirements.
- **Creating a Multipage Website:** This unit enables students to understand the basics of creating multipage websites, with a range of interactive features.
- **Creating Interactive Multimedia Products:** Students will learn where and why interactive products are used and their different features. Students will plan and create interactive

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

- iMedia is a Single Award, equivalent in size and value to a full GCSE. Recognised by employers and educational establishments alike.
- Unlike most GCSE courses, the iMedia course consists of 75% con-trolled assessment (3 units) and a written examination worth a fur-ther 25% that is 75 minutes long.
- Opportunities also exist to improve and resubmit controlled assessment throughout the course.



WHAT ARE SOME OF THE SKILLS I WILL GAIN?

- An understanding of the hardware used in ICT systems
- A range of creative software skills including image manipulation and video
- Learn how to successfully manage an IT Media Project.
- Learn about Laws that affect the use of IT in the real world, such as Data Protection and Copyright.
- Understand how to us IT Hardware and Software in order to make Multimedia products such as Videos, Graphics, Websites and Interactive Products



WHAT DO EMPLOYERS THINK ABOUT ICT?

Increasingly, employers are asking for a qualification and/or experience in ICT.

As the proportion of people working in small businesses or who are self-employed continues to grow, being a confident and able user of computer technology makes you increasingly employable

WHY STUDY COMPUTER SCIENCE?

THIS IS A NEW COURSE THAT PUTS EMPHASIS ON THE UNDERSTANDING OF COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY AND HOW COMPUTER SYSTEMS WORK.

It is a single award course that covers two units, which are assessed by two written exams. The course appeals to students who have an interest in programming and how computer based technology works.

WHAT WILL I LEARN ABOUT IN COMPUTER SCIENCE?

GCSE Computer Science is broken down into the following units of work which will be studied in Years 10 & 11:

- **Unit 1** Computer Systems - Students will learn about the principles of Computer Systems including, hardware, software, networks, security and Computer Ethics and Laws.
- **Unit 2** Application of Computational Thinking, programming techniques, pseudo code, algorithms and abstraction.

Programming Project - Students to create a small program application to meet criteria provided by the exam board.

Students need to demonstrate an understanding of the "Programming Life Cycle" (Analysis, Design, Implementation, Testing and Evaluation) in order to complete the project.

They work independently to demonstrate their ability to design and develop a coded solution to a given problem as well as demonstrating testing and evaluating skills to produce effective computing solutions in a range of relevant contexts such as gaming, web and mobile devices applications.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

- Unit 1 - Written Examination worth 50%
- Unit 2 - Written Examination worth 50%



WHAT ARE SOME OF THE SKILLS I WILL GAIN?

It allows the student to develop an understanding of the fundamentals of computer systems, computer programming and the knowledge and skills suitable for participation in the creation of software applications in ever-evolving computer technology.

This course provides a focus to develop skills whilst ensuring that students acquire a sound knowledge of fundamental concepts around designing and developing software applications either for mobile devices, web enabled environment or simple computer games.



WHAT DO EMPLOYERS THINK ABOUT COMPUTER SCIENCE?

Computer science is an important subject for people who want to work in the hardware or software development industry.

Additionally, this course provides fundamental skills for any programming or games design career.

WHY STUDY GRAPHICS?

THE COURSE IS CONCERNED WITH THE EVERYDAY PRODUCTS THAT WE SEE IN THE WORLD AROUND US, AND THE PRODUCTION OF 3-DIMENSIONAL GRAPHIC PRODUCTS.

Students will be expected to develop a range of graphic techniques that will help them in the solution of graphic design problems. Students will be asked to design, make and evaluate graphic products, which have a focus on visual impact and communication - such as advertising, illustration, branding and printing. A single design and make project, such as a concept watch or new music band with promotional material, is to be submitted for the main coursework component.



WHAT WILL I LEARN AND WHAT SKILLS WILL I NEED IN GRAPHICS?

- Freehand & 3D drawing skills
- 3D Modelling using a range of materials
- CAD/CAM (use of computers to design & make) including Adobe creative suite & 2D Design
- How to use Graphic communication to solve design problems
- A range of industrial manufacturing techniques and processes
- A range of construction methods and finishing techniques

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

There are two elements to the assessment of this course:

Coursework: The coursework contributes 50% of the total marks for the course. It involves the preparation of a substantial portfolio of student centred design work and the production of an artefact in appropriate resistant materials. Students are usually required to finance the manufacture of the practical piece and this must be carefully considered before starting the course. The coursework is marked by the subject teacher and moderated by the examination board.

Examination: The written examination contributes 50% of the total marks for the and is two hours long. It is marked by the examination board.

! Grades available 1–9

! In all Technology subjects the materials used in making what has been designed have a cost, and wherever possible students will be asked to make a contribution towards their resources.

The course caters for students with a range of abilities. Whilst there is an emphasis on practical ability, students with some drawing and presentation skills are more likely to do well in the portfolio element of the coursework.



WHAT DO EMPLOYERS THINK ABOUT GRAPHICS?

All employers value a person who is capable of solving a problem creatively and working independently. Graphics will encourage you to develop these skills as well as your making skills.

Employers value this 'hands on' approach to education. By opting for Graphics you will gain a skill which can be used in a variety of vocational courses and careers such as product designer, fashion & retail, graphic designer, illustrator, visual designer (advertisements), game design, web design and architecture.

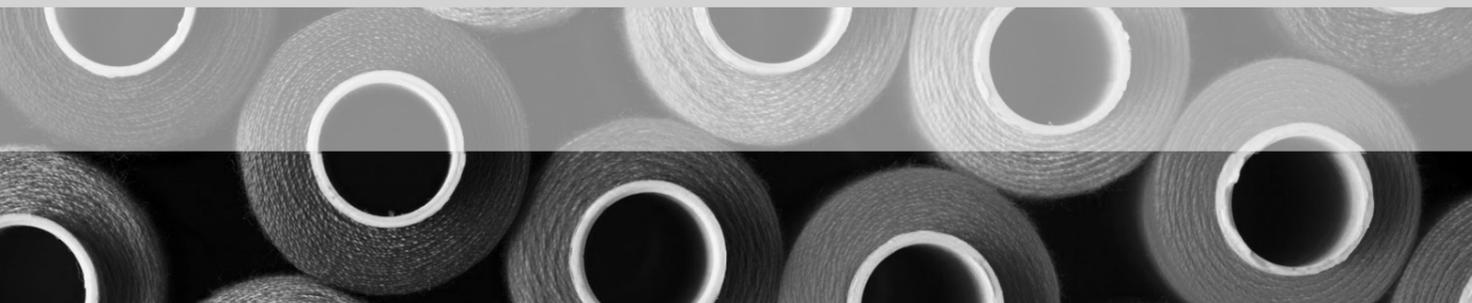
TEXTILES

OPTION SUBJECT

WHY STUDY TEXTILES?

THE COURSE WILL BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN FASHION DESIGN AND TEXTILES MANUFACTURE. THE TECHNOLOGY TEXTILES COURSE HAS A BIG FOCUS ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF GARMENTS AND OTHER TEXTILES PRODUCTS.

This course is aimed at students who have an interest in design, and wish to produce items which enable them to express their own originality through the study of fibres, fabrics and methods of embellishment. Students will be trained to use textiles skilfully and will demonstrate their understanding of textile technology through practical assignments. Students will be expected to exhibit a mature attitude, approaching the subject from a designer's point of view, in a manner reflecting industrial practices.



HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

There are two elements to the assessment of this course:

Coursework: The coursework contributes 50% of the total marks for the course. It involves the preparation of a substantial portfolio of student centred design work and the production of an item in textile. Students are usually required to fund the production of the practical work and this should be considered carefully before starting the course. The coursework is marked by the subject teacher and moderated by the examination board.

Examination: The written examination contributes 50% of the total marks and is two hours long. It is marked by the examination board.



WHAT DO EMPLOYERS THINK ABOUT TEXTILES?

All employers value a person who is creative and capable of solving problems independently.

Studying Textiles will encourage you to develop these skills as well as your making skills. Employers value this 'hands on' approach to education.

By opting for Textiles you will gain a skill which can be used in a variety of college courses and careers including; Fashion buyer, textile technologist, costume maker, costume designer, dress maker, and fashion designer

! Grades available 1 - 9



WHAT WILL I LEARN AND WHAT SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Develop your skills in textile design and decoration
- Using the sewing machines
- Use of CAD/CAM machinery to develop unique, modern and professional decoration
- To understand fibres and fabrics
- Methods of embellishment

The course caters for students with a range of abilities. Whilst there is an emphasis on practical ability, students with some drawing and presentation skills are more likely to do well in the portfolio element of the coursework.

The course provides an opportunity to apply a wide range of creative textile techniques and processes.

HOSPITALITY & CATERING

OPTION SUBJECT

WHY STUDY HOSPITALITY & CATERING?

THE COURSE OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CANDIDATES TO DEVELOP THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND EXTEND THEIR SKILLS WITHIN HOSPITALITY AND CATERING IN A VOCATIONAL CONTEXT.

The option encourages the investigation and study of hospitality and uses a range of assessment techniques to enable the candidate to respond through practical and investigative work. You will investigate the hospitality and catering industry and learn about the local, national and international employment opportunities within it. You will also learn about other businesses in hospitality such as hotels, pubs, restaurants, health clubs etc. A large portion of the controlled assessment work focusses on understanding health and hygiene.



WHAT WILL I LEARN AND WHAT SKILLS WILL I NEED IN HOSPITALITY?

During this course students will learn about;

- Health, safety and hygiene not only in a school based context but within the Hospitality Industry as a whole
- Menu planning - food preparation, cooking and presentation taking into account the needs and wants of a client base and costings
- Types of service provided and the related client groups, including customer care
- Job roles, employment opportunities and relevant training
- Planning for functions and events
- Standards of service
- Communication and teamwork

In order to be successful in Hospitality pupils should:

- Have some practical capabilities in the production of food products
- Be able to meet firm deadlines
- Have the skills required to work independently

! In all Technology subjects the materials used in making what has been designed have a cost, and wherever possible students will be asked to make a contribution towards their resources.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

There are two elements to the assessment of this course:

Examination: Unit 1 (40%): The Hospitality and Catering Industry will be externally assessed with an online examination that lasts 90 minutes.

Unit 2 (60%): Hospitality and Catering in Action is internally assessed: This involves you completing a piece of controlled assessment in school under examination conditions. You will be set a task by WJEC and will have to safely plan, prepare, cook and present dishes to satisfy the task.

You will be graded as follows; Level 1 Pass, Level 2 Pass, Level 2 Merit, Level 2 Distinction



WHAT DO EMPLOYERS THINK ABOUT HOSPITALITY?

Hospitality provides learners with the opportunity of experiencing a live event as well as the need for time constraints and deadlines.

It provides you with a strong understanding of what is important in a commercial kitchen. It also equips you with good team working as well as independent skills. Employers value a student with this kind of hands on experience and existing knowledge.

You will gain skills which would be well suited to careers such as;

Chef, sports science, dietician, food journalism, product development, home economist, events management, hospitality, front of house, conference management, buyer, production manager, public relations, hygiene control, National Health Service, health promotion, technical management, food quality, food preparation and retail.

GCSE ART, CRAFT & DESIGN

OPTION SUBJECT

WHY STUDY ART, CRAFT & DESIGN?

STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO WORK IN TWO SPECIALIST CRAFT AREAS :

Textile Design: for example art textiles, fashion design and illustration, costume design, constructed textiles, printed and dyed textiles, surface pattern, stitched and/or embellished textiles, soft furnishings and/or textiles for interiors, digital textiles and installed textiles.

Three-Dimensional Design: for example architectural design, sculpture, ceramics, product design, jewellery and body adornment, interior design, environmental/landscape/garden design, exhibition design, three-dimensional digital design and designs for theatre, film and television.



HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

You have four assessment objectives to each unit where you will be marked on designer links, experimenting with materials, your observations, and your final piece.

- **Unit 1:** Portfolio of Work (Controlled Assessment) 60 %
- **Unit 2:** Externally Set Task 40%.

WHAT WILL I LEARN ABOUT IN ART, CRAFT & DESIGN?

This two unit specification enables students to develop their ability to actively engage in a range of processes

- You will learn to make a range of textile outcomes.
- Such as costumes, accessories and wall hangings.
- You will learn how to construct and design sculpture working in 3 dimensions.
- You will learn about historical and modern day crafts, artists and designers.
- You will use your creative and artistic skills to develop your own textile samples and portfolio.



WHAT ARE SOME OF THE SKILLS I WILL GAIN?

To be successful in Art, Craft and Design you will need;

- An interest in working practically and in relief or 3D.
- An enthusiastic, creative approach to thinking and learning new skills and information.
- A dedicated and organised attitude in order to oversee your design and make activity.



WHAT DO EMPLOYERS THINK ABOUT ART, CRAFT & DESIGN?

A qualification in Art, Craft and Design can lead to AS/A2 qualifications in the subject.

AS/A2 qualifications could, in turn lead to further education and employment in such areas as fashion design, interior design, architecture, garden design, window dressing, stage and film sets.

GCSE PHOTOGRAPHY

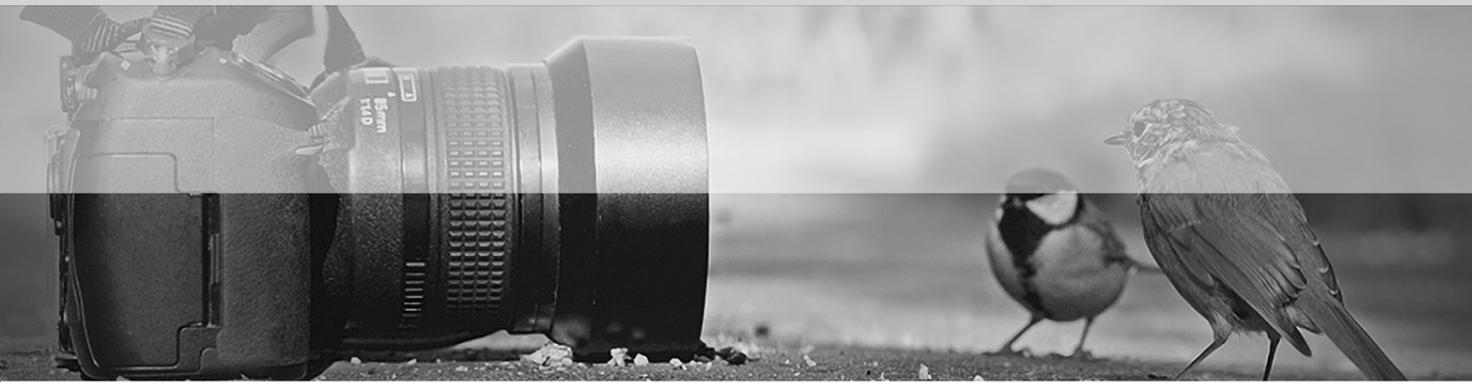
LENS BASED MEDIA

OPTION SUBJECT

WHY STUDY PHOTOGRAPHY?

PHOTOGRAPHY IS PART OF OUR EVERYDAY CULTURE. WE USE CAMERAS TO RECORD AN EVENT, DOCUMENT SOMETHING OR CAPTURE A MOMENT IN TIME.

Professional photographers produce work in a variety of different purposes from advertising and fashion shoots to portraits and wedding photos.



WHAT WILL I LEARN IN PHOTOGRAPHY LENS BASED MEDIA?

This two unit specification enables students to develop their ability to actively engage in the processes of photography –

- You will learn to capture images both in studio and location
- You will learn about historical and modern day photographers
- You will use your creative and artistic skills to develop your own photographic skills.

In GCSE Photography students should work in one or more areas of lens-based and light-based media such as those listed below.

They may explore overlapping and combinations of areas:

- Portraiture and Landscape photography (working from the built or natural environment)
- Still Life photography, (working from natural or manufactured objects)
- Documentary photography, photo journalism, narrative photography, reportage
- Fine Art photography, photographic installation, iPad development
- New media practice such as computer manipulated photography and photographic projections



WHAT ARE SOME OF THE SKILLS I WILL GAIN?

- Generating creative solutions
- Team working on group projects
- Working with clients, models and subjects

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

You have four assessment objectives to each unit where you will be marked on artist links, experimenting with materials, your observations, your final piece.

- **Unit 1:** Portfolio of work 60 % (portfolio work)
- **Unit 2:** Externally set task 40% (controlled assessment)

WHY STUDY FINE ART?

ART AND DESIGN STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO WORK IN ONE OR MORE AREAS OF FINE ART, SUCH AS THOSE LISTED BELOW. THEY MAY EXPLORE OVERLAPPING AREAS AND COMBINATIONS OF AREAS:

- Painting and drawing
- Mixed media, including collage and assemblage
- Printmaking: relief, intaglio and lithography.

Students are required to integrate critical, practical and theoretical study in Fine Art that encourages direct engagement with original work and practice. You will develop a strong foundation for further progression to Art and Design related courses such as A Levels, Level 2&3 BTEC in Art and Design, Fashion and Textiles Design, Photography in enhanced vocational and career pathways.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

You have four assessment objectives to each unit where you will be marked on artist links, experimenting with materials, your observations, your final piece.

- **UNIT 1:** Portfolio of Work (controlled assessment) 60%
- **UNIT 2:** externally set task 40%

WHAT WILL I LEARN ABOUT IN FINE ART?

This two unit specification enables students to develop their ability to actively engage in arrange of artistic activities.

- You will learn to draw, paint, print and make in a range of materials and equipment.
- You will learn about historical and modern day artists and designers.
- You will use your creative and artistic skills to develop your own fine art pieces in your favoured medium, such as 2D or 3D and a sketch book and portfolio.

**WHAT ARE SOME OF THE SKILLS I WILL GAIN?**

- How to create a personal sketch book with your own ideas and other artists
- A personal portfolio of work
- Painting, drawing, print making, mixed media, digital photography and Photoshop and art rage iPad work



Start is an online careers platform that Rawmarsh Community School is providing to all its students.

Students will be introduced to this during current options lessons and can use the resource to identify their own skills and interests and link subject choices to relevant future careers. As they update their profile, Start will personalise this information, helping them to navigate the thousands of jobs, courses, providers and opportunities available.

Start will help students to understand where they are on their journey and what's important as they make their options choices.

WWW.STARTPROFILE.COM

Parents are welcome to access Start as well to find out about career and study opportunities. Either use Start with your son or daughter as they plan ahead, or, register using the steps below to create your own username and password.

- Go to www.startprofile.com and click **Register**
- Enter your first name, surname, email address, postcode and gender
- Choose a memorable username and a secure password and click **Get Started**
- Click **Login** and enter your username and password. Click **Login**

The first time you log in you will be required to complete the following:

- Select **"I am a Parent and would like to use Start with my children."**

Contact our careers officer Miss Mullins for helpful options information and advice at rmullins@rawmarsh.org

STUDENT OPTIONS BOOKLET

POINTERS & REMINDERS

- Make a list of all the subjects you would like to take.
- Check to see if you have chosen a range of subjects.
- On the Option Choices form, write down your main subjects choices in the correct space.
- Write down your reserve subjects.
- If you know the kind of career you would like, write that down on the form.
- This could ensure you receive the subjects you need for that career.
- If you change your mind about your choices, see Mr Newsome as soon as possible.
- Talk to the appropriate teachers before making your choice.
- If you do not complete coursework, you may not be entered for the examination.
- Homework must be completed in all subjects.
- Full attendance is essential to fulfil course requirements.
- Talk to your Careers Adviser.
- Avoid choices that are very similar.

Choose options for the right reasons, NOT because:

- Your friend has chosen a certain subject (you may not share the same class).
- Because you like your present teacher (he/she may not teach you next year).
- You have been told that the subject is easy (perhaps by older students).

! Think carefully about your reserve choices.

STUDENT OPTIONS BOOKLET

CAREERS

- What are my favourite subjects?
- Which subjects am I best at?
- Which careers am I interested in?
- Which subjects will I need for these careers?
- Have I looked into these careers?

! Contact our careers officer Miss Mullins for helpful options information and advice at rmullins@rawmarsh.org

IF NOT, YOU SHOULD! Some subjects change a lot - what are you letting yourself in for?

- Have I read about any new subjects? - IF NOT, YOU SHOULD! You may be missing out!
- Is there a match between my favourite subjects, those I am best at and my career ideas?

! If you need more help, see your Student Progress Manager, Year Leader, or Mr Newsome.

