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Specialist Studies



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Aims

*Outline curriculum for
Year 9*

*Explain choices and future
implications*



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Context

National changes

- *New GCSE exams graded 1-9*
- *GCSE exams have increased content*
- *Some schools have opted for a three year KS4*



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Options

*In Year 9 students will
select their GCSE options
subjects as before*



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Year 8
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Studies

Students will be given
an element of choice

All will do....



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*All will
cover*

English
Maths
Science
French
RPE
PE
Computing



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Choice of..

History

Geography



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Then 3
others

Geography

History

Music

Art

Textiles

Resistant Materials

Drama

Food technology



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- Each of these subjects will then have 4 periods each fortnight
- This means that students will be able to cover more content in readiness for GCSE



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- *Think Carefully*
- *Don't have to continue the specialist studies into Year 10*
- *Subjects not taken in Year 9 will not be recommended for Year 10*



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- *Keep your options open*
- *Not sensible to select three technology subjects at this stage*



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- Some students may not get all of their choices.
- Students will be also required to select a reserve subject choice.
- If this is needed we will contact and discuss this with you.



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Next Steps

- *Tomorrow students will be issued with the Specialist Studies options form*
- *Please discuss this at home and then complete the form*
- *Return this to school by 22nd March*



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- *We will then see what combinations of subject work*
- *You will be informed of the subject choices during the first half of the summer term.*



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- *As ever, do contact us with any questions about this process.*
- *Thank you*