



HARRODIAN

13s OPTIONS CHOICES  
FOR YEAR 9 (13S) STARTING SEPTEMBER 2024

## DEAR 12S (YEAR 8) PARENTS AND PUPILS,

This booklet gives you information about the option subjects that we offer pupils in the 13s (Year 9) which I hope you will find useful. 13s pupils will continue to enjoy a broad curriculum, but begin to shape their choices for the two year GCSE courses that begin in the 14s (Year 10) in September 2025.

The core GCSE subjects of English, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry and Physics will continue to be taught alongside Geography, History, Religious Studies, Physical Education, Sport and Citizenship. In addition, pupils must choose **one** Modern Foreign Language from Block A and **two or three** options (see explanation below) from Block B.

| <b>Block A</b><br>(3 lessons per week) | <b>Block B</b><br>(1 lesson per week) |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| French                                 | Ancient Greek**                       |
| Spanish                                | Art and Design                        |
| Italian                                | Business                              |
|  | Computing                             |
|  | Classical Civilisation                |
|  | Drama                                 |
|  | Film Studies                          |
|  | Latin                                 |
|  | Media Studies                         |
|  | Music                                 |
|  | 3 Dimensional Design*                 |
|  | Sport Science                         |
|  | French (2 lessons a week)             |

In order to assist you, please note the following;

### **Modern Foreign Languages**

All 13s are required to study one Modern Foreign Language listed in Block A.

If a pupil wishes to study two languages, either Spanish or Italian alongside French, they must choose either Spanish or Italian from Block A and French from Block B. French, unlike all other options in Block B, requires two lessons per week rather than one. This leaves a choice of only one other option apart from French in Block B.

Studying two Modern Foreign Languages to GCSE is only appropriate for strong, dedicated and highly committed linguists and it is important that pupils who are interested in pursuing this option discuss this first with Mme Montet, Head of Modern Foreign Languages ([smontet@harrodian.com](mailto:smontet@harrodian.com)). Please also note that beginner sets in Spanish and Italian will not be offered, therefore pupils must have studied these languages in the 11s or 12s in order to pursue them in the 13s. Finally, if French is dropped in favour of either Spanish or Italian, it will not be possible to restart it at GCSE in the 14s and 15s.

### **Other option subjects**

Pupils who do not wish to choose a second Modern Foreign Language choose three options in Block B.

In order to provide continuity, pupils considering taking Latin to GCSE are required to continue the subject in the 13s and must therefore choose it in Block B. If pupils are considering taking Computing at GCSE, we advise pupils study this option in the 13s unless they undertake additional studies outside school that develop the requisite skills for GCSE in the 14s/15s.

Apart from Latin, it is not a requirement that pupils should study any of the remaining options in Block B in order to pursue them at GCSE level. These single lessons are designed to give pupils a year's taster course ahead of GCSE and in the case of Art, Drama, Music and Computing build on key skills currently taught in the 11s and 12s.

**\*\*Ancient Greek may be studied as an additional option by arrangement with the Classics Department.**

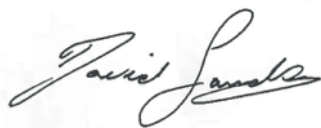
### **3 Dimensional Design**

Please note that due to restrictions on the availability of teachers and the size of the studio, the group size for 3D Design option groups is limited to a maximum of 12 pupils. There are two groups, each of which can accommodate 12 pupils. In the event that there are more than 24 pupils choosing the option, there will be a lottery for places on the course. Parents of any pupils unsuccessful in gaining a place will be notified in writing and asked to resubmit their option choices within 3 days.

*\*Please also note that there is a termly charge of £90 per pupil for 3D Design.*



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# LANGUAGE OPTION

## FRENCH

13s (Year 9) French:

### **Topics to be covered this year:**

- Extra-curricular activities
- Describing friends and describing what you used to be like
- Birthday celebrations
- Clothes
- Pocket money and small jobs
- Jobs and future plans
- Musical tastes
- Discussing how things have changed, including comparing your primary and secondary schools
- Food and eating habits
- Animals and the natural world
- The environment and the use of plastic
- The French speaking world and some Francophone countries and artists

### **By the end of the year pupils should be able to:**

- use their knowledge of phonemes and key sounds to spell and pronounce correctly familiar and unfamiliar words and sentences.
- understand written and spoken information on the topics studied in class
- extract key information from authentic sources including excerpts from literary texts
- take part in scripted and unscripted role-plays on the topics studied
- describe a picture and make a presentation on the topics studied
- ask and answer questions in different tenses on topics studied
- translate sentences from English to the target language and vice-versa, focusing on accuracy
- write extensively on the topics studied, using the language items and grammar studied in class to express their own opinions and ideas
- understand and apply a variety of grammar rules such as adjectival rules, gender of nouns, the pronoun “y”, the different forms of the negative as well as the four key tenses

## **Assessment and Marking**

In the 13s, pupils will be exposed to some GCSE material. For example, the type of questions used in some tests and end-of-year examinations will help prepare pupils for their GCSE language examinations.

Pupils' progress will be assessed on a regular basis with short tests focusing on one skill only. At the end of each module a more thorough assessment will be done and pupils will be assessed on a minimum of 3 out of 4 skills - reading, writing (including translation), listening and speaking.

Formal examinations will take place at the end of the year. Pupils will receive a grade or a percentage as well as a target.

**Textbook:** *Dynamo 3 Rouge*

# LANGUAGE OPTION

## ITALIAN

In the 13s (Year 9), pupils will study topics and grammar points relevant to the Italian GCSE examinations.

### **Topics to be covered this year:**

- Town and directions
- Talking about sport and health
- Giving opinions about the cinema
- Shops, food and shopping
- Italian celebrations
- Tourism and the weather

### **By the end of the year pupils should be able to:**

- listen and respond to a variety of spoken sources in Italian on the topics covered
- read and respond to a variety of written texts in Italian on the topics covered
- speak, recognise in the written form, understand and write key vocabulary and structures related to the topics covered
- translate sentences from English to the target language and vice-versa, focusing on accuracy
- express opinions of likes and dislikes on topics covered
- take part in role plays on topics covered
- describe pictures and make presentations on the topics covered
- write extensively about the topics studied in class
- discuss past, present and future events
- have a sound knowledge of basic grammar points, specifically: the present, future, perfect and imperfect tenses, the present continuous tense, adjectival agreement, prepositions, question words and demonstrative pronouns

### **Assessment and Marking**

In the 13s (Year 9), pupils will be exposed to some GCSE material. For example, the type of questions used in some tests and end-of-year examinations will help prepare our pupils for their GCSE language examinations.

Pupils' progress will be assessed on a regular basis with small tests usually focusing on one skill only. At the end of each module, a more thorough assessment will be done and pupils will be tested on a minimum of three skills out of four- reading/listening/ speaking/ writing. Pupils will also sit examinations in the Summer Term. Pupils will receive a grade or a percentage as well as a target to help them make progress in the subject.

**Textbook:** *Amici d'Italia 2*

# LANGUAGE OPTION

## SPANISH

In the 13s (Year 9), pupils will study topics and grammar points relevant to the Spanish GCSE.

### Topics to be covered this year:

- Cultural knowledge of Spain and Spanish speaking countries (festivals, customs, traditions, cultural differences)
- Holidays (location, transport, accommodation, weather, activities and souvenirs)
- Leisure time and organising to go out
- Discussing cinema, concerts, events
- Clothes (describing and buying)
- Body parts and illnesses
- Jobs and future plans
- Healthy living
- Children's rights and fair trade
- Recycling and world issues
- Local area

### By the end of the year pupils should be able to:

- use their knowledge of phonemes and key sounds to spell and pronounce correctly familiar and unfamiliar words and sentences.
- speak, recognise in the written form, understand and write key vocabulary and structures related to the topics covered
- express opinions of likes and dislikes, on topics such as food and drink, leisure activities and films
- describe pictures and make presentations on the topics covered in class
- take part in role-plays, for example ordering food and drink and buying clothes
- take part in discussions on topics such as fashion wear
- understand literature texts in Spanish
- write extensively about the topics studied in class, such as past and future holidays, and present orally facts and opinions on the same topics
- have a sound knowledge of basic grammar points, specifically: the present, near future, preterite and imperfect tenses, adjectival agreement, questions words and demonstrative pronouns

### Assessment and Marking

In the 13s (Year 9), pupils will be exposed to some GCSE material. For example, the type of questions used in tests and end-of-year examinations will help prepare our pupils for their GCSE Spanish examinations.

Pupils' progress will be assessed on a regular basis with small tests usually focussing on one skill only. At the end of each module, a more thorough assessment will be done and pupils will be tested on a minimum of three skills out of four- reading/listening/speaking/writing. Pupils will also sit examinations in the Summer Term. Pupils will receive a grade or a percentage as well as a target to help them make progress in the subject.

**Textbook:** *¡Viva! Book 3 Rojo - Modules 1-5*

## ANCIENT GREEK

In the 13s (Year 9), Greek allows pupils studying Latin to add a new string to their bow, by taking up a new subject. With an entirely new alphabet to get to grips with, Greek is a challenging and complex, but extremely rewarding subject. Since it is so similar to Latin in its grammatical and syntactical structures, those with a solid base in Latin are bound to flourish at this new challenge. Pupils opting to take Greek in Year 9 (13s) will be expected to have studied Latin at least to level 2 at Common Entrance or equivalent. The course will start with the very basics as pupils get to grips with the new alphabet and then slowly move through the grammar and syntax rules, until pupils are gradually able to tackle longer, trickier passages of text. The grammar work in the 13s will include the study of active verbs in present, future, imperfect, and 1st and 2nd aorist and the cases of nouns and adjectives. Pupils will train themselves to record these rules by heart and to recognise their usage in Greek passages and grammar specific comprehensions. The sentence constructions will involve covering many aspects of the GCSE syllabus, including expressions of time and participles. Throughout the year pupils will build up their vocabulary knowledge using the GCSE vocabulary list.

### **Assessment and Marking**

Pupils' work will be given a percentage mark and will be marked according to departmental guidelines. Pupils will also receive a comment appraising their work, setting targets to aim for and strategies to achieve those targets. Teaching staff are also available at the end of lessons, break times and during the weekly departmental drop-in session. Pupils will also be frequently tested on vocabulary, grammar and translation. They will sit an end-of-year examination.

**Textbook:** *John Taylor: Greek to GCSE book 1 and 2*; departmental resources

This subject is only for those continuing with Latin in the 13s. It will be an extra subject outside of the timetable, consisting of two lessons, either before/after school or at lunch break.



# ART AND DESIGN

## **Why study Art at 13s? (Year 9)**

Art and Design has immense value as a subject and equips pupils with the skills to enjoy, produce and engage with the visual arts throughout their lives.

Art and Design provides the opportunity for pupils to:

- take an individual approach to their art, craft and design making
- explore and experience both contemporary and historical sources of art, craft and design first hand, for example:
  - o visiting museums and galleries
  - o experiencing audio-visual productions, including still and moving imagery
  - o and through their surroundings and environments

Pupils are required to engage actively in the creative process of art, craft and design in order to develop as effective and independent learners, as well as critical and reflective thinkers with enquiring minds.

## **Pupils will learn to:**

- apply a creative approach to problem solving using analytical skills
- use suitable materials and techniques to explore their ideas: Drawing, Installation, Lens/light-based media, Mixed media, Printing, Painting and Sculpture
- develop, experiment and modify their work as it progresses towards the final outcome
- consider and develop original ideas from initiation to realisation
- analyse critically their own work and the work of others
- begin to build an artistic vocabulary and be able to make connections between other art and craft or design features in their own work
- express individual thoughts and choices confidently
- make judgements and give opinions about art, craft and/or design
- take risks, experiment and learn from mistakes
- collaborate with others and understand the importance of teamwork and cooperative learning
- build confidence and convey their own voice through the medium of art
- understand how art and design contributes to the creative industries and our global world

## **Assessment and Marking**

Continual throughout the year according to the curriculum guidelines and criteria, moving closer to the four assessment strands at GCSE.

## BUSINESS

As the number of small businesses increases daily in the UK, the 13s' (Year 9) course opens pupils' eyes to the world of business, through a programme of structured activities.

A variety of activities are carried out in teams and individually. Great care is taken to avoid duplication with the GCSE and A Level courses should they choose, as many do, to continue studying this subject.

The overall objective of the course is to enhance pupils' understanding of the business world through setting separate tasks that focus on: enterprise, ICT and communications, economics and business planning.

### **13s schedule:**

Autumn first half term:           **Enterprise project:** Pupils work in teams of four or five and devise a new product for the future. Attention is given to: product (including design), given price, distribution, promotion and quality of research into their target market. The group presentation is made using PowerPoint and prototypes (some have combined this with their 3D printing course) in a 'Dragons Den' style pitch.

Autumn second half term:       **Web-building project:** This is an individual task. Pupils are given a research topic on a current topical business theme - last year this was presenting a travel destination of their choice. Once provided with a shortlist, they choose one and build a working website (minimum home page plus four pages of their choice) to promote their choice.

Spring first half of term:       **You are the Chancellor:** Pupils are shown past and current budgets and taken through the decisions the Chancellor has to make to balance tax revenue and budget spending. Can they beat the Chancellor and get the books to balance? Following class work on different tax and spending options and their benefits to society, they deliver their individual answers in a timed class activity. A very popular activity - expect questions at home!

Spring/Summer terms:           **The Enterprise Fair:** Pupils work in groups to choose and produce a product to raise money for charity at the annual 13s Enterprise Fair. With a limited budget, they must plan all resources and costs and present a full business plan before the big day. There are always the popular food options, but special recognition goes to those who can come up with alternative ideas to raise funds. They put a lot of effort and energy into this project and competition is rife - see them in action this Summer Term.

**Assessment and Marking** – a mark for each part of the project (15%) and 40% from the summer test.

## CLASSICAL CIVILISATION

In the 13s (Year 9), pupils will get their first opportunity to study Classical Civilisation. This is the study of the mythology and history of the ancient Graeco-Roman world. No previous knowledge of any ancient languages is required to study it, although some Latinists will also find it very rewarding, either in addition to, or in place of, their Latin studies.

There will be two different modules over the course of the year.

First, we will be studying Sparta and The Spartan System. Sparta was an extreme, totalitarian city state in classical Greece, which deviated wildly from the social and cultural trends set by its rivals. It was a place where the family unit barely existed, where society was structured to serve military strength, where amoral practices were employed to serve the greater good and where death in service to the country was promoted as the ultimate ideal. Pupils will study the Spartans and their way of life, with a critical eye for comparable ethics and logical criticisms. Ultimately, as a civilisation, Sparta was a failure; 13s Classicists will endeavour to understand why.

Secondly, we will read an ancient Greek epic work of poetry. Composed nearly three thousand years ago by the legendary blind bardic poet Homer, The Odyssey is the first great work in the Western canon of literature. The story of a hero's troubled return home from the Trojan war, pupils will follow Odysseus on his journey as he encounters terrible storms, fearful monsters, strong, inspiring women and the wrath of angry gods.

Analysing literary technique and narrative themes including Homeric heroism, gender issues, the roles of gods and the clash between civilisation and barbarism, the Odyssey is an engaging and unforgettable topic, an enduring cornerstone text in our modern day pop culture.

This course will provide pupils with a vibrant and exciting program that will be excellent preparation for the GCSE course if they choose to continue.

*Topics subject to change.*

### **Assessment and Marking**

Pupils' work will be given a percentage mark and will be marked according to departmental guidelines. Pupils will also receive a comment appraising their work, setting targets to aim for and strategies to achieve those targets. Pupils will sit an end-of-year examination.

**Textbook and Resources:** OCR course reader, department resources

# COMPUTING

The course aims to ensure that pupils can apply the fundamental concepts of computer science, including coding in Python, understanding how computers represent images, sound and text, how devices connect across networks and how their key hardware components function together. Pupils will become more digitally literate: responsibly, confidently and creatively developing their ideas through information and communication technology at a level suitable for the future workplace and as active participants in a digital world.

## Topics to be covered this year:

- **Programming in Python:** using variables, user input and selection statements to solve problems such as designing an encryption algorithm. Understanding data types, using lists and understanding error messages to improve and debug programs. Using procedures, iteration and comments to make more efficient and maintainable programs.
- **Online safety and digital literacy:** Information and the Internet: reliability, validity and bias personal data; how to stay in control; how to report a problem.
- **Representing data:** Binary, bits and bytes: developing knowledge on how computers represent images, sound and text.
- **Spreadsheets:** RANK function and why absolute cell references are needed; applying suitable rules for data validation and cell protection.
- **Website and app design:** structuring, refining and presenting information for a specific audience.
- **Networks:** advantages of different topologies; wired and wireless technologies, protocols, malware and threat prevention.

## By the end of the year pupils should have developed their ability to:

- analyse problems in computational terms, and write computer programs in order to solve problems; use programming techniques such as iteration, procedures, selection and variables;
- research websites effectively, evaluating the data for bias and validity, and present findings using appropriate software; understand how the web works and how to evaluate the reliability of search results; make responsible choices, considering digital footprint.
- understand what a computer is made up of and the part each component plays; understand how and why devices are connected together in networks.

## Assessment and Marking

Assessment is ongoing and in accordance with the school's reporting policy. Grades are given for attitude to learning and attainment in classwork, homework and end-of-topic tests. Feedback will focus on what was done well and targets for improvement. Homework will require access to an internet-enabled device. There is an end-of-year examination in Computing.

## Resources

Textbooks and online resources will be provided. Cloud resources will not require a specific operating system; browsers on Windows or MacOS will work well.

# DRAMA

Drama in the 13s (Year 9) is a highly creative subject. Pupils will explore a series of wide ranging topics and develop a variety of performance styles. Pupils will have the opportunity to see live theatre and will also benefit from having external practitioners coming into school to work with them.

## **Course Content**

- The Rules of Improvisation
- The History of Theatre
- Devising from Stimulus
- Analysing and Evaluating Live Theatre
- Introduction to GCSE Drama
- Practitioner 101

## **Why take Drama in the 13s?**

In the 13s pupils will learn to approach the creation and development of Drama in a more mature and sophisticated manner. The topics covered are carefully put together to work as an introduction to the GCSE course without focusing on the written elements.

As part of the course, pupils will see at least one piece of live theatre and have one workshop from an external theatre practitioner or company.

## **By the end of the 13s year, pupils will have:**

- developed a more sophisticated appreciation for Drama
- worked practically on a range of exciting topics
- been to see at least one piece of theatre and reviewed it
- learnt about different styles of theatre and their impact on audiences

## **Assessment and Marking**

Assessment and marking is ongoing in Drama. Feedback and comments for improvement are given constantly to both individuals and groups. A summative grade for attainment and effort is given on a half termly basis.

# FILM STUDIES

## Topics to be covered:

### Term One – Reading Film (British, American and World Cinema)

- **Applying terminology:** Foundation study of the four elements of film analysis – camerawork, sound, mise-en-scène and editing.
- **Genre conventions:** How they are used to address audiences and challenge audience expectations.
- **Iconic scenes:** Analysis of some of the most iconic scenes from the golden age of cinema through to the present day.
- **Case study:** This unit culminates in a six week study of a feature film. Pupils will study the entire film and apply their knowledge of film form to key scenes, as well as looking at character and theme.

### Term Two – Creating Film

- **Screenwriting and narrative structure:** Pupils will study and utilise different narrative structures before writing their own screenplay to a short film.
- **Production of short film:** This is the practical component of the course. After writing a screenplay, pupils will undertake pre-production, including storyboarding and creating a shot list, before shooting and editing their own short films. They will have the opportunity to submit these for consideration for the Harroddian Film Festival.

### Term Three – In-Depth Study

- **Case study film:** This term involves an in-depth study of our core text and is the culmination of all of our previous work over the year. Pupils will analyse key scenes, character arcs and representations, narrative structures, and film form, as well as understand the historical context.

### By the end of the year pupils should:

- have a greater understanding of the film format and what makes for a well-constructed piece of film, ultimately challenging their own approach to film
- be able to utilise correct film terminology in analysing seen and unseen texts, consolidating their existing analysis skills by looking at a new text type
- understand the reason for different representations and how they've been constructed
- understand genre conventions and why they are used
- be able to write an original screenplay to a short film
- have the skills to shoot a multi-scene short film
- have developed video editing skills

### Assessment and Marking

Assessment and marking is ongoing. Feedback and comments for improvement are given constantly to both individuals and groups. A summative grade for attainment and effort is given on a half termly basis. The short film will contribute to 30% of the final mark for the year.

# LATIN

In the 13s (Year 9), Latin allows pupils to continue their studies, preparing them for their GCSE. Pupils opting to take Latin in the 13s will be expected to have studied Latin at least to level 2 at Common Entrance or equivalent. The focus of the course is very much on developing the young Latinists' use and comprehension of grammar and syntax rules, so that they are gradually able to tackle longer, trickier passages of Latin. The grammar work will include the study of active and passive verbs in present, future, imperfect, perfect, pluperfect and future perfect tenses, in all conjugations and the cases of nouns and adjectives (positive and comparative) in all declensions. Pupils will train themselves to record these rules by heart and to recognise their usage in Latin passages and grammar specific comprehensions. The sentence constructions will involve covering many aspects of the GCSE syllabus, including indirect statements, purpose clauses and participles. Through this, pupils will not only gain an understanding of the mechanics of Latin, but of language itself. Pupils will also continue to work on their vocabulary knowledge using the GCSE vocabulary list.

## **Assessment and Marking**

Pupils' work will be given a percentage mark and will be marked according to departmental guidelines. Pupils will also receive a comment appraising their work, setting targets to aim for and strategies to achieve those targets. Teaching staff are also available at the end of lessons, break times and during the weekly departmental drop-in session. Pupils will also be frequently tested on vocabulary, grammar and translation. They will sit an end-of-year examination.

## **Textbook:**

*So You Really Want To Learn Latin 1, 2 and 3; Who Said Latin's Dead? Level 3;* departmental resources

# MEDIA STUDIES

## **Topics to be covered:**

### **Term One – Magazine Review**

- Analysis of magazine reviews in a variety of genres
- Creation of a double page spread (DPS)

### **Term Two – Music Video**

- Analysis of music videos and mediated image of stars
- Music video camera and editing techniques
- Creation of a music video

### **Term Three – Advertising**

- Introduction to the core concepts of Media Studies
- Methods and techniques of addressing audiences
- Advertising analysis (both print and television)
- Pupils have the choice of creating their own print or advert

### **By the end of the year pupils should:**

- have developed skills in software such as Final Cut Pro X, Photoshop and Indesign
- be able to analyse a range of texts
- understand how and why creators of texts aim to influence audiences
- be able to conceptualise, shoot and edit a music video to an existing song
- have worked effectively in a group

### **Assessment and Marking**

Homework will be set once a week and should take 40 minutes. It will be marked according to departmental guidelines. The use of the internet for research purposes is encouraged and suitable websites will be given. The application of IT is encouraged in the presentation of work.

A letter grade will be given for academic attainment and a number grade will be given for effort. Marks are accompanied by a comment or explanation to help pupils understand how to improve their work. Staff are available at break times, lunch times and after school. Formal assessment will take the form of written and production assignments, end of module tests and an end of year examination.



# MUSIC

In the 13s (Year 9) pupils will continue to further enhance and build upon the core musicianship skills and to lay the foundations for further study of Music at GCSE level. There will be the opportunity to practise these skills in a range of contexts by seeing / listening to live music, performing to a live audience and engaging with different creative processes.

## **The core musicianship skills are:**

- 1) Creating (Improvisation and Composition)
- 2) Listening/Appraisal (Knowledge and use of Technical and Expressive language focusing on understanding and use of the musical elements)
- 3) Performance (Accuracy, Instrumental skill & technique, Expression/Musicality and Fluency/Confidence)
- 4) Singing (Accuracy, Vocal skill & technique, Expression/Musicality and Fluency/Confidence)
- 5) Notation (Accuracy and detail)
- 6) Wider/Career skills (Co-operation, commitment & dedication, thinking outside the box, resilience, memory, concentration, team work, motivation, independence, planning & time-management, respect, responsibility, adaptability & flexibility, working & performing under pressure, critical reflection, self-management and leadership)

## **Over the three terms, they still study the following units of learning:**

- Pop Music - Songwriting (Logic Project)
- Solo and Ensemble Performance Skills
- Film Music (Part II)

## **By the end of the year pupils should:**

- Performance - have gained experience in performing and be able to perform confidently on their chosen instrument or voice with accuracy, technical control and expression as both a soloist and as part of an ensemble.
- Composition - have gained skills in improvisation and composition (use of chords, bassline, melody and rhythmic accompaniment) and be proficient in the use of music technology with software such as Logic Pro X.
- Appraising - be able to listen to and analyse a range of music with reference to the musical elements and develop an understanding of the meaning and context of the music that they are listening to.

## **Assessment and Marking**

Pupils are given regular verbal feedback and targets to improve their work. There will be a summative assessment for attainment and effort at the end of each unit of learning. Pupils are expected to respond to their targets with next steps for musical development

## **How Parents can help:**

- Many pupils will work on their composition or performance at home, writing lyrics, melodies, or just generally playing around with chords and riffs, and this is to be encouraged.
- Some pupils will use other music technology programmes at home, and this is also good for developing new skills. Encourage them to bring it into school to share their work.
- Encourage your child to participate in Music clubs for enjoyment, to explore their creativity and further develop their skills.

# SPORT SCIENCE

For pupils who enjoy taking part in sport, have an interest in the world of sport or are thinking about doing GCSE PE, this will be a great option for them. A range of relevant theory modules will be delivered and will involve a combination of theory and practical work. This option is designed to be a snapshot of the GCSE PE course and provides the foundational knowledge for the topics covered in Years 10 and 11. Please see an overview of what is covered in 13s Sport Science below.

## **Applied Anatomy and Physiology**

- Basic anatomy and physiology
- Physiological responses to exercise
- Structure of the heart and pathway of blood

## **Principles of Fitness**

- Fitness testing and methods of training
- Health and skill related components of fitness
- Training programmes, involving how to plan and monitor a Personal Exercise Programme.
- Injuries in sport

## **Sociology and Psychology in Sport**

- Drugs in sport
- Sport Psychology
- Technology in sport

## **Assessment and Marking**

The course is assessed with an end-of-year examination and will involve continual assessment throughout the year. This will be in the form of homework, presentations, end-of-topic tests and practical assessments.

## 3 DIMENSIONAL DESIGN

3 Dimensional Design is a course aimed at addressing the need to provide the school with a subject which looks at design as a problem-solving discipline, combining creativity, three dimensional thinking and technical skills.

The course will look to follow the classic design process, from analysis of a brief (problem to be solved), sketching out the initial concepts, choosing the best material for the task, experimentation with construction, testing, refinement of design and finally production.

The course will focus on product design as well as looking at architectural and structural briefs to give, it is hoped, a broad look at the subject, as well as expose pupils to the career possibilities design offers.

The ultimate aim of the 13s course is to encourage pupils to take the subject further at GCSE.

### **Topics to be covered:**

- Thinking and sketching in three dimensions
- Material selection
- Concept refining and developing
- Construction techniques
- Ergonomics
- Computer aided design
- 3D printing

### **By the end of the year pupils should be able to:**

- have an understanding of the design process and follow the required steps through to conclusion
- visualise on paper ideas and forms
- work in a range of materials from foam board, aluminium and plastics employed in the 3D printing technique
- bring together knowledge from other subject areas to help successfully tackle design problems
- construct with attention to detail, and with a degree of precision, working models and prototypes

### **Assessment and Marking**

Homework is set once a week based around sketchbook development and material manipulation.

**Group Size:** 12 maximum per class

There is a termly charge of £90