



# George Spencer Academy

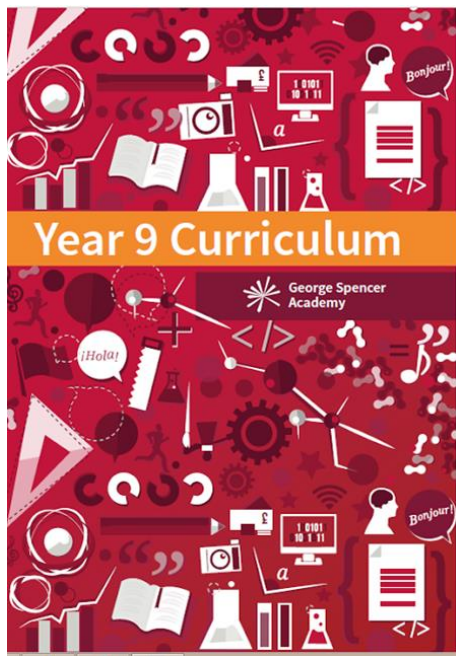
Welcome to the Year 8 Options Presentation and Marketplace

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018

Printed Year 9 Curriculum booklet  
\*Available online in colour

Letter home with key dates

Online submission form  
\*Form specific



January 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian

From July 2017 your child will begin their Year 9 studies and they will have some choice in the subjects they study. It is essential that the choices they make are informed ones and, as such, we will have two events to help both you and your child gather the necessary information to make those choices.

**Year 8 options presentation and marketplace: 4.30pm – 7pm Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017**  
(Presentation's will be in the Conference Centre and the Marketplace will be in the Main Hall on Lower Site)

The Marketplace will be an opportunity for parents and staff to look at the individual subjects, gather information on course content and possible career paths. Your child will begin some level 2 (GCSE), courses next year as such I recommend you attend the evening to give yourself the chance to discuss the courses with myself and subject staff. Before you attend the marketplace, there will be a presentation about the options process in the Conference Centre; these will start at the following times: 4.30pm, 5.00pm, 5.30 and 6.00pm. Please indicate which you will attend on the reply slip.

Further to this, the Science department will be attending the event to inform you about the changes that have recently occurred in Science and to provide you with information about Combined Science and Separate Science.

Parking will be available on Lower Site only.

**Year 8 progress evening: 4.30pm – 7.00pm**  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017 'S' half – 8TW, 8JGW, 8RLH, 8JT, 8OS  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017 'P' half – 8AME, 8CSP, 8EMR, 8CRM

This evening will be a chance to discuss how your child has improved throughout the year and to ascertain their suitability for each subject with their individual teachers. Students are asked to make their own appointments for you to see members of staff. I should be grateful if you would discuss with your son/daughter which staff you would like to see. The latest scan will be a good point of reference to bring with you on the night.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March** - Deadline for submitting option choices (This will be an online submission).

Yours sincerely

Mr Iain Randall  
Director of Learning for Year 8

**Year 8 Options events – February 2017**

Please return to the Learning Manager by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February at the very latest.

Student name.....Form.....

\*I/We \*shall/shall not be attending the Year 8 Options Marketplace on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February and will attend the presentation at 4.30/5.00/5.30/6.00\*

\*I/We \*shall/shall not be attending the Year 8 Progress Evening.

## Year 8 Choices Form

Your email address ([jryan@george-spencer.notts.sch.uk](mailto:jryan@george-spencer.notts.sch.uk)) form. Not you? [Switch account](#)

\* Required

Your Form \*

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## Year 8 Options Process

Date	Event
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2018	Year 8 Marketplace (4.30-7.00pm)
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	S - half Progress Evening
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	P - half Progress Evening
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2018	Year 8 Marketplace (4.30-7.00pm)
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Deadline for online submission



Achieving excellence through innovation and individualised learning

Choices throughout school

Every year from now until Year 13

Personalised curriculum

Old enough to make a choice



## The Year 9 Curriculum

GCSE grades A\*-G have been replaced with grades 9-1.

### Changes to grades

9 will be highest, at a standard equivalent to the current top half of A\*

Grade 7 will be roughly equivalent to the current grade A

Grade 4/5 will be roughly equivalent to the current C grade

Grade 1 will roughly cover current F and G grades.

The highest grade - grade 9 - will be awarded to only half the proportion of pupils now achieving an A\*, around 4% of year 11's nationally.

It remains to be decided on a national level whether grade 4 or grade 5 will become the expected level in future for entry into sixth form, apprenticeships and jobs



## Important to information – Languages & Social Sciences

You will have to choose at least 1 Language (Spanish or French) and 1 Social Science (History or Geography) to study until the end of Year 11.

For those students who scored below the national average at KS2 we will have 1:1 conversations to ensure that students have access to the most appropriate curriculum.

\*Students who haven't been studying languages for the last two years should see Mr Ryan or Miss Torrance for more information after the presentation.



# The Year 9 Curriculum

## Subjects

English

Maths

Science

Technology

Computing

Physical Education

Media and Creative Arts

Social Sciences

Languages

Core

Options



# The Year 9 Curriculum

## Subjects

English

Maths

Science

Media and Creative Arts

Social Sciences

Design and Technology/Food Preparation and Nutrition

Computing

Languages

Physical Education







# The Year 9 Curriculum

Subjects
Maths
8 Hours
All students will study a mastery curriculum in year 9 in preparation for the GCSE course which starts in year 10.



# The Year 9 Curriculum

Subjects
Science
8 Hours
Combined / Separate



# The Year 9 Curriculum

Subjects
Design and Technology
4 Hours
<p><b>Design Technology is now one qualification.</b></p> <p><b>Core technical principles are taught to all students</b> but <b>students elect</b> to following a <b>specialist technical principle</b> from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Papers and boards.</li><li>• Timber, metal based materials, polymers.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Textile based materials.</li></ul></li><li>• Electronic and mechanical systems.</li></ul>



## The Year 9 Curriculum

### Subjects

GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition/Level 2 Certificate in Food and Cookery

4 Hours

We are currently looking at offering either GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition (FP&N) or the V-Cert Level 2 Certificate in Food and Cookery – parents will be informed which course we are running when more details become available.



# The Year 9 Curriculum

Subjects
Languages
6 Hours
Year 9 languages will be delivered in 6 hours per fortnight and students will focus on the 4 skills of listening, reading, speaking and writing.



# The Year 9 Curriculum

Subjects
Social Sciences
4 Hours
In Year 9, students will study two of the Social Sciences subjects weekly. The three subjects are Geography, History and Philosophy.



# The Year 9 Curriculum

Subjects
Computing
4 Hours
In Year 9 students will study three different areas of Computing. This will be accomplished in a rotation format with students being taught by different specialist teachers for each rotation







# The Year 9 Curriculum

Subjects
Physical Education
4 Hours
Students will have 2 x 1 hour of P.E. each week. Lessons will be single sex.



Online Submissions

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## Online Submission Guide

1. Log onto the Y8 Pastoral Google Classroom  
*(all Y8 students have access to this)*

2. Click on the Y9 option choices form

3. Select your form & name

4. Select options

5. Submit

Completed

Issues – See Mr Ryan

INSIGHT – Online Booking Appointment System

Graduation 2018

## Graduation

# GRADUATION

19th June 2018 - Graduation Ceremony

19th June 2018 - End of R-Phase Celebration/Graduation Party



# GRADUATION ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Everything you need to know is stored on Moodle in the Graduation course.  
Access your evidence booklet on google classroom.

**G**

**Generate donations for a charity** - Raise money by taking part in a charity event inside or outside of school. Do a sponsored activity eg. silence or run.

**R**

**Represent your house** - Take part in an inter-house competition or house assembly, be form representative or cash in more than 250 HP's in a year.

**A**

**Ambassador** - Represent the school at an event such as progress evenings, training, sports events or primary visits. Feature in the press as a GSA student.

**D**

**Design** - Design an app for use on a smart phone or similar technology.

**U**

**Understand your place as a global citizen** - Demonstrate through your school work or outside of school that you have a sense of equality for everyone in the world regardless of race, religion or creed.

**A**

**Achieve your GST for English by the end of Year 8** - Meet your GST by scan 3 in Y8. Complete the Bronze & Silver Reading Scheme in English. Show exceptional scores for effort, behaviour, homework and deadlines in your English scans.

**T**

**Travel with the school** - Attend either: Y7 camp, visit Warwick Castle, Yorkshire Sculpture Park, Twycross Zoo, Castleton, Skegness Football Tour and Hagg Farm

**I**

**Independence. Use your knowledge from L2L to improve learning** - Show that you have used L2L techniques in at least 3 subjects. Develop an L2L page on your SpencerSpace. Help Deliver L2L training, lessons and assemblies.

**O**

**Organise and deliver a presentation** - Play a major role in a presentation to a group of more than 20 people in a lesson. Speak to a large audience during and assembly or after school event.

**N**

**Numeracy challenge** - Reach your GST in maths by Scan 3. Show exceptional scores for effort, behaviour, homework and deadlines in your Maths scans.



## Year 8 Graduation



Name:

Completion Date:

Student Completion Signature:

Learning Manager Signature: