Year 9 Curriculum Information Evening



Year 9

This is an exciting year for Year 9 students!

It is an opportunity to be a fantastic role model across the school for both Year 7 and Year 8, and there will be lots of opportunities this year for students to develop their leadership skills and sense of belonging within the wider school community.

It is also a year of important academic decisions. By the end of this year, students will have made choices about their education that will shape the pathways they explore for the future.

The Year 9 Team

Pastoral

Miss Callister

Head of Year

Mr Ward

Pastoral Manager

Miss Podmore

Assistant Head: Behaviour and Safeguarding KS4

Tutor Team

ENL: Miss Nelson

EPA: Miss Parker

FJO: Mrs Jones

FSI: Miss Simpson

JCO: Mr Conheeney

JSH: Mr Shaw

LWE: Miss Weston

Behaviour and Safeguarding





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- Our behaviour system operates on a C1-C4 system. C1 is the equivalent to Outstanding is accompanied by a house point. C2 is a good standard of behaviour. C3 would usually be accompanied by a sanction such as a detention. C4 is extremely poor behaviour, and a student would be given an after school detention or time in RESET.
- Parents/carers can check a child's behaviour log on the My Child at School app
- Our update Behaviour policy will be available on the school website from next week
- Continued push on uniform and equipment as basic standards around school.

House Points and Rewards

Ways to earn house points

- Ambition
- Optimism
- Kindness
- Respect
- Honesty
- Outstanding Effort
- SLT
- Attendance at a club

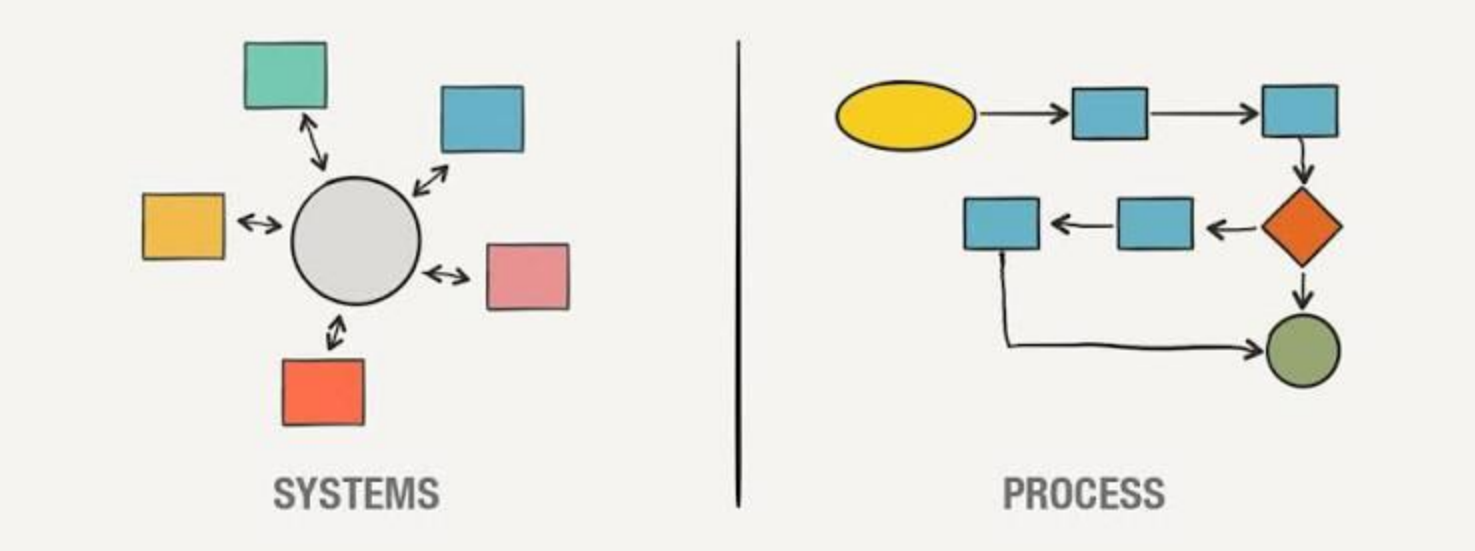


So far this year, Year 9 have been awarded an amazing

1956

house points since the 2nd September!

Systems and Processes



The Bridge and RESET

- Changes have been made to our RESET (internal isolation) process.
- Students who are not able to access the buddy room or fail to do so will now be taken to The Bridge.
- Here, students will be given the opportunity to reflect on their behaviour, take accountability and responsibility for their behaviour, do some restorative work, have a chance to regulate before being able to go back to their next lesson.
- Students will now be escalated to RESET following time in the Bridge, repeated instances of behaviour that has resulted in a call out or behaviours such as truancy.

Time Out Cards

- Due to changes in our hub system, students no longer have access to time out cards unless it is specified that this is something they need within their EHCP.
- Students are still able to access planned times out in the pastoral pods in the Bridge.
- This provides the same support but in a more structured way.
- Those who require more bespoke support would be support by our SEN department.

Bromcom Student Portal



The Student Portal allows all students access to their homework assignments, along with house points, timetables and behaviour incidents.

All year 9 students have been sent an invitation code to their school e-mail and will have the chance to sign up during their computing lessons over the next two weeks if they haven't already.

Once they have signed up to the student portal, they will be able to download and sign into the Bromcom student app if you wish. A step-by-step guide to this has been sent home via e-mail.

All information shown on the student portal is also available on your MyChildAtSchool App.

The Year 9 Curriculum



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Core Subjects

English

Maths

Science

PE

Broader Curriculum

Humanities: History, Geography, PRE

MFL: French/German

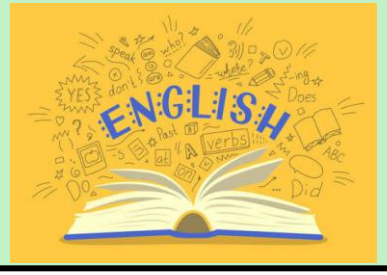
Art: Art/DT/Food

Performing Arts: Dance, Drama, Music

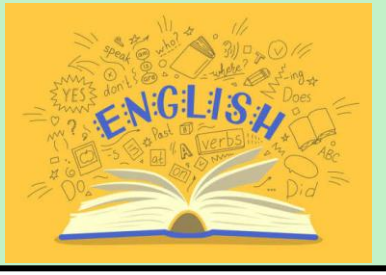
Computing

Book Club

PSHE



The Year 9 Curriculum: English



Topics

The Crucible

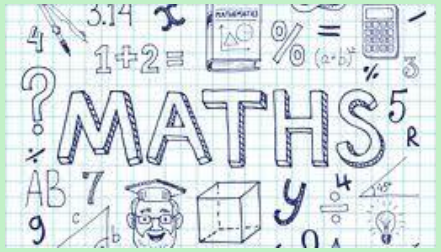
Romeo and Juliet

Poetry

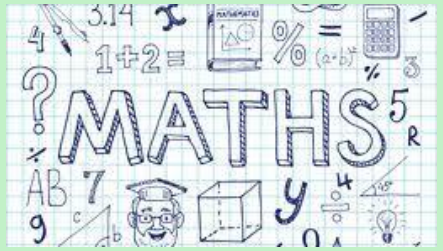
Speaking and Listening

Important Messages

- Homework is now being set in booklet form to limit the amount of time students need to be on their screens.
- Students are building foundational skills this year, ready for the GCSE.
- Students will take their speaking exam towards the end of year 9. This contributes to their overall GCSE English and will be given a grade for this.
- At the end of this year, some students and parents will be informed that they will be taking early entry English. This will mean that they sit English Language at the end of Year 10 and English Literature at the end of Year 11.



The Year 9 Curriculum: Maths

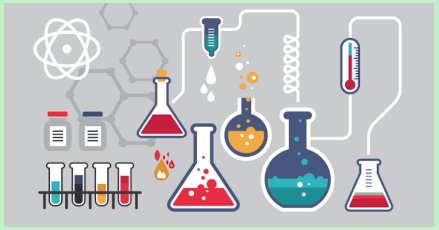


Topics

- Similarity and congruence
- Pythagoras' theorem
- Probability
- Non-linear sequences
- Expanding double brackets
- Rearranging formulae
- Trigonometry
- Graphs and gradients
- Percentages and proportion
- Standard forms and surds
- statistics

Important Messages

- The year 9 curriculum is designed to build fluency, reasoning and problem-solving skills to prepare students for GCSE Maths.
- All students need to bring appropriate Maths equipment to their lessons. This can be purchased through parent pay if needed.
- Sparx Maths remains the homework platform. Please let your Maths teacher know if you can't log in.



The Year 9 Curriculum: Science



Topics

Biology

- Cell biology
- Communicable diseases
- Adaptations and material cycles
- Biodiversity

Chemistry

- Atomic structure
- Crude oils and fuels
- The Earth's Atmosphere
- The periodic table

Physics

- Energy stores, transfers and resources
- Molecules and matter
- Forces
- Waves

Important Messages

- All students need to bring appropriate equipment to their lessons, including a scientific calculator. This can be purchased through parent pay if needed.

The Year 9 Curriculum: PSHE

The PSHE curriculum this year will continue to be broken down into three units.

Health and well-being: looking at healthy friendships, peer pressure and other social dynamics as well as physical wellness.

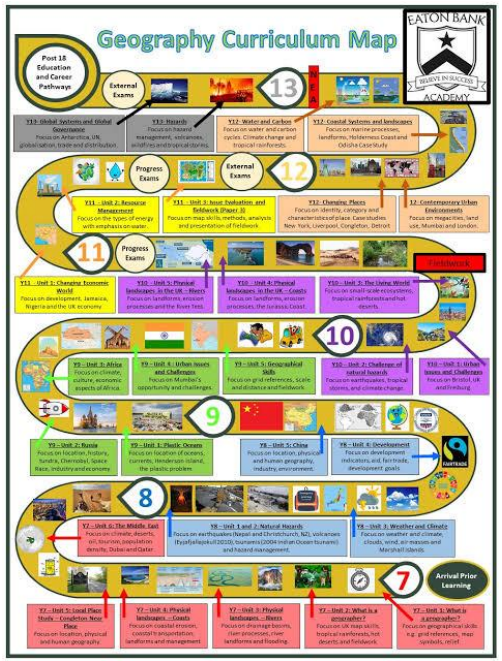
Love and relationships: students will start to study areas such as contraception and consent, in line with the RSE national guidance. This will take place later in the year in a sensitive and age-appropriate manner.

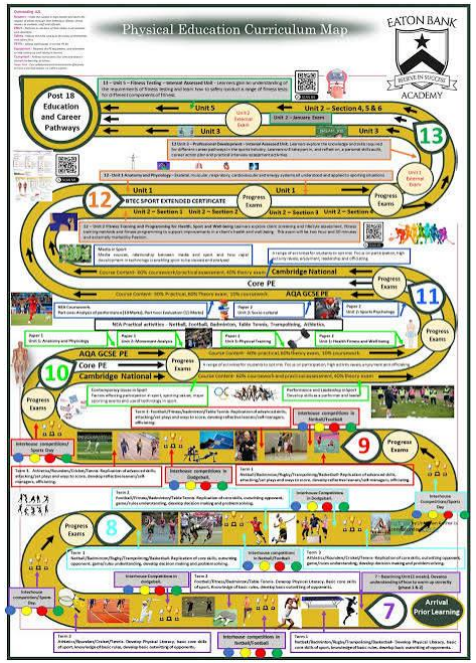
Living in the wider world: addressing key social issues such as racism and extremism as well as life skills such as speaking and learning and thinking ahead to Key Stage 4.

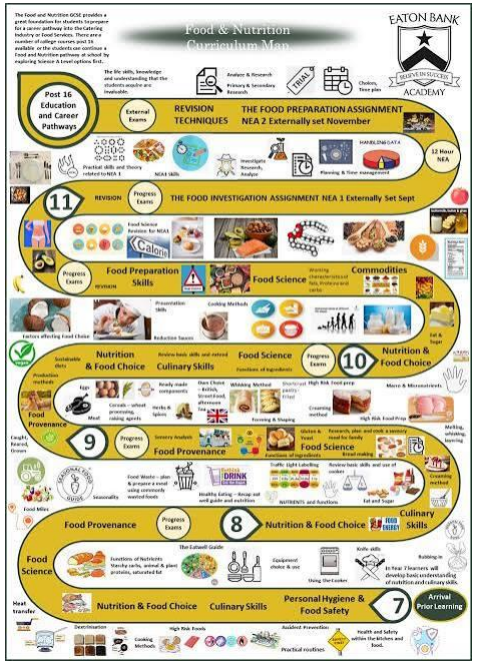
The Year 9 Curriculum: Core Time



The Year 9 Options Process







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- The process itself will begin after February half term.
- Students will have a launch assembly and be provided with a copy of the Options Booklet. This will be updated to incorporate new courses that have been introduced this year.
- Students will have a GCSE taster day, where students are given the chance to try out 4 subjects that might be of interest for their GCSE Options.
- Students and parents will then be invited to the GCSE Options Evening on Thursday 4th March.
- Students will have a 1-1 meeting with a member of staff to discuss options.
- Students will be given the online form to complete to select their options with a proposed date to submit this as Wednesday 24th March.


AUTUMN TERM
KEY DATES
Wednesday 2nd September:
Return to School
Tuesday 15th September:
Year 9 Curriculum Information Evening
Saturday 24th October to
Sunday 1st November:
Half Term
Monday 2nd November:
INSET Day
Tuesday 3rd November:
Return to School
Thursday 26th November:
Year 9 Parents Evening
Friday 18th December:
Finish for Christmas Holidays
Return to School:
Monday 4th January

Key Dates

Year 9 Careers Fayre: Wednesday 21st October



- Taking place during the school day, leaving school at 9:30 and returning around 12:30
- All year 9 students to go to Macclesfield College
- A range of employers, including local businesses, the armed forces, local colleges and local universities.
- An excellent opportunity for students to explore some potentially interesting career paths to help with informing Options

Year 9 Parents Evening: Thursday 26th November

- Taking place on Teams from 4:30-7:30pm
- Students will be responsible for making their own appointments, but support will be available if needed
- Recommend that students make appointments for English, Maths and Science and then prioritise any subject areas that they are considering for their options.
- If anyone is unable to make it, a report will be compiled and I will either call, email or arrange a meeting, depending on parental preference.

Year 9 Progress Exams: Monday 11th January- Friday 22nd January

- Students will sit progress exams in all subjects.
- These will take place in lessons over the course of the two week window.
- Students will be provided with revision resources and a timetable, similar to last year, before they break up for the Christmas holidays to give them time to prepare.
- Students will also work on effective study skills and have opportunity for revision as part of our core time programme.
- Students will receive feedback on their progress exams before the launch of the Options programme.

Year 9 GCSE Options Evening: Thursday 4th March

- This will take place across the main school from 6pm to 8pm.
- There will be a talk in the hall, introducing the Options process and how the system works here at EBA. This will run three times throughout the course of the evening.
- Individual subjects will also deliver talks in classrooms, explaining the course and providing an opportunity to ask questions.
- There will also be an opportunity to discuss careers and pathways during the course of the evening.
- The Options form will then open the following week for students to complete.

Extra Curricular Opportunities





Whole School Student Leadership



Students are invited to apply for one of three available roles in the whole school student leadership structure.

Head student:

Head of Outreach:

House Ambassador:

Deadline for applications is Monday 21st September. These must be handed in to either Mr Ellis or Miss Virgo by the end of the day on Monday.

Role descriptions and application forms are available at the sign in table.

School Musical 2027: Les Misérables



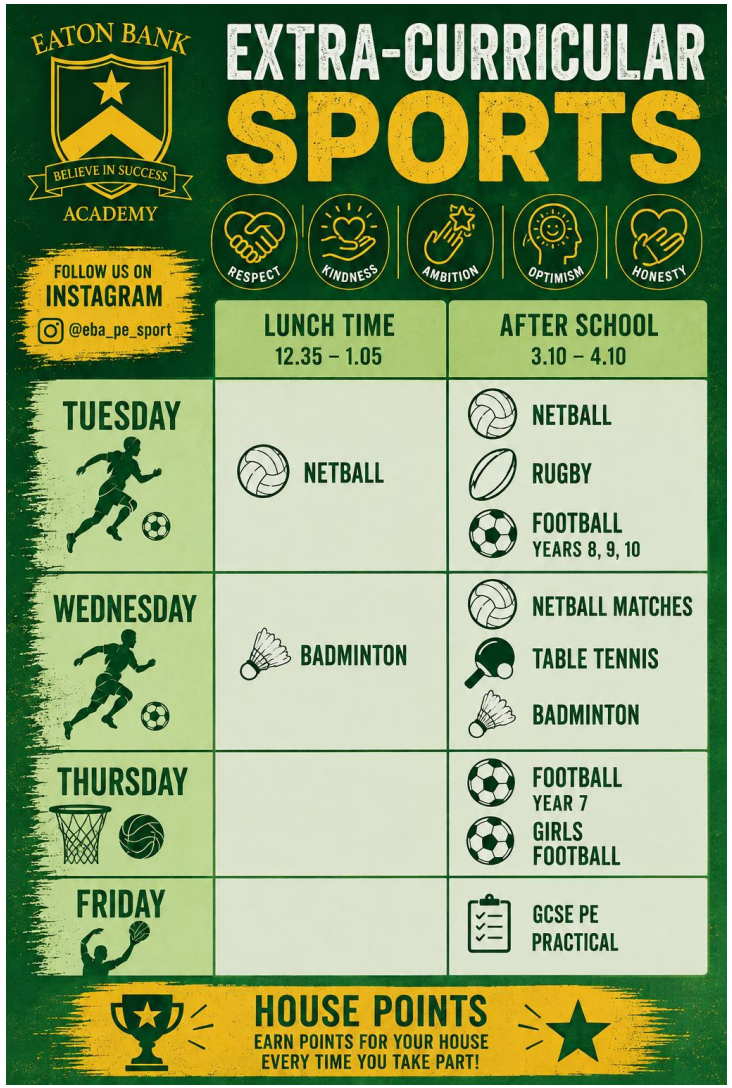
- This year's musical is Les Mis!
- Students are invited to participate in the workshop on the 23rd September if they are interested in being part of the show.
- Auditions for lead roles will be on the 29th and 30th September but students have to have attended the workshop.
- Show dates are the 9th to 12th February.

Future Voices Club



- Our Social Sciences department are running a brand-new club: “Future Voices”.
- A fantastic opportunity for students to engage with debate and discussion on issues important to them.
- A good way in for those students interested in politics, journalism and law, amongst other career pathways.
- Open to all students on a Tuesday lunch time in room 42.

Sport Extra-curricular opportunities



- Sport extra-curriculars have launched and are open to all students.
- We are always looking for more students to get involved and strengthen our squads in different sports!
- Great way to meet new people and get involved in the house system.

Duke of Edinburgh: Bronze Award

- Students complete a volunteering, physical and skill section over 3 or 6 months.
- Student driven.
- Two expeditions – practice and assessed (students need to do both).
  - Camping, 1 night.
  - Practice: *7th + 8th May 2027*
    - ~10 students + member of staff
  - Assessed: *11th + 12th June 2027*
    - Students in groups of 4-7 with staff manning checkpoints




Thank
You
FOR COMING!