

Year 9 Options will be announced on Friday 1st May.

As of Monday 4th May, the Year 9 curriculum (the subjects you undertake, not the timetable) will reflect your KS4 curriculum. The outline below indicates how many hours you should be working on each subject each fortnight.

Guided Learning Hours

Core Subjects:

English Language – 4 hours/ fortnight

English Literature – 4 hours/ fortnight

Maths – 7 hours/ fortnight

Science – 8 hours/ fortnight

PSD – 2 hours/ fortnight

Options Subjects:

Students should work on each of their Options Subjects for 5 hours/ fortnight.

Suggested Timetable

It is important that you organise your time well while working independently at home, while your timetable on Go4Schools, will not change, you will need to create a new timetable for your school day to allow you to spend the hours allocated above on your subjects. We have put together a suggested two-week timetable below which you could choose to follow. You might need to arrange your timetable differently based on when you have access to resources like a laptop.

We would strongly recommend that you build activities into your timetable to look after your physical and mental wellbeing. You might plan in your daily walk, or bike ride. You might timetable an hour for yoga, relaxation or mindfulness activities. Whatever, you enjoy, it is essential to look after yourself properly during this time.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week A	English Language	Option 2	Option 4	Maths	English Literature
	Maths	Science	Option 1	Option 3	Option 2
	Science	English Literature	English Language	Science	Maths
	Option 4	Wellbeing Hour	Science	Wellbeing Hour	Option 4
	Option 1	Option 3	Option 2	Option 1	PSD

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week B	Science	English Language	English Literature	Maths	Option 3
	Option 4	Option 1	Science	Option 1	Maths
	Maths	Science	PSD	English Language	English Literature
	Wellbeing Hour	Option 2	Wellbeing Hour	Option 2	Wellbeing Hour
	Option 3	Maths	Option 3	Science	Option 4

Year 9 Summer 2020 Curriculum Overview

Where will my work be set? How will I find it?

We will be using Microsoft Teams wherever possible to set work for and communicate with you as Year 9 students. By Monday 4th May, you will have been added to a Microsoft Team for all of your Options and Core subjects.

Core Subjects: Work will continue to be set by your teachers on Go4Schools for your Core subjects. However, your teacher might direct you towards resources, quizzes and assessments which are set up on the Microsoft Team for that subject.

Options Subjects: All work for your Options subjects will be set on the Microsoft Team for that subject. You will not be subdivided into classes here. So, for example, every student who has been allocated History for next year will be placed into the same Team which will be lead by all of the Key Stage 4 History teachers.

What kind of work will I be set?

We find ourselves in a strange, but fortunate, position this year. Having been forced to move to a remote system of learning, we have thought really carefully about how we get you to use your time most effectively to prepare for your Key Stage 4 subjects. Teachers will be setting introductory units of work which are linked to your KS4 syllabus without starting the formal teaching of the courses which will start in September, as usual.

- Work set will be a project-based introduction to the course. It should not deliver specification content, but set you tasks which develop your broader understanding linked to the subject and topics which will arise.
- It will be set at the start of each fortnight on Teams/ Go4Schools with a deadline of the final Friday of the fortnight.
- Teachers might group you and set you a collaborative group task which you work on remotely via Teams as this platform is excellent in allowing you to collaborate on producing group documents easily.
- This is an opportunity for you to be asked to research and investigative topics and issues which support and underpin the curriculum content at KS4, broaden students' understanding of a particular issue, era, genre etc.

What if I don't understand and have questions about the work?

Teachers will be happy to respond to emails within the working school day, so you are more than welcome to continue to contact them in this way.

However, the subject Teams you will be a part of has a chat function (called Posts). This will allow you to ask questions and receive answers from your peers and your teachers. If you would like a question answered by a person in particular, you just need to remember to tag them in your question by typing @theirname