



# John Taylor Free School

The Year 9 Curriculum:  
A Personalised Approach





# Our approach to the curriculum in Year 9

We aim to ensure that all students can access a personalised curriculum which is also broad, balanced and suitably challenging. Therefore, as part of this, we would like to offer a personalised timetable for our Year 9 students.

The purpose of a different curriculum offer is to provide an element of choice for students, whilst still offering a range of subjects which will enable them to succeed and thrive. This will enhance the level of engagement for students and provide an opportunity to learn from making decisions which affect them. By offering a bespoke curriculum, students will be able to pursue those subjects they are good at and also enjoy the most.

*It is important to note that this is not an early start to a GCSE programme. GCSE courses will begin at the start of Year 10 and any student not studying a subject in year 9 is still able to take this as a GCSE at the appropriate time.*





# Curriculum Subjects

All Students will study the following subjects:

Subject	Number of lessons per week
English	4
Maths	4
Science	4
A Modern Foreign Language	2
History	2
Geography	2
Religious Studies	2
PSHE	1
Computing	1
Physical Education	2
Total	24

Any student who is studying a Guided Learning Programme will complete this as part of the appropriate subject above





# Pathway

- Students are able to choose 4 subjects from the list and 1 reserve subject.
- They will be allocated 3 out of these 4 subjects.

Students who want to choose from the Technology subjects, may only choose up to 2 of these subjects



Subject	Number of lessons per week
Art	2
Psychology	2
Music or Digital Music Production	2
Drama	2
Food and Nutrition	2
Textiles Technology	2
Product Design	2
Sports Leadership	2
Total	3 x 2 lessons = 6 lessons





# Enrichment

- Our Enrichment Programme is still an important part of our curriculum
- You must still continue to choose at least 1 activity per week to take part in.
- You may choose more than 1 activity but your Personal Tutor will keep track of your attendance to your chosen activity.





# What do I do next?

- Read the Curriculum Booklet you have been sent. A copy has been emailed to your parents too
- Discuss this with your parents
- Talk to your Personal Tutor – this will help you to decide
  - What you are good at
  - What you enjoy
- Remember if you don't choose a subject now, you will still be able to choose it when it comes to GCSE courses.
- We are not starting GSCEs in Year 9





# What do I do next

- Your Personal Tutor will ring you to discuss this during the week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> May
- On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May you will be sent a form to complete
- You must complete and return this form by 9am Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May
- If you have any questions about subjects, email your class teacher or your Personal Tutor





What do I do next?

The deadline for completion is 9am  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May

