

RTA/JRA

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To Parents of Year 8 students

## **Expressive Arts Subjects in Year 9**

In March 2021 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 2021.

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. If you have questions about any subject please contact your son's current teacher. Please direct questions about Photography to his Art teacher.

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.

Please could you use the link below and fill in an on-line form. You will need to say which subject is 1<sup>st</sup> preference, which is 2<sup>nd</sup>, which is 3<sup>rd</sup> and which is 4<sup>th</sup>. Please do not put the same subject as two preferences. I am asking for the preference order for all subjects even though your son will only study two subjects. This is because although I will endeavour to give all students their first preference subject this is not guaranteed. There is no advantage in filling in the on-line form early, all preference forms completed by the deadline will be considered together. I will assume that any student who does not fill in the on-line form by the deadline has no preference.

[Y8 Expressive Arts Preferences On-Line Form](#)

**The deadline for completing the on-line form is Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June.**

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