

Year 9 Curriculum Update

October 2022

The current Year 9 curriculum has been designed so that pupils have the maximum amount of time and support to make wise and informed choices about the subjects they will go on to study in Key Stage 4, whilst also maintaining a broad and balanced curriculum.

Year 9 Key Dates 2022/23

Date	Event
Thursday 3 rd November 2022	Year 9 Parents Evening
Mon 9 th Jan – Fri 20 th Jan 2023	Year 9 assessment window
March 2023 (Exact date TBC)	Year 9 subject reports sent home
March 2023 (Exact dates TBC)	Year 9 'Curriculum Choices' information sent home and 'Curriculum Choices' assembly
Thursday 27 th April 2023	Year 9 'Curriculum Choices' Evening
Friday 5 th May 2023	Deadline for 'Curriculum Choices' forms to be handed in
May/June 2023	Curriculum choices processed and timetabled
July 2023 (Exact date TBC)	Confirmation of curriculum choices sent home

Year 9 Parents Evening

We have scheduled Parents Evening for Year 9 during the Autumn term of 2022/23 as it has now been a year since you last met subject teachers i.e. when your child was in Year 8. We thought it would be helpful to speak to teachers of option subjects to see how pupils have settled into their choice of taster subjects at this stage too, and also provide an opportunity for you to speak to core subject teachers and tutors.

Year 9 Curriculum Plans & Progress

Our website has lots of curriculum information, including copies of 'Long Term Plans' for all subjects [\[LINK\]](#) so that you and your child can see key aspects of each course.

We will be sending home a summary of your child's progress and attitude to learning for each subject they study via a termly 'Progress Report'. We have a dedicated email address should you have any queries about the curriculum or your child's progress [\[Y9Progress@venerablebede.co.uk\]](mailto:Y9Progress@venerablebede.co.uk). In your email, please clearly state the name of your child, give a brief outline of your query and the subject it relates to – this will help us to forward your email to the most appropriate member(s) of staff.

Year 9 Assessments & Reports

Year 9 assessments have been scheduled so that they can be marked and communicated with home in advance of any curriculum choices that will be made in Year 9. Alongside assessment outcomes, in March, you will also receive a detailed subject report for each subject your child is studying this year – this is intended to help inform any decisions regarding the subjects your child will go on to study in Key Stage 4.

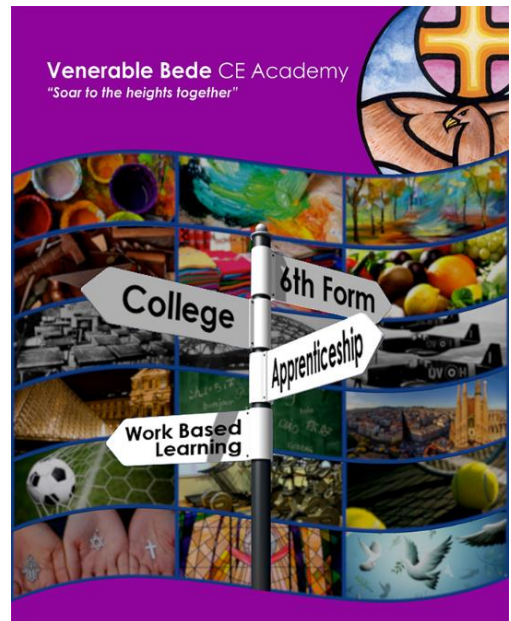
Year 9 Curriculum Choices

At the **end of Year 9**, your child will make their final curriculum choices to determine the subjects they will take forward in Years 10 and 11, through to certification. These are likely to be drawn from those they have chosen to study in Year 9 but are not necessarily restricted to those.

We want our students to achieve the best academic outcomes they can as this will enable them to have further choices when they reach the end of Year 11.

By making thoughtful choices based on career aspirations, aptitude and subjects they enjoy they will be laying down strong foundations for the future.

Please see key dates overleaf for a timeline of the curriculum choices process.



Year 9 Recommended Websites: Core Subjects

To support learning and revision at home, we have collated some useful websites for the core subjects your child is studying this year:

Subject	Recommended websites to support home learning and revision
English [Edexcel]	English Language Bitesize A wealth of information to support the analysing of fiction/non-fiction, comparing texts, writing skills and spoken language.
Maths [AQA]	Corbett Maths A website, organised by topic, with lots of tutorial videos, questions (and answers!) and practice assessments.
Science [Edexcel]	Cognito A website filled with YouTube video lessons, practice questions, flashcards to help memorise information, past exam papers and lots more. The website covers all three sciences - Biology, Chemistry and Physics – and even some Maths too!
Religious Studies [Eduqas]	Religious Studies Bitesize Lots of useful materials to support the four key areas covered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The nature of God and Jesus in Christianity [LINK] ▪ Key beliefs in Christianity [LINK] ▪ Practices – Eduqas [LINK] ▪ Islam [LINK]
Geography [AQA]	Cool Geography A website full of useful resources to help study Geography - the world around us, our environment and the way that humans interact with their surroundings.
History [Edexcel]	Medicine Through Time: BBC Teach A set of YouTube clips covering all aspects of the 'Medicine Through Time' unit of work... from Medieval to Modern Medicine.
Spanish [Eduqas]	Spanish Bitesize Covering key topics, specific to our exam board (Eduqas), translation tasks (and answers), vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation support,