BISHOP WORDSWORTH'S MIDDLE SCHOOL BROCHURE

2019 - 2021



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MIDDLE SCHOOL GUIDE TO BROCHURE

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this guide is to give useful information about the Middle School and to explain the arrangements made for the transition from the Lower into the Middle School.

In the Middle School, the number of subjects studied is reduced. In making their option choices, pupils should try to avoid dropping any subjects that might be important qualifications for a future career. To help them with their choices they have support through their tutorial programme and a session with the Careers coordinator in the Careers Library.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ORGANISATION AND PASTORAL CARE

The School places great emphasis on ensuring that pupils achieve the highest academic standards of which they are capable, whilst encouraging them to develop their social, cultural and recreational skills and interests at the same time. This means that we adopt a firm but caring approach to all aspects of School life. Staff endeavour to work closely with parents in ensuring that boys spend their time at School profitably but happily.

In the Middle School this policy is carried out by working closely with pupils and parents on academic, pastoral and career matters and by trying to equip them with a good range of qualifications and skills by the end of Year 11 - whether they go on to enter the Sixth Form or leave school at this stage.

The current responsibility for pastoral care in the Middle School is:

Mrs M J Jenner; Head of Middle School

Mr A Griffin-Raphael; Assistant Head of Middle School

Mr J Oldham; Assistant Head of Middle School

Mr C Higson; Senior Tutor

Mrs M Russell – Pastoral Support officer.

The underlying philosophy of pastoral care is outlined in the main School Brochure.

Careers provision is the responsibility of the Careers Co-ordinator, Mrs S Stoneham. Impartial Careers Guidance is provided by the School's Careers Adviser, Mrs S Armstrong.

Members of the team maintain regular contact with Middle School pupils and with one another and regularly meet with the Headmaster to discuss pupils' progress. Parents who wish to discuss any aspect of their son's education should contact Mrs M J Jenner.

Pupils who are experiencing difficulties with any aspect of their curriculum can receive advice from the learning support team, led by the SENCo, Mrs S Paden. Help with organisational skills, revision techniques or general curriculum support can be arranged through the Middle School Office.

TIMETABLE OF IMPORTANT DATES - MIDDLE SCHOOL

YEAR 9+

Option subjects are decided shortly following the Spring Half Term break. This involves an introduction to the options process within a Parents' Information Evening hosted by the Headmaster and culminates with a brief individual interview with Mrs Jenner on Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th March

YEARS 9 & 10

- <u>Autumn Term</u> Year 9 Middle School Induction Day Tuesday 3rd September (am only)
- **Spring Term** A **Year 9** Staff/Parents' Meeting is held in March.

A **Year 10** Staff/Parents' Meeting is held in January. Mrs Sally Armstrong, our independent Careers Advisor, delivers a talk about Effective Study Skills during the evening.

Year 10 School Examinations take place towards the end of the Spring Term/ start of Summer Term

<u>Summer Term</u> Full written reports, including results from the Year 10 Examinations, are issued in May. Boys receive individual Academic Assessment interviews with a senior member of staff to monitor their progress so far.

Full written reports for Year 9 are issued at the end of term.

YEAR 11

Autumn Term Grade reports on academic progress are issued before ¹/₂ term.

All pupils sit the relevant GCSE preliminary examinations in November/December. Staff analyse the results and make recommendations concerning entries for GCSE.

Spring Term A report giving full details of preliminary examination results will be issued in January and will be followed by a Staff/Parents' Meeting.

The deadline for Sixth Form applications for BWS is the end of January.

Boys receive a further Academic Assessment interview with a senior member of staff to review their progress.

<u>Summer Term</u> Pupils complete their GCSE external examinations. Interim reports will be sent if requested by parents.

The School's GCSE and comparative national results are available on the school's website.

PROPOSED YEAR 10 CURRICULUM 2019 - 2021

Core Curriculum	Periods per week
RS	2
ENGLISH	6
MATHEMATICS	4
BIOLOGY	4
CHEMISTRY	4
PHYSICS	4
GAMES	3
PHSE/CAREERS/PE/CITIZENSHIP	1
Core Curriculum:	28 periods
Options: (4 periods per choice)	<u>12</u>

40 periods per week

NOTES

- 1. Periods are 40 or 35 minutes in length.
- 2. All boys take all the subjects of the core curriculum.
- 3. The option choices offered are guided with the object of:
 - a. Satisfying career requirements
 - b. Providing a balanced curriculum
- 4. Boys will be in mixed groups PE and Games. For PSHE, Careers and Citizenship, they will be taught by staff from a variety of subject disciplines as they explore matters of social and personal concern.
- 5. In choosing option subjects, the demands of coursework, notably in the creative subjects, should be considered.
- 6. In cases of oversubscription staff will use their professional judgement to ensure set compatibility.

Options (Choo	se ONE of e	ach)	All boys must provide a res	erve choice.	
			Periods pe	r week	
Choice 1	Geography	or History		4	
Choice 2	Language			4	
	 it is expected that this will be their first 				
	language, which has been studied since Year 7				
Choice 3	ONE other subject from the following list: 4				
	-	ART			
	-	BUSINESS			
	-	DT			
	-	FRENCH			
	-	GEOGRAPHY			
	-	GERMAN			
	-	HISTORY			
	-	LATIN			
	-	MUSIC			
	-	PE			

- SPANISH

Alternative Choices -

In exceptional cases, boys may submit an application for an alternative option choice, counting RS as the humanities option. This allows those students the flexibility of not taking Geography or History, so that they can make a second selection from Choice 3.

An application form for this would need to be collected from the Middle School Office and submitted at the Option Selection Meeting with Mrs Jenner on Monday 19th or Tuesday 20th March.

Every effort will be made to accommodate boys' option choices; however there are constraints on set sizes. Alternatively, if sets are not of a viable number, they may not run.

ART & DESIGN: FINE ART AQA

WHY TAKE ART?

The environment in which you are growing up in is fast, impatient and forever disconnected from real experiences. More and more our reliance on technology inhibits us, as opposed to empowering our ability to connect with each other and our surroundings. GCSE Art at Bishop Wordsworth's School will give you the opportunity not only to look, but to see, question, understand and reflect and to analyse critically and articulate creatively.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Art demands a commitment to question, reflect and learn new ways of seeing, engaging ideas and intentions.

WHAT DOES THE COURSE INVOLVE?

The GCSE AQA Fine Art course is designed to develop your ability as a young Artist, questioning and reflecting on themes that will initially be set for you. The course will allow you to pursue and develop an idea creatively and confidently with the support of expert teaching staff.

Your initial project will be based on the theme 'Surfaces,' this will start with a focus on drawing techniques and ways to develop a personal response to the theme in a short intensive project that with give you a comprehensive understanding of the assessment objectives. You will then independently work in response to a theme from a selection of visual and written starting points. This will ensure you understand the expectations of the subject and prepare you for your GCSE:

Component 1: The Portfolio - 60%. This will start at the end of year 10. It will be supplemented by a selection of supporting work. The course concludes with:

Component 2: An Externally Set Assignment in February - 40%.

HOW WILL YOU LEARN?

Art is a creative subject in which you will respond independently to themes and questions. You will present your investigations in a sketchbook articulating visually your understanding and the context of your work, researching Artists and information appropriate to your practice. You will visit London Galleries and a have the chance to go on a residential trip to St Ives, this residential trip will form the foundation of your Component 1 and the portfolios theme will be 'Coast.' These trips are a vital learning resource; they inspire and inform ideas and responses, developing students' understanding of their subject in a wider context. You will have the full support of an experienced team of practitioners within their respective disciplines alongside a dedicated technical support team.

BUSINESS [Edexcel 1BS0]

What will I learn?

You'll start by exploring the world of small businesses through the lens of an entrepreneur. How and why do business ideas come about? What makes a successful business? You'll learn how to develop an idea, spot an opportunity and turn it into a successful business. You will understand how to make a business effective, manage money and see how the world around us affects small businesses and all the people involved.

Then you'll move on to investigating business growth. How does a business develop beyond the start-up phase? You'll learn about key business concepts and issues and decisions you need to make when growing a business and working in a global business. You'll learn about meeting customer needs, making marketing, operational, financial and human resourcing decisions and you'll explore how the wider world impacts the business as it grows.

The main areas covered include:

Theme 1: Investigating small business – enterprise and entrepreneurship; spotting a business opportunity; putting a business idea into practice; making the business effective; understanding external influences on business.

Theme 2: Building a business – growing the business; making marketing decisions; making operational decisions; making financial decisions; making human resource decisions

Is this the right subject for me?

If you enjoy the following, then the GCSE Business course is the right subject for you:

- · communicating and explaining your ideas
- thinking creatively and making decisions
- working with numbers to solve business problems
- learning about the world of business through real and relevant local and international brands

How is the course assessed?

The course is assessed by two externally marked papers. There is no coursework.

DESIGN and TECHNOLOGY:

Design and Technology - Edexcel

Design and Technology is a practical subject area which requires the application of knowledge and understanding when developing ideas, planning, producing products and evaluating them.

The distinction between Designing and Making is a convenient one to make, but in practice the two often merge. For example, research can involve not only investigating printed matter and people's opinion, but also investigating e.g. proportions, adhesives, colour, structures and materials through practical work.

The course provides students with:

- A clear and simple structure to help students revise for and relate the work done for Controlled Assessment to the exam.
- A practical approach that encourages students to design and make products with creativity and originality in a variety of practical activities, using a range of materials and techniques.
- A working knowledge of woods, metals, plastics and composite materials are required but other materials may be used in addition.
- A single tiered assessment covering grades 9 -1 to cater for students of all abilities.

Written Paper

50% of the total marks 1 hour 45 minutes

Coursework

50% of the total marks

A single design-and-make activity selected from a choice of set tasks, consisting of the development of a made outcome and a concise design folder and/or appropriate ICT evidence. These tasks are constantly reviewed.

The design folder should consist of approximately:

- 20 pages of A3 paper
- equivalent of A4 paper
- or the ICT equivalent

It is expected that students should spend approximately 45 hours on this activity.

As part of the evidence submitted, students should include photographs of the finished products as well as photographs at various stages of the process.

ENGLISH & ENGLISH LITERATURE [AQA GCSE]

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Non-Fiction based exam -

Title: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives – 1hr 45

Section A: One non-fiction and one literary non-fiction text - linked. Series of questions including comparison. One C19th

Section B: Writing to present a viewpoint - no choice

Fiction-based exam -Title: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing – 1 hr 45

Section A: Literature Fiction text (C20th / C21st)

Section B: Descriptive or narrative writing - choice

Speaking and Listening: All candidates make one presentation to their class. They will be assessed for this, and for the manner in which they respond to questions. The mark for this will appear as a separate one on their certificates, but will not count towards the final GCSE English Language mark. It is internally assessed.

ENGLISH LITERATURE

Title: Modern Texts and Poetry – 2 hrs 15m Closed Book

Section A: One essay from a choice of two on studied texts

Text: J.B.Priestley *An Inspector Calls* Section B: Anthology Cluster (Conflict and Power) - Comparative question on one named poem and one of choice Section C: Unseen Poetry – one question on unseen; second question comparing with 2nd unseen

Title: Shakespeare and the C19th Novel – 1hr 45 Closed Book

Section A: One question on Shakespeare play, starting from an extract, then writing about the play as a whole

Text: *Macbeth* Section B: One question on novel, starting from an extract, then writing about the text as a whole

Text: RL Stevenson The Strange Case of Dr.Jekyll and Mr. Hyde

GEOGRAPHY - WJEC Eduqas B (9-1)

This linear course adopts a distinctive problem solving approach to the study of interactions between people and the environment. Pupils will develop skills of interpretation, analysis and evaluation when they collect primary data and are presented with reported evidence and information and become critical learners as they consider the strengths and limitations of this data and evidence.

At the same time pupils will consider the points of view of those who have a vested interest when they are affected by contentious geographical change such as climate change or migration. Pupils will develop the skills to become informed and reflective citizens when they consider a range of viewpoints, values and attitudes which are held by stakeholders on a number of key geographical issues.

The course is broken up into three broad themes; Changing Places, Changing Environments, and Environmental Challenges.

The content of the course is examined by three examination papers;

Paper 1 – Investigating Geographical Issues has three structured data response questions. The final part of each question will require an extended response. These questions will directly test the content contained within each of the three themes.

Paper 2 – Problem Solving Geography will assess content from across the themes using a variety of structured data response questions; part A will introduce an issue and set the geographical context, part B will outline a number of possible solutions to the issue and part C will provide an opportunity for the candidates to choose a solution and justify their choice in an extended response.

Paper 3 – Applied Fieldwork Enquiry has three parts which use a variety of structured data response questions, some of which require extended responses; parts A and B will assess how fieldwork data is collected, presented, analysed, and used to investigate a specific geographical investigation, part C will assess the application of broad geographical concepts to a wider UK context and assess the ability of the pupils to make and justify a decision.

HISTORY - The Modern World 20th Century [iGCSE Cambridge]

The GCSE History syllabus covers world affairs. It concentrates on the international relations of the major powers in this period. Our chosen depth study is of the USA between the wars. The course allows students to study a fascinating and dramatic period of History which has seen the domination of the European Great Powers give way to first, the superpowers of the post-1945 nuclear age and second, the more unpredictable world of today. Moreover, the last sixty years have witnessed the emergence of some of the greatest and most notorious individuals of any historical era; Churchill, Roosevelt, Stalin, Khrushchev and Kennedy will all be considered in some detail.

GCSE History aims to achieve a balanced emphasis between the skills of History and its content. As a consequence, the course aims to:

- Acquire knowledge and understanding of the human past
- Investigate historical events, changes, people and issues
- Develop understanding of how the past has been interpreted
- Use historical sources accurately
- Recall, select, use and communicate their knowledge and understanding of history.
- Draw conclusions whilst appreciating that these are liable to reassessment

The course itself is divided into 3 parts:

- International relations between the World Wars
- The Cold War 1945 1989
- USA Depth Study 1919 1941

The course is coherent but varied. It enables students not only to learn something of the recent past which, of course, informs the present, but also provides them with essential training in the organisation and analysis of information. History is thus not only intrinsically valuable but also has wider benefits, as the skills learned will be vital in a variety of future careers.

LATIN - [OCR 9-1 J282]

(In recent years Latin has not had a viable number of students to run in curriculum time, but has run as an additional subject outside of school. If this happens there is an associated cost.)

Latin's appeal is often to be found in its similarity to many of our modern European languages including English; others find its precision and logic a fascinating puzzle to be solved; while many are drawn by the bizarre characters, stunning history and the beautiful literature of Roman times.

In year 10 boys will have the opportunity to study Latin GCSE. The exam comprises of three papers: Language, Literature and Literature and Culture. The 'Language' element builds upon the work done in Years 7-9. Both the grammar and the vocabulary can be found on the website. The boys are required to complete Latin translation and comprehension into English with which the boys are familiar. These passages are interesting in themselves but often provoke a desire to learn more about the situations that have been chosen. The new GCSE now requires the pupil to translate a few sentences from English into Latin and this really embeds their grammar and makes the student more confident in their understanding of the language. The boys will get plenty of practice and help in both disciplines.

The Literature falls into two categories: prose and verse. Each year we choose one of these categories. The authors we typically read are: Caesar, Cicero, Pliny, Suetonius, Virgil, Ovid and Catullus covering very diverse subjects.

Finally, we would also study the 'Literature and Culture' module. This unit builds on the skills of independent research which the boys have used in previous Roman Life presentations but introduces candidates to primary source material as evidence for how the Romans lived; it further develops candidates' skills in identifying and responding to evidence; encourages candidates to relate their own experiences to that of the Romans. The sources are both archaeological and literary but in an English translation, thereby making them very accessible to the boys.

As the boys will have already discovered, the CLC website has a wealth of resources which we regularly use. However OCR are also developing their site and many resources are to be found here also. For resources and course information please refer to OCR at the following address;

http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse-latin-j282-from-2016/

MATHEMATICS [AQA GCSE 9 – 1 with Further Mathematics for top set]

All sets will follow the **AQA GCSE 9-1 Mathematics** course which is a linear course that is graded from 9 to 1.

This **GCSE 9 - 1 course is studied over three years**. This new course places greater demands on students than the old GCSE with its increase in content and greater emphasis on problem solving.

It has 3 final exams, two calculator and one non-calculator, and has been designed as a solid foundation for continuation onto A level mathematics, which a large proportion of our boys choose to do in the Sixth Form.

In addition to this, the **top set** of most able mathematicians will also study the **AQA Level 2 Certificate in Further Mathematics**. This qualification places an emphasis on higher order technical proficiency, rigorous argument and problem-solving skills and is suitable for able students who are expected to attain the top grade in GCSE Mathematics and are likely to progress to A level studies in Mathematics and possibly Further Mathematics.

The content of this course will be taught alongside the GCSE Mathematics and provides these most able boys with an opportunity to be stretched further in mathematics.

The **Further Mathematics** course is assessed via two final exams, one non-calculator paper which is worth 40% of the assessment and one calculator paper which is worth 60% of the assessment.

MODERN LANGUAGES

All Year 10 pupils will study at least one Modern Foreign Language to GCSE for 4 periods a week. This will be the language they have studied from year 7. There is an option to study a second language in addition for gifted students and this will be the language they have studied for one year in year 9. The second language option will also be taught for 4 periods a week.

FRENCH EdExcel Certificate in French (1FRO)

Pupils will have covered an introductory course of either one/three years' duration in preparation for the GCSE. The GCSE now looks to build upon the skills already learned and extend them further. Speaking, writing, listening and reading will all be assessed by a terminal exam.

GERMAN Edexcel GCSE (1GN0)

Pupils will have studied their language in year 7-9 in preparation for the GCSE. The GCSE course now looks to build upon the skills already learned and extend them further. Speaking, writing, listening and reading will all be assessed by a terminal exam.

SPANISH EdExcel (1SP0)

Pupils will have covered an introductory course of either one/three years' duration in preparation for the GCSE. The GCSE course now looks to build upon the skills already learned and extend them further. Speaking, writing, listening and reading will all be assessed by a terminal exam.

French	German	Spanish
Studio Edexcel GCSE (9-1) French	Stimmt! Edexcel GCSE German	Coursebook: Viva
Trips offered: Trip to Paris in Year 9 or 10	Trip to Rüdesheim in Year 10	Trip to Barcelona in Year 9 or 10

MUSIC [EDUQAS SPECIFICATION]

The main elements in this syllabus are:

Listening, **Performing**, **Appraising** and **Composing** which must be taken by all candidates. All intending candidates must show <u>instrumental</u> or <u>vocal</u> competence before commencing the course in order to fulfil the performing requirement. It is recommended that you are at least grade 3 standard before starting the course, and you must be able to read music from standard notation.

You will study:

- Western Classical Music
- Music in the 20th Century (including musicals and film music)
- Popular Music
- World Music

You will learn the following skills:

- Composing
- Performing (together with your instrumental or vocal teacher you must have one of these!)
- Appraising

All of these skills are interrelated and will be assessed.

Assessment:

The exam papers cover the full range of grades from 1 to 9. There are three aspects to your assessment:

Coursework (60%)

- Two performances (solo and ensemble)
- Produce two compositions.

Listening Paper (approximately 75 minutes, in CD format)

• This paper is based on music that you have studied in the Areas of Study. You will answer questions on seven or eight extracts of music. There will be a mixture of multiple-choice, structured and unstructured questions.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION [Cambridge iGCSE 0995]

Universities and employers accept Cambridge IGCSE Physical Education as proof that candidates have knowledge, skills and an understanding of a range of relevant physical activities. Candidates' knowledge, skills and understanding come from studying both practical and theoretical aspects of Physical Education.

The syllabus provides candidates with an opportunity to study both the practical and theoretical aspects of Physical Education. It is also designed to foster enjoyment in physical activity. The knowledge gained should enable candidates to develop an understanding of effective and safe physical performance. Candidates will study all of the following topics: 1: Anatomy and physiology 2: Health, fitness and training 3: Skill acquisition and psychology 4: Social, cultural and ethical influences.

Successful Cambridge IGCSE Physical Education students gain lifelong skills, including:

- An ability to plan, perform, analyse and improve, and evaluate physical activities
- Knowledge, skills and understanding of a range of relevant physical activities
- An understanding of effective and safe performance
- An understanding of the role of sport and physical activity in society and in the wider world
- An excellent foundation for advanced study
- An enjoyment of physical activity.

Component 1: Exam Paper

1 hour 45 minutes, 100 marks

The examination assesses candidates' knowledge and understanding in relation to the syllabus content. Candidates are required to demonstrate skills of description, interpretation and evaluation. The question paper has a weighting of 50 per cent of the total marks of the qualification and uses a mix of short answer questions and structured questions.

Component 2: Coursework, 100 marks

Coursework is worth 50 per cent of the total marks of the qualification and each activity is marked out of 25 marks. The coursework component assesses candidates' performance in four physical activities from at least two of seven categories listed in the syllabus.

Overall Breakdown

- Exam Paper 50%
- Practical Activity Coursework 50%

Further Information

https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/Images/400329-2019-2021-syllabus.pdf

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Core Curriculum Full Course – WJEC (Eduqas)

Religious Education is, by law, a compulsory subject in all schools in England and Wales. At Bishop Wordsworth's School we believe that pupils should get recognition for their hard work and effort. As a result, all students are entered for the full course examination in this subject. The course is taught in two lessons a week over a two and a half year period, starting in year nine. At the end of year eleven students will take the examination in Religious Education and will be awarded a full GCSE.

Content: WJEC (Eduqas) GCSE full course syllabus is separated into three parts:

Component 1: Religious, philosophical and ethical studies in the modern world.

Theme 1: Issues of relationships.

Theme 2: Issues of life and death.

Theme 3: Issues of good and evil.

Theme 4: Issues of human rights.

Component 2: Study of Christianity: beliefs, teachings and practices.

Component 3: Study of Sikhism: beliefs, teachings and practices.

Assessment: This course will be assessed by three exams at the end of year 11.

Students will be challenged with questions about belief, values, meaning, purpose and truth, enabling them to develop their own values and attitudes towards religious issues. Students will also gain an appreciation of how religion, philosophy and ethics form the basis of our culture.

SCIENCE

All boys study separate Sciences and will be awarded with a GCSE in Biology, Chemistry and Physics. The boys now study the AQA 9-1 specifications which they start to study in year 9. The specifications can be found here:

Biology - https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/biology-8461

Chemistry - https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/chemistry-8462

Physics - https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/physics-8463

NB if the hyperlink fails to load the page, copy and paste the link into your browser.

These specifications are rigorous and their study will continue to build upon the already extended study of the boys at KS3. The course content will serve as good preparation for the large numbers of boys who we anticipate will go on to study one or more of the Sciences at A level.

For each of the Sciences, assessment is by way of two 1 hour 45min examination papers. Each paper will contain a mix of multiple-choice, structured, closed short answer and open response questions. These examinations are sat at the end of the course in year 11 and there is no coursework.

The Science faculty has a very extensive enrichment programme which provides boys with a wide range of opportunities to extend and further their interest and knowledge of Science.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CAREERS EDUCATION

The aim of Careers work in the Middle School is threefold, namely:

- To stimulate serious thought about future careers.
- To investigate suitable post-16 level courses and qualifications and post-18 options,
- To provide a breadth of knowledge to ensure flexibility in regard to job opportunities including apprenticeships and technical education .
- To promote self-development alongside citizenship provision and the existing pastoral system.

This is undertaken by a team of staff led by the Careers Leader and Adviser, Mrs Sally Armstrong working with the School's Careers Co-coordinator Mrs Susie Stoneham.

Although the careers programme is continually evolving, it contains the following elements:

- An introduction to useful careers resources.
- Formal lessons including career pathways and researching apprenticeships, university courses and requirements.
- Opportunities to meet local employers and discover more about the world of work.
- Targeted personal development planning.
- Impartial guidance interviews with the School's Careers Adviser.

Pupils from Years 9, 10 and 11 are welcome to request an interview at any point from Mrs Armstrong via email: <u>saa@bws.wilts.sch.uk</u>