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Creative/Technical Subject Choices in the 3rd Form

Dear 2nd Form Pupils and Parents,

As we begin to look ahead to the start of the 3rd Form there is the opportunity to make some subject choices at this stage of your school career. The details are set out below.

- All 3rd Form pupils will take two out of the three creative/technical subjects offered in the 3rd Form and at GCSE – Art, Design Technology Engineering and Food & Nutrition
- You need to consider and decide which two subjects you would most like to study
- Your first choice subject is guaranteed and we will do our best to ensure your second choice too
- These choices will allow an early focus in these subject areas ahead of GCSE. The majority of pupils take one creative subject in the 4th Form (a small number take two).
- Your son or daughter has had an options briefing where the heads of the three departments described what their subjects involve and the process was explained. They have a leaflet outlining the details and an options form to take home. These are also available on the school website.
- There are opportunities for discussion and confirmation of choices with subject teachers on an individual basis and at the Parents' Evening on 27th February just before the deadline for returning the form on Friday 28th February.
- Please note that if there is a change of mind during next year and you do decide you wish to take your third creative subject for GCSE, that is possible but it may require some catch-up work. This applies to all three subjects.

For those of you with older children in the school you will know that this is a new option and part of our system whereby pupils gain an increasing degree of selection in their curriculum. This fits into the balance between breadth and specialisation that we offer as a school and will feed into the continued examination successes of our pupils individually and collectively.

Do please contact me if you have any questions about the process. Tutors are well-placed for individual guidance as are the subject teachers in Art, DTE and FN.

Kind regards,

Mr. C.J.A. Bates
Deputy Head (Academic)



Creative/Technical Subject Options in the 3rd Form 2020-21

To all 2nd Form Pupils and Parents:

In the 3rd Form pupils take two out of the three Creative/Technical Subjects offered (Art, Design Technology Engineering and Food & Nutrition). You will be guaranteed your first choice subject with your second choice subject highly likely but not guaranteed. Even if you do not take a particular creative subject in the 3rd Form you will still be able to opt for it at GCSE although some catch-up work may be required. Options will be confirmed at the start of the summer term. Do please contact me if there are any questions or changes of mind. For subject specific questions, please contact the head of the relevant department, Mrs Bamford (Art), Mr Spencer (DTE), Mrs Bennett (FN).

Pupil Name: Tutor :

Creative/Technical Subjects Options for 3rd Form **Please enter your rank order of subject preference** **using 1,2,3 in the boxes below.**

Art

Design Technology Engineering

Food & Nutrition

Do you strongly mind about your second choice subject? Yes No

Please contact your tutor or the relevant head of department if you have any queries about what each subject involves. Heads of Department for each of the subjects will have spoken to the year group about what is involved in their subject area.

A summary of what is offered for Art, DTE and FN in the 3rd Form and for GCSE is attached.

Please return to Mr Bates via your tutor by **FRIDAY 28th February 2020**