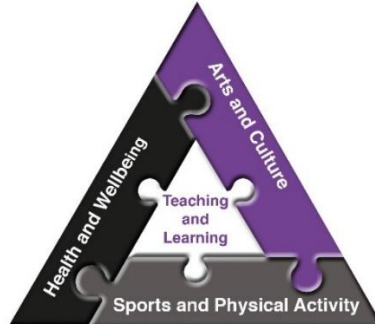


Year 9 Curriculum Booklet

2024-25



We offer a rich and inspiring curriculum enabling each individual to explore their potential, build on their strengths and discover their passion.

We do this by embedding a culture of respect, responsibility, resourcefulness and resilience.

Our curriculum journey empowers students to make successful life choices and meaningful contributions to society.



Year 9 Curriculum

Welcome to Year 9. This booklet outlines what you should expect to learn during Year 9.

For more information about what you should know at the end of each topic, please refer to our website: <https://www.newcollege.leicester.sch.uk/>

The following table shows the subjects that you will take in Year 9 and the number of lessons a fortnight you have for each subject:

Subject	Year 9
English	4
Mathematics	4
Science	4
PE (practical and theory)	3
Art	OPTION (2)
Computer Science	2
Performing Arts (Drama or Dance)	OPTION (2)
Design & Technology	OPTION (2)
French	2
Geography	2
History	2
Religious Education	1
Music	OPTION (2)
Media Studies	OPTION (2)
Spanish	OPTION (2)

**Citizenship is taught through humanities*

**Personal development is taught during tutor time*

Year 9 Tutor Team

The Year 9 tutor team is here to support you throughout your time at New College Leicester.

Our email addresses are here, so that your parents can contact us if they need to:

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Year 9 Homework

2024 – 2025



Homework **develops positive study habits and independent learning.**

Research shows that homework has a positive impact on progress. Homework has an impact by enabling pupils to undertake independent learning to practice and consolidate skills, conduct in depth inquiry, prepare for lessons or revise for exams. In addition, homework gives your parents a chance to see what is being studied in school and teaches you how to take responsibility for your part in the educational process.

Year 9

- You should expect to receive homework weekly for Maths, English and Science
- You should expect to receive homework fortnightly for Computer Science, History, Geography, French, DT, Expressive Arts Option Subjects
- You are also expected to read for 20 minutes each day
- You would usually be given a full week to complete their homework.
- Each homework should take between 45 minutes and 1 hour

Oracy at New College Leicester

'Oracy is to speaking what numeracy is to mathematics or literacy to reading and writing'

In Partnership with Voice 21, we are passionate about embedding a culture where students and staff feel empowered to use their voices through building a culture that celebrates linguistic diversity. Our vision is to develop students verbal and non-verbal communication skills to ensure all students are able to formally articulate themselves correctly in different contexts. Using their voice as a powerful tool to ensure they strive and have the best life chances.

Throughout the curriculum, at New college Leicester, oracy is used to drive progress by advancing students' knowledge and understanding. Oracy throughout the curriculum is used as a pillar to enable students to learn through talk, ensuring opportunities for students to develop their vocabulary parallel to their knowledge and understanding.

Alongside the curriculum, students have opportunities to develop their communication and linguistic diversity. Examples include: Poetry slam, Aspire programme, Presentational talks, Quote of the day, key words and Diana award.

Follow our social media accounts to see the variety of opportunities for talk happening across New College Leicester.

The year 9 curriculum represents the culmination of three years of Key Stage 3. Students will continue on their journey to become expert writers by crafting their narrative skills to create authentic and detail narrative perspectives. Furthermore, through the study of a class read and a whole Shakespeare play, we explore how prejudices impact upon the fair distribution of punishment, as well as how ideas around Christian doctrine dictated actions in Shakespearean England. Throughout the year, students will study a broad range of texts focusing upon the theme of crime and punishment- exploring the ways in which attitudes and perspectives to both crime and punishment have evolved over time from the Divine punishments in Greek mythology to modern day questions surrounding morality.

To assist students on their journey to becoming an expert reader, we continue to use the reading programme 'Accelerated Reader'. Throughout year 9 students will read a variety of books that are linked to their reading ages which enables students to develop their explicit reading skills, inference and comprehension.

Term	Unit	Threshold Concepts:
Autumn 1	Authentic Voices: Creating and effective narrative perspective	Texts and content are selected and sequenced for specific meaning.
		Writers use language and structure to convey meanings
		Standard English is vital in conveying confidence.
Autumn 2	Prejudice and Society: Animal Farm/ Blood Brothers	Writers use language and structure to convey meanings.
		Texts and content are selected and sequenced for specific meaning.
		Etymology, morphology and phonology is vital in decoding new material.
Spring 1&2	Shakespeare and Society: Othello/ The Merchant of Venice	Context informs interpretation
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		Writers use language and structure to convey meanings
		Texts and content are selected and sequenced for specific meaning.
		Etymology, morphology and phonology is vital in decoding new material.
		Standard English is vital in conveying confidence.
Summer 1	Media and Society: Gender representation and Human Rights	Writers use language and structure to convey meanings
		Texts and content are selected and sequenced for specific meaning.
		Etymology, morphology and phonology is vital in decoding new material.
		Context informs interpretation
Summer 2	Synoptic Unit: Crime and Punishment	Writers use language and structure to convey meanings
		Texts and content are selected and sequenced for specific meaning.
		Standard English is vital in conveying confidence.



Mathematics

At New College Leicester, we believe that all students can achieve in mathematics. However, it is important to recognise that some students take longer than others to acquire new skills. We allow some flexibility in the curriculum for students to progress at an appropriate pace. This means that the content will not be covered at the same time for each group.

Topic	Key content
Into the Unknown	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Substitution• Rearranging formulae• Solving linear equations• Functions• Linear graphs
Sequences	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arithmetic Sequences• Geometric Sequences• Quadratic Sequences• Fibonacci Sequences
Ratio	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Simplification• The unitary method• Maps and scales• Conversion between metric units• Best buys• Proportion
Probability	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The probability scale• Listing outcomes• Fractions, decimals and percentages• Sample space diagrams• Independent and mutually exclusive events• Tree diagrams• Relative frequency• Two-way tables• Venn diagrams
Geometry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Angles and lines• Parallel lines• Angles in triangles• Special quadrilaterals• Angles in polygons• Bearings

Transformations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symmetry • Reflections • Rotations • Translations • (Enlargements including those with a fractional or negative scale factor)
Dimensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area of rectilinear shapes • Areas of circles and sectors • Properties of 3D shapes • Volume and surface area • Prisms and Pyramids • Cones and spheres
Units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metric and Imperial units • Conversion between units of area and volume • Compound units, e.g. Speed, Pressure and Density • Upper and lower bounds
Congruence and Similarity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congruence • Congruent triangles • Similarity • Similar solids
Pythagoras Theorem and Trigonometry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pythagoras theorem in 2 and 3 dimensions • Trigonometry for right-triangles in 2 and 3 dimensions • Exact values of trigonometric functions
Representing and Analysing Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Averages • Frequency tables • Charts and graphs, including bar charts, pictograms, pie charts, scatter diagrams, frequency polygons • Histograms • Cumulative Frequency and box plots • Comparing distributions

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Throughout Year 9, students will continue to build on fundamentals of each area of Science whilst considering the fact that Science alone doesn't hold all of the answers. Students will begin to appreciate the technological advances that have enhanced the study of Science, in preparation for starting the GCSE course towards the end of the year.

	Learning Cycle	Key Concepts
Autumn 1	Reproduction and genetics Interactions & interdependence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human reproduction and development • Plant reproduction and seed dispersal • DNA, Variation & evolution • Competition and extinction • Food chains and webs • Biodiversity
Autumn 2	Earth structure and atmosphere Energetics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rocks and rock cycle • Extracting metals • Global warming and climate change • Endothermic and exothermic reactions
Spring 1	Waves	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wave speed and wave behaviour • Light and sound
Spring 2	Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our solar system • Satellites • Days and seasons
Summer 1	Biology Paper 1 – Cell Biology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cells and cell division • Microscopy • Plant cells and tissues • Plant transport
Summer 2	Biology Paper 1 – Cell Biology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leaf adaptations • Photosynthesis • Nutrient deficiencies

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Year 9 is an introductory course intended as preparation for the coursework in Year 10 and 11. Students learn to work more independently and direct their own outcomes. The curriculum provision is two 100-minute lessons every two weeks. Art and Design has traditionally been a popular subject at GCSE level and always looks to bring out our student's creative abilities.

Term	Topic	Key Content	What you will know at the end of this term
Autumn	Introduction to GCSE style of working using a range of directed topics including Identity/Portraiture	Key areas of developing a project- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop ideas through sustained and focused investigations • Select materials and refine ideas through directly exploring and experimenting • record ideas or observations relevant to intentions • present a personal, and original response 	To understand the process of developing a project Use various drawing and designing techniques to record observations in sketchbooks and other media as they develop their designs towards an outcome
Spring	Continue project looking at a range of appropriate Artists that can inform the independent work	As above	How to explore the techniques used by major contemporary or historic artists, craftspeople and designers, as well as other cultures, so as to inform their creative interpretations
Summer	Media development and Workshops including - Printmaking 3D modelling – Clay & Card Pen and ink Watercolour & Acrylics	As above	How to apply their technical knowledge of materials and processes to select and improve their control of techniques and practices.

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Citizenship

In Years 9 Citizenship is taught through the Personal Development Curriculum. Other departments are also building citizenship knowledge through their curriculums.

The National Curriculum requirements for citizenship can be found here: <http://https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-curriculum-in-england-citizenship-programmes-of-study>

Topic	Key content	What you will know at the end of this term
Fairness and Justice: <i>the nature of rules and laws and the justice system, including the role of the police</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is the law?• How does the CJS work?• What can be done to prevent youth crime?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The difference between criminal and civil law.• Who is in the criminal justice system• What the role of the police is• What youth offending is some and how youth crime can be prevented.

Through Citizenship at New College Leicester, you have many opportunities to get involved with active projects and campaigns that benefit others. Our students have made a real difference to the lives of others, we support national charities, actively engage with calendared events such as Parliament Week and Human Rights Day. We have built strong relationships with our MP and local councillors who visit the school and we organise visits to learn more about our democracy and place in the world.

We have a strong Student Parliament leadership team that anyone may join. The Student Parliament represents student voice at our school and works for positive change. They have taken part in Select Committee sessions, gathering evidence with members of the House of Lords. They have appeared on BBC East Midlands, worked with Universities of Leicester and Middlesex to help to drive forward issues that concern our community. Our Student Parliament is recognised and members have consistently been short listed for the Lord Lieutenant Leicestershire Award.

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Computer Science

In Year 9, students progress from their Year 8 curriculum by advancing their Python Programming proficiency through an exploration of sophisticated programming concepts, including functions, procedures, and data structures. The digital design unit introduces students to industry-standard software as they learn how to manipulate vector and bitmap images.

In Spring 1, students then engage in website design, as they will learn how to design and create a website using HTML, CSS & JavaScript. This is followed by the 'Emerging Technologies' unit, where two of the most important aspects in computing are investigated – this being, Artificial Intelligence & Cryptography.

The summer term is made up of the two units: Computer Networking and Systems Architecture. These topics provide students with foundational knowledge as they prepare for Year 10 GCSE Computer Science.

Term	Topic	Key content
Autumn	<u>Python Advanced Programming, algorithms.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Python recap – Input, Output, Data Types & Variables • Selection & Operators • Iteration WHILE • Iteration FOR • Sub-programs - Procedures • Lists & Arrays
	<u>Digital Images Bitmap and Vector Graphics</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Digital Images • Understanding Vector Graphics • Creating Icons using Vector graphics • Understanding Bitmap images • Resolution & Colour Depth • Calculating Image File Sizes
Spring	<u>Web Design Introduction to HTML, CSS & JavaScript</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HTML & CSS • CSS Backgrounds and images • DIV tags, page sections and CSS • CSS Layouts • JavaScript • Full webpage creation and assessment
	<u>Emerging Technologies Artificial Intelligence & Cryptography</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AI & Computational Thinking • The History of AI • The Impact of AI • Cryptography • Modern Day Encryption
Summer	<u>Computer Networks</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Network Dangers • Network Security • IP Addresses, Packets, Protocols & Bandwidth • Hardware & the Internet • Types of Network, P2P, Client Server
	<u>Systems Architecture</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Processing Unit • Factors that affect CPU Performance • Embedded Systems • Main Memory • Secondary Storage

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Dance (option)



Students who choose to studying dance in year 9 explore a range of dance styles and professional dance works. Students develop their skills as a performer and choreographer and learn how to analyse and appreciate dance. Students also have the opportunity to attend theatre visits and perform in productions. Students have 2 lessons a fortnight.

	Topic	Key content
Autumn Term 1	An introduction to learning dance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate dancewear for safe working practices • Develop skills in the Hip Hop dance style • Introduction to basic physical and technical skills • Introduction to choreography and dance relationships • Introduction to dance analysis
Autumn Term 2	Jazz dance (Musical Theatre)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop skills in the Jazz (Musical Theatre) style • Introduction to key Physical Skills • Performing a piece of Musical Theatre repertoire with accuracy • Rehearsal skills
Spring Term 1	Dance Style Workshops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballet dance style • Tap dance style • Break dance style • Urban dance style • Stylistic qualities of each style • Interpretative skills
Spring Term 2	Contemporary Dance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop skills in the Contemporary dance style • Refine key physical skills • Create movement content in response to a stimulus • Self-evaluation
Summer Term	Choreography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responding to a creative brief • Developing ideas and content from a stimulus • Create movement motifs • Working as a team • Dance structures • Dance relationships • Accompaniment • Technical aspects of a dance production • Evaluate the create process and final outcome

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Design and Technology (option)



The teaching of Design and Technology at Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 and 9) allows students to gain vital skills in all aspects of Design and Technology. Each year students rotate around all three Design and Technology subject areas: Textiles, Hospitality and Design Technology. Students spend 12 weeks in each area.

During practical lessons students are taught a wide range of both traditional craft skills and use of specialist equipment and machinery. As well as practical lessons students will take part in theory lessons giving them the opportunity to develop their knowledge of materials and design processes.

Below are the projects students will complete in Year 9:

	Topic	Key content
Food	Advanced cookery skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health and safety in the kitchen• Knife skills, including different cuts• Kneading and shaping• Handling raw meat• Time management
Textiles	Electronic Sugar Skull	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health and safety in a textiles room• Using a sewing machine• Decorative Techniques• Seams, Hems and seam• Allowances• Paper patterns• Component parts
Product Design	Clocks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health and safety in the workshop• Timber• Design researcher• Using different machinery in the workshop safety• Shaping wood• Producing design ideas and planning how to produce them in a workshop.

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Drama (option)



Students can select to study Drama in year 9. This enables greater exploration of styles of drama. Throughout the year, students will develop their knowledge of different styles through Applying stylistic qualities, fundamental skills and techniques into a performance. Students have opportunities to further develop their skills through being actively involved in extra-curricular group performances throughout the year.

Students have 2 lessons a fortnight.

	Topic	Key content
Autumn Term	Scripted performances; focussing on physical and vocal skills.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn key physical and vocal skills• To develop leadership skills by being a team player• To develop characterisation in scripted extracts• Be an effective audience member• To develop an awareness of purpose' of a script• How to approach a scripted extract through rehearsal techniques such as blocking.
Spring Term	Theatre styles and practitioners	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To develop movement sequences such as stylised movement to tell a story.• Explore ensemble movement to tell a story• To develop knowledge of different theatre practitioners and their process' used• To understand different styles of theatre such as physical theatre and Brecht.• Perform and appreciate different styles of theatre
Summer Term	Responding to a brief	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn the starting points when creating a performance from a stimuli• Learn the different techniques and stylistic qualities that can be applied to a performance.• Explore how to use improvisation to discover the potential development of ideas.• Devise characters that have clear personalities to influence the storyline.• Perform devised work ensuring a clear purpose is created.

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French

Students will continue to study curriculum designed around Extensive Processing Instruction in Year 9 covering a variety of interesting and appealing topics. We firmly believe that teaching mixed ability groups allows all students to thrive in MFL. Over the course of year 9 we aim to have students in as strong a position as possible, should they want to choose the subject for GCSE.

Term	Topic	Key content
Autumn	Holidays	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Where you went on holiday• What you did on holiday• Where you would like to go on holiday <p>By the end of this term, students will be able to: give an account of a recent holiday plus talking about an ideal holiday.</p>
Spring	Future Plans & Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Life After NCL 1 (Near Future Tense)• Life After NCL 2 (Conditional) <p>By the end of this term, students will be able to: talk about their future plans for life after NCL and aspirations.</p>
Summer	French Survival Guide	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• At the Restaurant• At the Hotel• At the Pharmacy <p>By the end of this term, students will have access to a range of practical vocabulary and phrases that can be used in real-life scenarios in a Francophone country.</p>

For further information,

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	Learning Cycle	Key Concepts
Autumn 1	Exploring Earth's Dynamics Climatic and Tectonic Hazards	How are tropical storms linked to climate? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Atmospheric circulation – HFP cells High and low pressure FITE vs VASO, Evidence HIT Line graph – sea level change Bar chart GHG emissions Greenhouse effect Vulnerability – PSE India vs UK – Flooding Evaluating a response – Nargis & Sandy
Autumn 2	Booming BRICS	Why is a country considered a superpower? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Superpower criteria Cultural conflicts: Brazil From collapse to creation: Russia Exploring India Globalisation and China The hidden treasure: South Africa
Spring 1	Investigating Megacities – Lagos vs London	Why is Lagos popular and what challenges does Lagos face? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mega city characteristics – Lagos Socio-economic change Land use and conflict Opportunities and challenges in Lagos Sustainable Lagos
Spring 2	Decisions, Decisions, Finding Sustainable Solutions.	Why do geographical issues cause conflict between different groups? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying geographical issues and solutions The biosphere and us – CAWS & FRM Threats to our forests Oceans and forests – challenges and solutions Interpreting data – group presentation conflict in the Taiga. Biomes – Distribution and threats CLUMPH Sustainable forest management Conflicting opinions - Groups
Summer 1	Raging Rivers	How do rivers influence the landscape and human activities? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> River Landscapes – drainage basins Processes - TED, HACA, SSST Bradshaw model, climate and geology slope processes OS maps and Cross sections Storm hydrographs Sheffield floods – Causes and impacts Increasing flood risk



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flood management – CBA – H vs S
Summer 2	Coastline Challenges and Controversies	<p>Are coastal areas worth protecting?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geology – concordant vs discordant Coastal processes – TED Coastal Landforms Erosion and Defence Conflict in Southampton Climate Change – 2013 storm surge Conflict in the Maldives

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History

By the time students enter Year 9, they will have a secure foundation of historical knowledge and skills. We aim to equip all students with a secure knowledge of the past. The Year 9 topics focus on the modern history of the world around us.

Term	Topic	Key content
Autumn	World War Two	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Was WW2 inevitable? Key events of WW2 and how did it end?
	The Holocaust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What was Jewish life like in Europe before the 1930s? How were Jews persecuted? What is the legacy of the Holocaust?
Spring	Post War World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Cold War – why did it start, and key events in Europe and Asia? How did the Cold War end?
Summer	Civil Rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How did the Civil Rights Movement start? Key protests e.g. Montgomery Bus Boycott, Little Rock 9, Black Power.

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Music



In Year 9 students can select a pathway to follow. The music production pathway builds the necessary skills needed for Key Stage 4 success, for example arranging a piece of music into a different genre.

Students will explore how to record audio in the studio, and mix audio using EQ, FX, balance, panning, and processors. Students will explore how to build and produce a whole music track looking at minimalism and understand how to compose for a film by exploring different techniques.

	Topic	Key content
Autumn	Film production	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explore production by setting up the DAW and programming and recording notes in• Create a piece of film music for a scene• Understand mixing and presenting a final piece of music
	Video game production	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create a piece of video game music for a character• Explore adaptive music and impact on players
Spring	Original production	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create a piece of minimalism music• Explore way to extend original ideas – melodic development• Explore notation software to produce an original composition
Summer	Responding to a brief – Arranging production	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand the client, target audience, aims, and objectives of the brief• Create a piece of music that fulfills the brief• Understand key characteristics of synth pop and rock 'n' roll• Explore how to arrange a piece of music into a different style• Understand the key characteristics of different genres

In addition to their school Music lessons, students are also able to sign up for instrumental lessons. These lessons are free of charge.

We are offering instrumental lessons in: Piano, Violin, Guitar, Bass Guitar, Clarinet, Flute, Percussion and vocals.

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Ms Brown at kbrown@newcollege.leicester.sch.uk



Performing Arts Technology (Option)

Students can select to study Performing Arts Tech in year 9. This enables greater exploration of the production elements in theatre. Throughout the year, students will develop their knowledge and understanding of a set designer, lighting technician and designer and costumes. Students have opportunities to apply the skills learn through being actively involved in the non-performer roles in performances and concerts.

Students have 2 lessons a fortnight.

	Topic	Key content
Autumn Term	Set and lighting design	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn key skills and responsibilities of a set and lighting designer• Learn and use equipment to create designs• Develop lighting and set designs which use a range to tones and materials for effect• Explore and create set designs for a brief
Spring Term	Designing for concerts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn how to adapt lighting techniques for a concert performance.• Learn how to cue lights to influence atmosphere and mood• How to adapt and develop stage plans for concerts from theatres• Develop awareness of textures and materials used in dance costumes• Analyse and present design ideas through presentations
Summer Term	Designing a brief	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop steps to take when devising a performance• Specialise in production area to enhance skills and responsibilities• Explore a purpose and intention in a design, linking back to a brief• Explore how to use improvisation in designs to judge potential• Develop designs and create production areas for whole school performances.

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Practical PE

In Year 9 students will develop their knowledge, understanding and application of the core and advanced skills in a variety of sports. Students will spend 4 lessons on each activity.

In Year 9 students will have the opportunity to participate in handball, basketball, football, netball, rugby, dodgeball gymnastics, trampolining, badminton, tennis and striking and fielding activities.

Theory / BTEC Sport

In Year 9 students will have 1 theory lesson a fortnight. Across the year students will learn about diversity in sport, the importance of psychology and sporting injuries. Students will also develop their knowledge, understanding and application of leadership skills which will prepare them for KS4 BTEC Sport

Please see the table below of the KS3 BTEC Sport curriculum (please note dates/terms are approximate).

Term	Topic	Key content
Autumn	Psychology	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Confidence• Anxiety• Motivation
	Sporting injuries	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basic injuries and rehabilitation• Complex injuries and rehabilitation• Basic and emergency first aid
Spring	Celebrating Leicester	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Racial equality in Sport• Gender equality in Sport
Summer	Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Skills of a leader• Qualities of a leader• Planning and delivering a warm up• Evaluation and target setting

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Personal Development

	Key content
Autumn 1	This is Us <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognising and demonstrating personal strengths • What can affect wellbeing and resilience • The impact that media and social media have on how people think about themselves. • Strategies that could be used to help build resilience to negative opinions and comments. • Recognising and managing internal and external influences which affect health and wellbeing
Autumn 2	Relationships, sex and health education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The law relating to consent and consent should be freely given without pressure or manipulation • The purpose, importance and different forms of contraception; how and where to access them and advice • Infections can be spread through sexual activity and barrier contraceptives offer some protection against certain STI's • The risks related to unprotected sex and consequences of unintended pregnancy
Spring	Drugs, alcohol, and associated risks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The characteristics of abusive behaviours (grooming, sexual harassment, sexual and emotional abuse and to recognise there warning signs. • The misuse and supply of legal and illegal substances could lead to grooming, sexual and emotional abuse, violence and exploitation • How the misuse or supply of drugs could lead to young people joining gangs (county lines) • How gang culture could pressure young people to supply legal and illegal substances and carry a weapon.
	Finance and Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance and related risks that young people may make. • About values and attitudes relating to finance, including debt. • Manage emotions related to money • Evaluate the use of money including the influences of advertisement and peers
Summer	Relationships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognise peer influence and develop strategies to manage it • How peer approval can generate feelings of pressure and lead to risk taking • The role of peers in supporting each other • Strategies to manage pressure to join a gang • Motivations, misconceptions and consequences of carrying weapons. Citizenship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fairness and Justice

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is crime? • What is the criminal justice system?
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In Year 9 Personal Development is taught during tutor time.

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Religious Education

Our curriculum is taught with a mixture of linear and thematic learning, giving students the chance to learn, use and compare new concepts as well as enhance their understanding and skills in the wider world. These transferable skills will support at Key Stage 4.

	Year 9	Key content
Autumn Term	Impacts of crime and punishment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why do people commit crime? • Why do we have laws and aims of punishment? • Would you forgive? • How should criminals be treated?
Spring Term	Exploring Hindu Dharma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are Hindu beliefs about God and scriptures? • What are the four stages of life in Hindu Dharma? • What are the features of a Hindu Mandir? • What are the significant places in Hindu Dharma? • What are Hindus key beliefs?
Summer Term	Why is religion controversial?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persecution and violence in religion • What is a Holy war? • Women, equality and religion • What is sexuality and homosexuality? • What is the difference between a marriage and divorce? • What is contraception?

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Spanish (Option)



In the Spring term of Year 8, students will be able to choose an expressive arts pathway which will dictate a small number of optional subjects taken in Year 9. If students elect to follow a pathway containing Spanish they will be given a year-long crash course in the language, the aim of which is to equip them with enough knowledge to continue to succeed at GCSE level in the language.

Term	Topic	Key content
Autumn	About Me	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Name, Age and Where you Live• Describing Yourself• Describing Others <p>By the end of this term, students will be able to: confidently introduce themselves as well as describing themselves and others using a range of adjectives.</p>
Spring	School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Subjects & Opinions• Uniform <p>By the end of this term, students will be able to: give justified opinions on school life and describe their school uniform accurately using colours and adjectives.</p>
Summer	SOS Español	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In the Town• At the Restaurant• At the Hotel <p>By the end of this term, students will have access to a range of practical vocabulary and phrases that can be used in real-life scenarios in a Spanish speaking country.</p>

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Wider Curriculum

We also have lots of exciting additional activities that students can get involved with this year.

Year 9 are activities are as follows:

- Archery
- Art Club
- Aspire Art Club
- Badminton
- Band
- Choir
- Cooking
- Curve Young Company
- DIY
- Dodgeball
- Drama
- Football
- Freestyle Gymnastics
- Just Dance
- Moving Together Dance
- Netball
- Production
- Rounders
- Rugby
- School Show
- Textiles
- Trampolining

For further information, including days and times, please refer to our website

<https://www.newcollege.leicester.sch.uk/wider-curriculum/609.html>