



Year 9

What we are learning in the Autumn Term 2026

The following shows the topics we are teaching in school over this term and some links that students may find useful in supporting their learning.

Please note that all learning is supported by resources which are placed daily on Showbie. Home Learning will also be listed in [Classcharts](#) and Science are supported by e-Textbooks on [Kerboodle](#).

Subject	Topics students are learning in the autumn term	Exam board and other Useful links
Core subjects		
English	Autumn 1: 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens A range of nature poetry from a department created anthology Autumn 2: 'Romeo and Juliet' by William Shakespeare	AQA BBC Bitesize Sparknotes A Christmas Carol Sparknotes Romeo and Juliet Seneca
Maths	In year 9, pupils will study: Powers and Indices Standard Form Pythagoras Area of 2D/3D Shapes	Edexcel Exam Board Maths Genie
Science (combined and separate)	Fundamental Skills Graphing Planning investigations Biology: particles part 1 Chemistry: rates of reaction Physics: the particle model of matter	
PE (core)	In year 9, students will build on and embed the physical development and previous skills learned, become more competent and confident in their techniques, and apply them across different sports and physical activities. This term, pupils will focus mainly on invasion games such as	

	netball, handball, rugby, basketball and football, furthering their knowledge and understanding on extensive rules and skills involved within each sport covered alongside how to outwit their opponents using basic strategies and tactics. Pupils will also begin to look at net games such as badminton and volleyball which were not a part of their KS3 curriculum. They will continue to grow upon their table tennis and fitness knowledge. Pupils will also lead their own warm ups and cool downs.	
PSHE	Transition to Shooting Field Emotional wellbeing Careers First aid Financial awareness	
RE (core)	Christian Beliefs	Bitesize resources
Art	Introduction to drawing: Elements of art Using a range of different drawing and printmaking materials including digital drawing Introduction to a range of new artists and how to analyse their work	AQA Elements of Art
ASDAN	Personal Development Programme Bronze award profiles Complete challenges and skills sheets gain 6 ASDAN credits • 'All about Me' • Presentations • Cooking • Problem Solving tasks	https://www.asdan.org.uk/
Business Studies GCSE	Introduction to GCSE - focusing on Lego What is business? Micro-Tyco Project	OCR Business Specification
Business Enterprise CNAT	Introduction to the course and coursework Enterprise skills Marketing Mix	CNAT Enterprise and Marketing specification
Computer Science	The CPU & Programming Architecture of the CPU • The purpose of the CPU • Common CPU components and their function	Exam Board Spec. Isaac Computer Science Smart Revise Course Videos

	CPU performance - How common characteristics of CPUs affect their performance Programming Fundamentals - The use of variables, constants, operators, inputs, outputs and assignments - The use of the three basic programming constructs used to control the flow of a program - The common arithmetic operators - The common Boolean operators AND, OR and NOT Data Types - The use of data types	
Creative iMedia	Projects - Audience and purpose - Radio and rebranding	Exam Board Spec. Revision Book Photopea Rocketcake
Dance	Introduction to the course Students will develop their knowledge of Physical skills required for Dance. In theory they will work on learning definitions and types of exercises used to improve each skill. In practicals, students will apply and develop these skills by learning two ensemble pieces that will be performed in the Christmas showcase.	AQA
3D Design	The students will be gaining a wide range of 3D Design skills. They will be exploring biomimicry in design by exploring leaf patterns. The students will then develop an understanding of working in ceramics, card and metal	AQA
Drama	Induction to the GCSE: Improvisation Scripted performance Devising - 'Blackout' text Practitioners - Brecht/Gecko Component 1 Section A - Staging/Roles & Responsibilities in the Theatre	
Food Preparation and Nutrition	EDUQAS GCSE Course intro & hygiene: Course expectations, food hygiene, and safety Food safety: High-risk foods, food poisoning, and	https://illuminate.digital/eduqasfood/

	bacteria Macronutrients: Protein, fat, carbohydrates – functions, sources, and effects Micronutrients: Vitamins, minerals, fibre, and water – roles and deficiencies Food provenance: Food origins, food miles, and environmental impact Sustainability: Packaging, sustainability, food waste, and food security Cultural understanding: British and international cuisines	
French	Unit 1: My personal world Key aims: Use key irregular verbs and adjectives to describe myself and other people. Ask and answer questions about myself and other people. Use opinion verbs and adjectives to describe how I feel about others Use a range of structures to describe my relationships with others. Use modal verbs to describe my wishes for the future. Describe and express my views on today's society and key equality issues. Understand a longer text on this topic Explore French culture, customs and current affairs.	Exam Board Pearson Edexcel https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/modern-languages-2016.html BBC Bitesize: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zhkvkhv
Geography	Intro to Geog including themes and skills Living world: Ecosystems and Hot deserts	AQA https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zpf6mnb https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zhkvkhv

		esize/topics/z2tqwx
Health and Social Care	R032 - Principles of care in health and social care settings 1.1 Types of care settings 1.2 The rights of service users 1.3 The benefits to service users' health and wellbeing when their rights are maintained. 2.1 Person-centred values and how they are applied by service providers 2.2 Benefits of applying the P-C values 2.3 Effects on service users' health and wellbeing if PCVs are not applied	https://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/711831-specification-cambridge-nationals-health-and-social-care-j835-assessment-from-2025.pdf
History	GCSE Unit- Changes in Health and Medicine in Britain c500- Present Day - Causes of illness - Prevention of illness	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zttypbk
Music	We are beginning the first unit in the new vocational qualification which is based on Performance. Students will be making programme notes, researching their chosen artist, rehearsing and documenting the process, performing the final piece, and then evaluating it. GCSE twilight: Y10 students will be completing their open brief compositions and starting their set brief compositions. All students will continue to analyse their set works and prepare for mocks.	https://www.edugas.co.uk/qualifications/level-1-2-vocational-award-in-performing-arts/#tab_keydocuments https://www.edugas.co.uk/qualifications/music-gcse/#tab_keydocuments
Photography	Students will begin their 'Super 6' project. They will explore the elements through a wide range of practical workshops. They will also be introduced to Google Slides and guided through how to structure and present GCSE Photography coursework.	How to Take Better Pictures! Elements of Design
PE GCSE	Practical: Badminton, Table tennis, Football, Hockey, Netball or Handball	Kerboodle AQA GCSE PE 1-9 pages 133 - 150 Health, fitness and

	Theory: Chapter 6 - Health, Fitness and Well-being + Diet and Nutrition. Topics for this include: • Defining physical, mental and social health • Defining and explaining consequences of a sedentary lifestyle • Describing different components of a healthy, balanced diet and the role of each food group • Describing different types of somatotype and applying them to sporting examples	well-being and Diet and nutrition
Psychology GCSE	Introduction to Psychology What is Psychology? Memory, Mental health, Introduction to Psychology studies and research methods, Neural development, Sleep investigations and theories of Criminal Psychology. Criminal Psychology <u>Core studies</u> - Cooper and Mackie - Aggression and video games Eysenck's theory - Personality traits and relation to crime Heaven's study - Personality and self reporting delinquency Developmental Psychology <u>Core studies</u> Piaget's theory of cognitive development Piaget's study of conservation Dweck - Growth mindset Willingham - Learning styles Blackwell et al's study - Correlation between mindset and achievement Exam skills and research methods.	Specification link - https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse/psychology-j203-from-2017/specification-at-a-glance/ BET Psych website: https://sites.google.com/bhohunt.hants.sch.uk/bet-gcse-psychology?usp=sharing
Sociology GCSE	Introduction to Sociology Families & Households Research Methods	Exam Spec: https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/gcse/sociology-8192/specification/specification-at-a-glance
Spanish	Unit 1: My personal world Key aims:	Exam Board Pearson Edexcel https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/e

	I can use key irregular verbs and adjectives to describe myself and other people. I can ask and answer questions about myself and other people. I can use opinion verbs and adjectives to describe how I feel about others. I can use a range of structures to describe my relationships with others. I can use modal verbs to describe my wishes for the future. I can describe and express my views on today's society and key equality issues. I can understand a longer text on this topic Explore Spanish culture, customs and current affairs.	dexcel-gcses/modern-languages-2016.html BBC Bitesize https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zwbhb7h
ASDAN	Year 9: All about Me projects Presentations Cooking Problem Solving tasks	
Sport Studies	<u>Theory</u> Performance and leadership in sports activities - Students applying practice methods to support improvement in a sporting activity. <u>Practical</u> Students will take part in a variety of sports in order to help them establish their best 2 sports that they will be graded in by the end of the year.	https://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/610953-specification-cambridge-nationals-sport-studies-j829.pdf https://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/638351-approved-sporting-activity-list.pdf