

Welcome to Year 9 Evening



Wednesday 11th September 2024

The Pastoral Team

Mr Vere – Head of Lower School

Ms Deveson – Deputy Head of Lower School

Mrs Kent – KS3 Pastoral Office

The Year 9 Tutor Team

- 9A – Mr Lawrence
- 9C – Mr Mitchell
- 9F – Mr Williams
- 9S – Mrs Wilkening
- 9Y – Mr Anderson



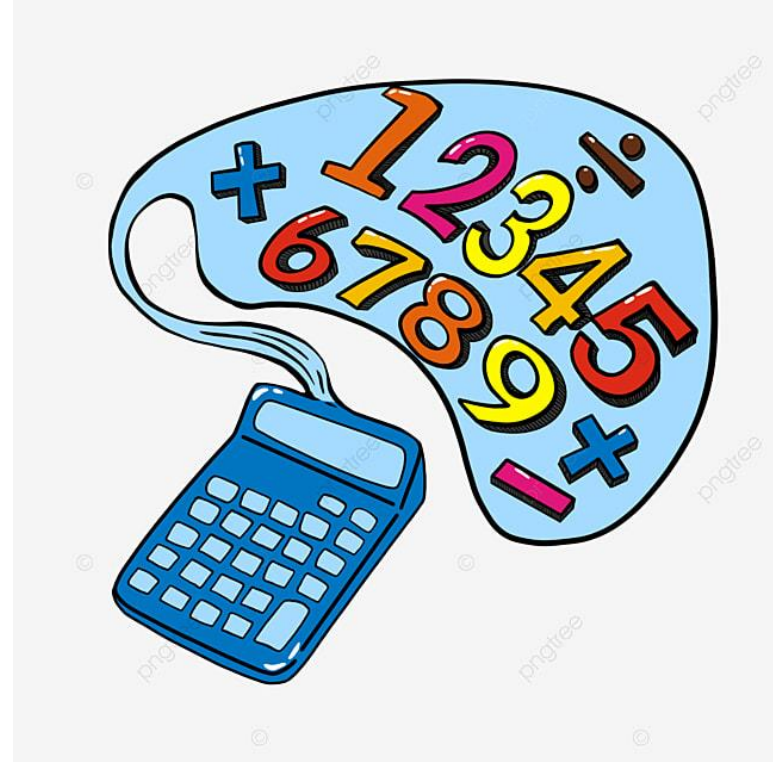
Our Aims for Year 9

- To ensure our students are happy, safe and supported
- To help our students achieve their academic potential
- To provide enrichment opportunities for our students
- To ensure our students make informed option choices



Curriculum Developments

- Changes in Maths for Year 9
- Setting of groups
- Mrs Wilkening, Head of Maths



GCSE Options

- In Year 10, students take **10 GCSEs** (or in some cases 9 GCSEs)
- **6 subjects are compulsory** – Maths, English Language, English Literature and Triple Science (or Combined Science)
- **4 option subjects** (to include at least 1 foreign language)
- Plus the following non-examination subjects – PE, PSHCE and RE



Ronan's Experience

- Ronan is school captain
- He selected his GCSE options back in 2021
- Here are his observations of the process and how his option choices have shaped his academic pathway



GCSE Science

- GCSE begins in Year 9
- 3 year course
culminating in a
triple or combined
award Science GCSE
- Mr Mitchell, Head of
KS3 Science



How Science works at Manwood's in Year 9

- Taught in Form groups
- Cover GCSE topics in rotation (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)

Topics Covered		
Biology	Chemistry	Physics
Cell Structures	Formulae and Equations	Motion
What happens in Cells	Purity and Separating Mixtures	Matter Part 1
Supplying the Cell	Atmosphere & Pollution	Waves

Decision on Combined and Triple Science

- **Based on Exam Performance (Science GCSE has no coursework). Year 9 Science performance will decide whether they follow Combined or Triple. Students will need to be engaged throughout the year.**
- **End of Years exams consist of a separate paper for Physics, Chemistry and Biology.**
- **Approximately 2/3rds of the year follow Triple science**
- **Combined is less content to cover but is the same standard of content as Triple science, students can still achieve grade 9-9 in Combined.**
- **Taking Combined science does not prevent students from taking A-level science, providing they reach the entry requirements.**

Homework Expectations

- All homework recorded in the student planner
- 2-3 pieces of homework every evening
- 20-30 minutes per homework task
- May be a research task
- Parental prompting aids organisation
- Early contact if there are homework concerns



RE in Year 9 and Beyond

- Miss Jones, Head of RPE



Religion, Philosophy & Ethics

‘Religious education (RE) makes a significant contribution to pupils’ academic and personal development. It also plays a key role in promoting social cohesion and the virtues of respect and empathy, which are important in our diverse society’

Ofsted 2024

At SRMS, the study of Religion, Philosophy and Ethics is a meaningful and thought-provoking exploration of beliefs systems and contemporary moral issues. Carried out in a non-doctrinal and open way, this subject allows learners to gain an awareness of where beliefs come from and how they influence individuals and communities. Our guiding aim as a department is to provide all students with a moral grounding and awareness of the impact religious and cultural beliefs have on individuals and wider societies.

Religion, Philosophy & Ethics Pathway

Core (non-examined)

Why is RE compulsory?

Should faith schools
exist in the UK?

Do all people have
human rights?

If religions promote
peace, why is there so
much conflict?

GCSE Religion

Islamic Practices

Islamic Beliefs

Christian Practices

Christian Beliefs

GCSE Philosophy & Ethics

Crime and Punishment

Relationships and Families

Matters of life and Death

Existence of God and
revelation

Year 9
**Understanding God and
Morality**
2 lessons across the two-week
timetable

Year 10 & 11 Core
1 lesson across the two-week
timetable

Year 10 & 11 GCSE
5 lessons across the two-week
timetable

School Rules Focus

- Uniform – skirts, blazers, ties
- Jewellery – piercings
- Absence – term time holidays
- Promptness – arriving on time



Key Dates

Week of 4th November 2024 – First assessment

Week of 6th January 2025 – Second assessment

Tues 14th January 2025 – GCSE Options Evening

Weds 22nd January 2025 – Year 9 Parents' Evening

Fri 31st January 2025 – Deadline for submission of GCSE options

Week of 21st April 2025 – Third assessment

Mon 2nd – Fri 6th June 2025 – Year 9 Exam Week

Week of 14th July 2025 – Final Year 9 assessment with report



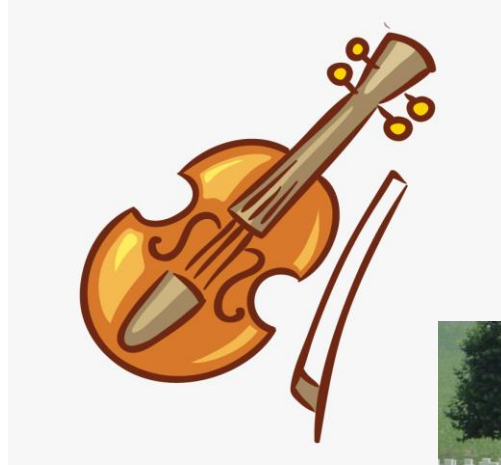
Year 9 Geography

- Mr Anderson, Head of Geography



Opportunities for enrichment:

- Music Groups



- Drama Club



- Sports Clubs

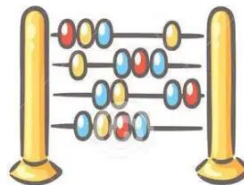
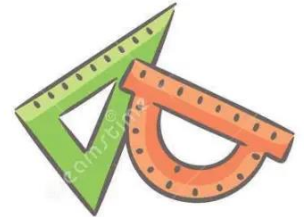
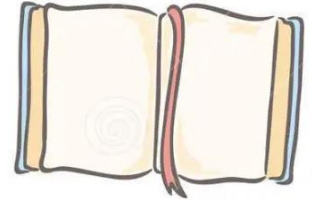


- Trips

- Eco Society

Subject clubs for supporting and stretching

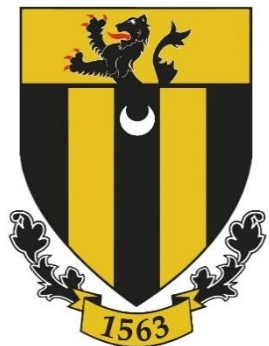
- Tech Club
- Art Club
- Computer Club
- History Club
- Maths Club
- Careers Club
- French Club





Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

- Open to Year 9 students
- Great opportunity to meet new people, learn new skills, challenge yourself and build confidence
- Ms Deveson, DofE Centre Manager



Duke of Edinburgh's Award at SRMS



THE DUKE
OF EDINBURGH'S
AWARD

BRONZE

Volunteering **3** months

Physical **3** months

Skills **3** months

Expedition **2** days **1** night



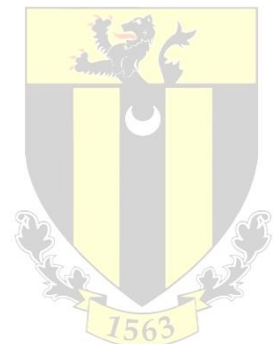
PLUS a further 3 months in the Volunteering, Physical or Skills section.

Volunteering Section



Volunteering is simple. It's about choosing to give time to something useful, without getting paid.

- Helping out at an after school club at SRMS
- Helping out at a scout/guiding group
- Volunteering at a local charity shop
- Volunteering at a local library
- Volunteering in the eco-society in school
- Volunteering in the charity club in school
- Volunteering at a church
- Litter picking outside of school

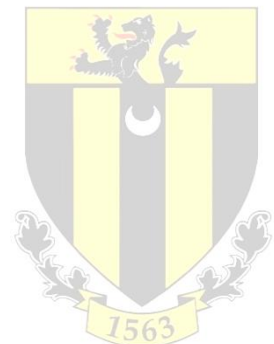


Physical Section



Get Active! Anything that requires a sustained level of physical energy and involves doing an activity.

- Attending an after school sports club in school
- Attending an after school sports club outside of school
- Doing parkrun every week
- Cycling once a week
- Walking once a week
- Dance once a week
- Going to the gym once a week

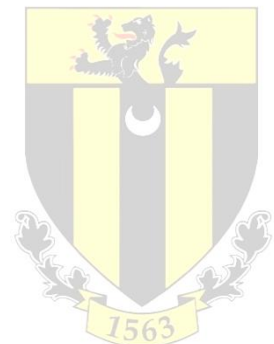


Skills Section



To develop practical and social skills and personal interests by developing a new skill or improving an existing one.

- Learning to play a musical instrument (lessons in school or outside of school)
- Cooking at home whilst creating a cookbook of recipes made
- Photography, creating a PowerPoint of images at the end
- Art, creating a art book of work throughout
- Care of animals - horses/farm animals etc.
- Performing arts - acting, drama and theatre skills



Expedition Section



Level	Training	Duration		Minimum hours of planned activity each day
		Practice	Qualifying	
Bronze	Including.... Camp craft Map Skills, First Aid,	Minimum 1 days and 1 night	2 days and 1 night	At least 6 hours during the daytime (at least 3 of which must be spent journeying)
Silver	Including.... Camp craft Map Skills, First Aid,	Minimum 2 days and 2 night	3 days and 2 night	At least 7 hours during the daytime (at least 3.5 of which must be spent journeying)
Gold	Including.... Camp craft Map Skills, First Aid,	Minimum 2 days and 2 night	4 days and 3 night	At least 8 hours during the daytime (at least 4 of which must be spent journeying)

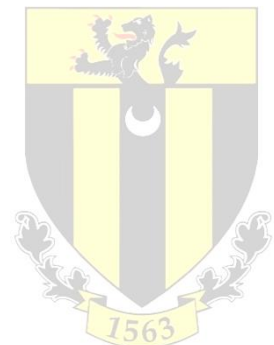
Training Weekend: Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th January 2025

Day Walk and Route Planning: Saturday 8th February 2025

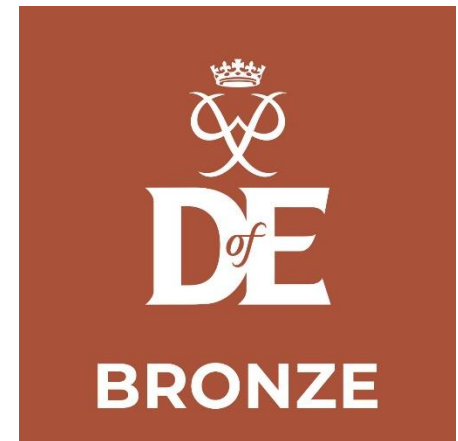
Practice Expedition: Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th April 2025

Assessed Expedition: Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd June 2025

ALL DATES TBC



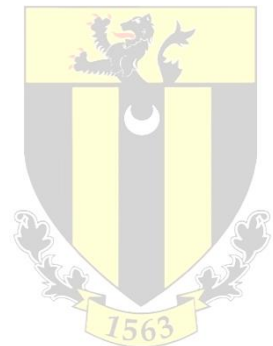
Changes to Kent DofE & Cost



- Kent DofE moving from KCC to TEP
- 2023/2024 – £274
- 2024/2025 – likely to be around this price
- Funding available for students in receipt of pupil premium

What now?

- Letter to be sent home to parents ASAP
- Section planner to be given to students for completion prior to starting the award
- Any questions can be emailed to dofe@srms.kent.sch.uk



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**Any
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