

TUESDAY OPTION CHOICES

Child Development – Mrs Crowley

The aim of this option is to teach pupils about the stages of child development – from planning a family, to pregnancy and parenthood, to the care of the child. It will highlight the different careers that could potentially be open to them should they wish to continue their studies into post-16 education.

Sports Leader Award – Mr Beeson

This option is for pupils who wish to develop knowledge and practical skills in coaching and leadership. Pupils will study for an 'I can lead' Award accredited by Sports Leaders UK. This will prepare pupils for qualifications in sport, fitness, coaching and public services.

The course includes:

- Exploring the different skills of a leader
- Planning, preparing and delivering sports sessions to their peers
- Trying out a range of different sporting activities
- Teamwork and leadership activities

Pupils will need to provide evidence in a portfolio to achieve the award.

Horticulture – Mr Devine

In this option, pupils develop their understanding and appreciation of nature through gardening, growing seasonal food and learning about its nutrition, arts and crafts and outdoor activities. The option develops from Land Based Studies covered in Years 7-9, but has a greater emphasis on how nature and working outdoors boosts our physical and mental wellbeing.

History – Mr Browne

Pupils will study a range of units leading to a WJEC Entry Level qualification. The units include:

- Historical Change over time: Changes in Civil Rights USA 1941 - 2000. The aim is to help our pupils understand the process of historical change and development over time. This will include from the foundation of the USA, slavery, civil rights marches and racism still in US society.
- People and Protest: The aim is to help our pupils gain knowledge of the reasons why people sometimes resort to protest, the different methods used to protest and whether protest is ever successful. This will include Ghandi in India and Arthur Scargill with the miners' strike of 1984.

Catering – Mrs Smith

This option allows pupils who are interested in a career in catering or hospitality to develop their culinary skills by running a staff café, planning, making and selling dishes on a weekly basis. There will also be an opportunity to visit local hospitality venues to explore careers. This option will allow pupils to provide more evidence towards their BTEC in home cooking skills as well as working towards their food hygiene certificates. Pupils will also work towards running a catered charity event in the summer term.

THURSDAY OPTION CHOICES

Design Technology – Mr Devine

In this option pupils will use and develop the skills they have learnt in Key Stage 3 to design and make projects of their own. This will involve producing a folder of work including research and development of a final idea and the manufacture of a working prototype of this design. Pupils will work towards Entry Level Units. Key skills pupils will develop in this option will be:

- Understanding of how to develop their ideas into effective design ideas.
- Competence in using an extended range of tools and equipment.
- Growing awareness of how to assess the effectiveness of products.

Geography- Mr Browne

Pupils will study a range of units leading to a WJEC Entry Level qualification. The units include:

- Climate Change: This enables our pupils to find out about the causes and effects of climate change and what individuals and the UK government can do to reduce risks posed by climate change. It looks at how the UK will meet its future energy needs in a more sustainable manner by developing and making more use of renewable energy sources.
- Threatened Ecosystems: This enables our pupils to recognise the natural environment, to know that it is fragile, can be endangered and needs to be protected through actions of people, global organisations and governments.

Community and Environmental Studies – Mrs Diamond

We will be looking at what it means to be a good citizen, taking part in litter picking and other community projects including our visits to Emsworth House, careers and working in the community. We will do projects covering climate change, recycling, water waste and food waste both in the UK and around the world, recycling, sustainable travel, sustainable holidays on a budget, furnishing a house on a budget, eco-friendly house design and look at how to make our school more eco-friendly. There will be lots of debate and discussion and off-site visits too! The learning objectives will be for our pupils to gain knowledge and understanding of the world and how their choices can make a difference now and in the future.

Computing – Mrs Nisha

Pupils will have an opportunity to further develop the IT skills that will help them with choices at college. Each term will focus on a different area of computing, giving pupils a chance to explore creative design, programming, and technical knowledge.

- Animation Design: Pupils will have the opportunity to explore a range of animation software. They will compare the tools, evaluate their strengths and weaknesses, and select the most suitable one for their project. Using their chosen software, pupils will plan, create, and test their own animation, developing creativity, digital design, and problem-solving skills.
- Programming and Web Development: Building on their programming knowledge, pupils will strengthen their coding skills and apply them in a practical project. They will learn the basics of web development by designing and building a simple website **using** HTML and CSS. This option enhances logical thinking, coding proficiency, and an understanding of how websites function.
- Computer Systems: In the final term, pupils will deepen their understanding of how computer systems work. They will study the key components of hardware and software, how data is processed, and the principles of computer architecture. This option develops technical knowledge, analytical skills, and prepares pupils for further study in computing and IT.

Lifeskills – Mrs Pope

This option will give those pupils who enjoy their weekly Lifeskills trips an opportunity to have another session each week to go out of school to develop their knowledge and skills in the following areas: Personal safety, Travel training, Money skills, Social skills, Health and wellbeing, Careers and future placements, Independent living skills.