



Curriculum Pathway Evening





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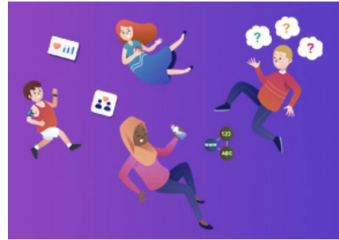


6 Areas of Learning and Experience

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Expressive Arts



Health and Well-being



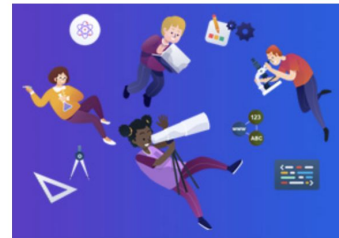
Humanities



Languages, Literacy and Communication



Mathematics and Numeracy



Science and Technology

Within those 6 Areas of Learning there are 27 parts of the Curriculum called 'Statements of What Matters' that all pupils have to learn from the age of 3-14.





Overview of the Curriculum in Year 9

- **Maths and Numeracy**; 7 lessons of Maths
- **LLC**; 7 lessons of English, 3 lessons of Welsh
- **Science and Technology**; 8 lessons of Science, 1 lesson of digital literacy (IT)
- **Health And Wellbeing**; 2 lessons of PE, 2 Lessons of Skills, 1 Lesson of Health and wellbeing (PSE), 1 Lesson of Relationships and Sexuality Education
- **Expressive Arts**;
- **Humanities**; 3 lessons of Religion, Value and Ethics.

35 lessons of the above plus **15** lessons that you can choose from **5** subjects from across the Areas of Learning (3 lessons for each subject).



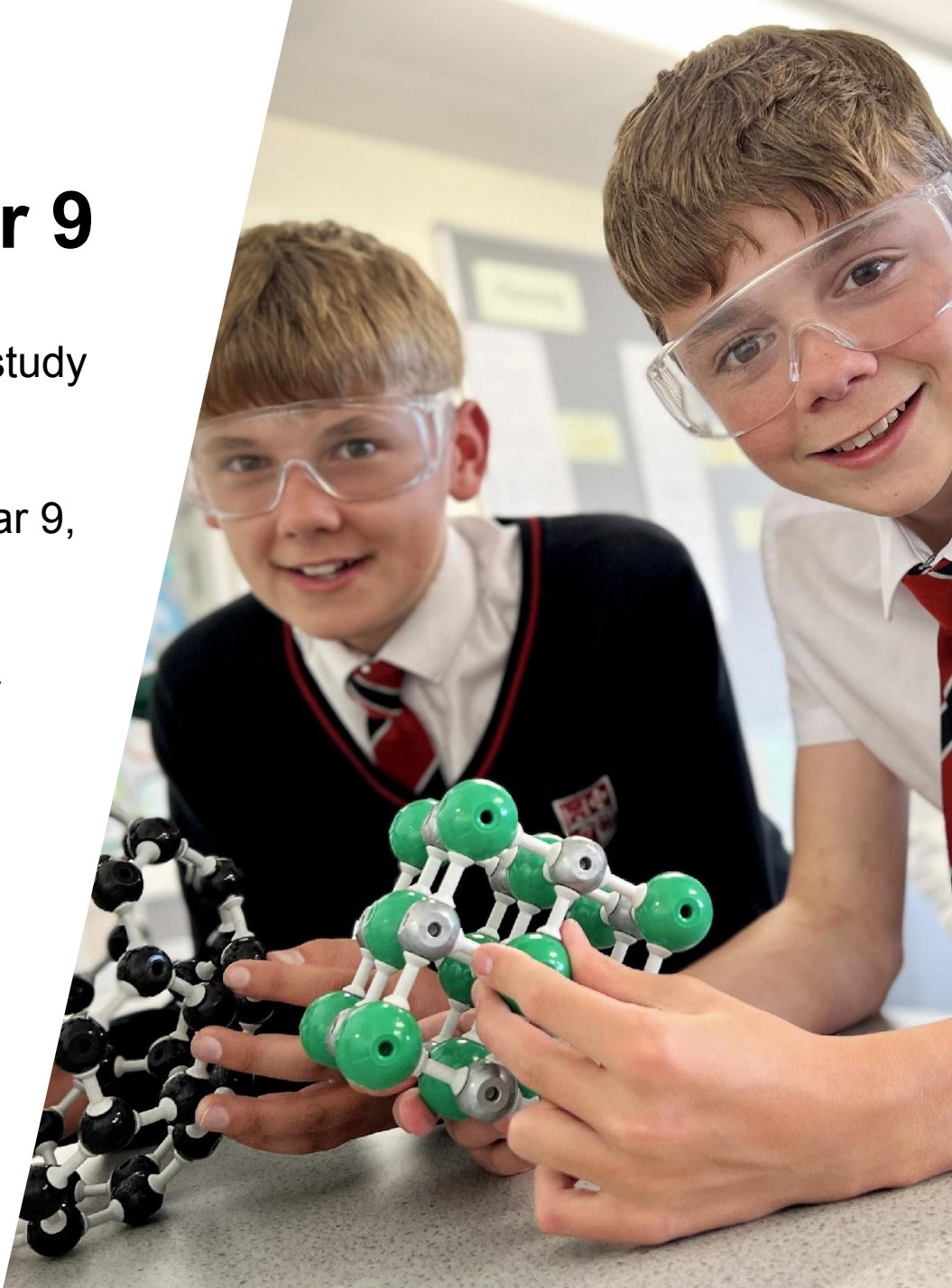
Curriculum for Wales: Year 9 Model 2026-27

Maths	Eng	Eng	Sci	PE	Skills	P 1	P 3	P 5	RE
Maths	Eng	Eng	Sci	PE	Skills	P 2	P 3	P5	RSE
Maths	Eng	Eng	Sci	Sci	H/W	P 2	P 4	P5	Welsh
Maths	Maths	Eng	Sci	Sci	P 1	P 2	P 4	RE	Welsh
Maths	Maths	Sci	Sci	Digital Literacy	P 1	P 3	P 4	RE	Welsh



Curriculum Pathways Year 9

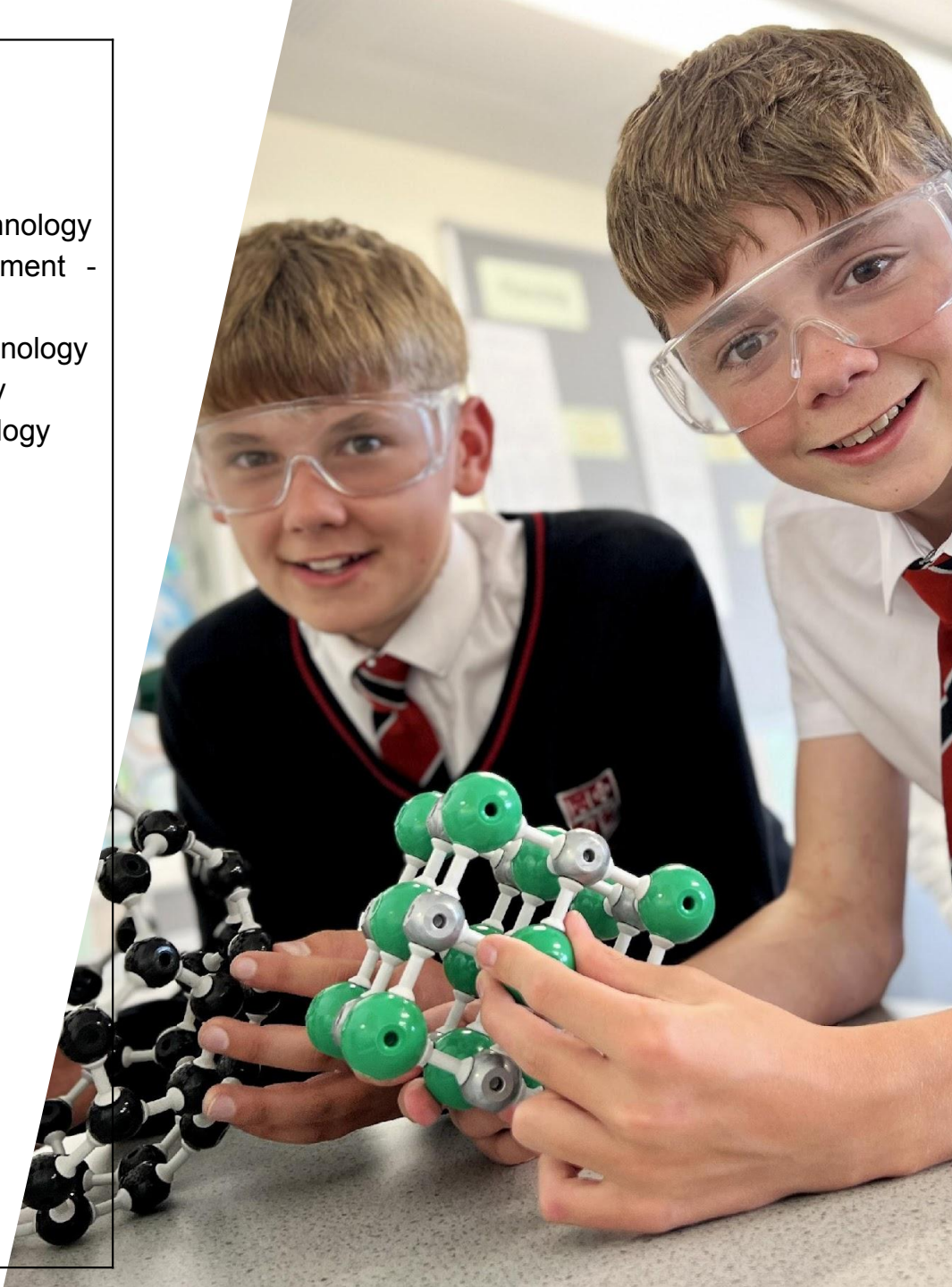
- We want you to have an element of choice of what subjects you study in the Areas of Learning.
- Has to be broad and balanced.
- Pupils **must choose one subject** from the Expressive Arts in Year 9, and then **four** others from the choice below.
- They will be learning the Statements of 'What Matters' and skills, and knowledge about the subject in Year 9 in readiness for if they choose the subject in Year 10/11.
- Pupils will drop from the **5** subjects down to **3 option** subjects in Year 10/11.
- All information will be in the Curriculum Pathways Prospectus (accessed on the website).
- Will not start GCSE/Vocational qualifications until Year 10/11.





- **Art and Design** - Expressive Arts
- **Photography** - Expressive Arts
- **Digital Media and Film** - Expressive Arts
- **Drama** - Expressive Arts
- **Performing Arts** - Expressive Arts
- **Music** - Expressive Arts
- Health and Social Care - Health and Wellbeing
- Hospitality and Catering - Health and Wellbeing
- Independent Living - Health and Wellbeing
- Food and Nutrition - Health and Wellbeing
- Physical Education - Health and Wellbeing
- Business Studies - Humanities
- Geography - Humanities
- History - Humanities
- Humanities Foundation - Humanities
- Social studies - Humanities

- Financial Education - Humanities
- German - LLC
- French - LLC
- Spanish - LLC
- Computer Science - Science and Technology
- Construction and the Built Environment - Science and Technology
- Digital Technology - Science and Technology
- Engineering - Science and Technology
- Product Design - Science and Technology
- Textiles - Science and Technology





Try and.....

- choose subjects which you enjoy
- choose subjects which your teachers say you are doing well in
- give serious consideration to the choices you make
- choose a broad range of subjects
- speak to your teachers/parents/Mr Burrows.
- Get your decision right!

Try not to.....

- choose a subject just because you like the teacher
- choose subjects just because your friends have chosen them
- choose a subject simply because it is a new one you have not studied before.





School website

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*Everything you need
will be here.*

Option Choices for GCSE/Vocational studies

Pupils in Year 9 will need to choose three subjects (from their original five Curriculum Pathways) to continue to study in Year 10 and 11.

- The deadline for submission of the final **3** choices is **Friday 20th March 2026**.
- Year 9 Parents Evening is on the **28th April 2026** between **3- 6pm**.
- Pupils need to complete the Google Form by the deadline above. The form will be sent through the Google Classroom for the Year group and can also be accessed here.
- Teachers will be going through what will be taught in Year 10 and 11 and what assessments take place within the subjects.
- Mr Burrows will share the Year 8 Curriculum Pathway Prospectus for 2025, which highlights what is taught in Year 10/11 for each subject.

Year 8 Curriculum Pathway

Deadline for submission of the final **5** choices is Monday **20th March 2026**.

- Year 8 Curriculum Pathway evening is on the **5th March between 6-8pm 2026**.
- Year 8 Parents Evening (3-6pm) is on the **10th March 2026**.
- To view letters, please see below.
- The Curriculum Pathway Prospectus will be updated by the **4th March** and will be accessible below. This has all the information that you need.
- You will need to complete a Google Form **by the 20th March 2026**, this will be live from the **4th March**.
- Google Form link is here:-

Useful information from Careers Wales to **support pupils** in their decision-making –
www.careerswales.gov.wales/year-8-and-9-subject-options

Useful information from Careers Wales to **support parents/guardians** in aiding pupils –
www.careerswales.gov.wales/parents



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CLASSCHARTS

BARNARDOS

CAREERS

CROSS CURRICULAR SKILLS

SCHOOL RELATED ACRONYMS



Pupils with ALN

- If your child has an Additional Learning Need we offer a range of qualifications in each of the Areas of Learning which your child may find more appropriate.
- Our Learning Support team are available in the ALN area tonight to discuss the alternative pathways with you and support you in this process.





- Mr Burrows will talk with pupils if there are any clashes or concerns with chosen subjects.
- Mr Burrows/ Mr Bruton will contact parents if there are any issues with the pupils chosen subjects.
- Mr Burrows/ALN Department will continue to speak to individual pupils regarding **Pathways**





Key Takeaways

- Choose **5** subjects (1 from expressive Arts)
- Complete Google Form (accessed on Google Classroom and website) by **20th March 2026**
- Ask teachers and staff about suitability for the different subjects in **Year 8 PTC 10th March 2026 and tonight**
- The **5** subjects will drop down to **3** for Year 10 and 11.
We will be in touch around this time next year for arrangements for this.
- They do not have to do an Expressive Arts subject in Year 10 and 11 unless they want to.

