

June 2018

To Parents of Year 8 students

Expressive Arts Subjects in Year 9

In March 2019 your son will have the opportunity to express a preference for studying some of his GCSE subjects. In Expressive Arts the subjects we intend to offer will be: Fine Art, Photography, Drama, Dance and Music.

Prior to this process, Year 8 students are going to narrow down the number of subjects studied in Year 9, ahead of their final preferences to be made in March 2019. Your son will have had the process explained to him during an assembly.

We are asking parents, in consultation with their son, to express a preference for two subject areas to study in Expressive Arts in Year 9 out of the following list of five. This means that in Year 9 there is the opportunity to specialise in two Expressive Arts disciplines and to drop other Expressive Arts subjects.

The five Expressive Arts areas are as follows:

Art: This will follow a course looking at elements of Fine Art

Photography: - This course will introduce students to the art that is Photography.

Drama: This will continue to explore a wide range of issues and dramatic techniques, developing creativity and imagination.

Dance: This will continue to develop appreciation of dance and choreography.

Music: This will continue to give the opportunity to listen to, compose and perform music in a wide variety of styles.

Please note that it is not normally possible to continue to GCSE level with a subject not studied in Year 9.

On the form attached please indicate **in priority order** the subject areas that your son would like to continue within Year 9. We are asking you to put a first, second and third choice even though your son will only study two subjects. This is because although we will endeavour to give all students their first preference of subject we are not able to guarantee this. Reply slips returned after the deadline will be considered after forms returned on time.

If you do have any queries relating to this letter, then you should ask to speak to Mr R Taylor.

Preference reply slips need to be returned to your son's Form Tutor by **Thursday 28 June**.

R Taylor
Assistant Head



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Student's Name Form

Please indicate the two subjects that your son would like to study in Year 9 by ranking the subjects in your order of preference (1 = first choice, 2 = second choice, 3= third choice). Students who indicate no preference will be placed in the smaller classes.

Art	
Photography	
Drama	
Dance	
Music	
No preference	

Signed (student)

Signed (parent)

**PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO YOUR SON'S FORM TUTOR
By Thursday 28th June 2018**