



Year 9 – Curriculum Information

- St Crispin's follows a broad and balanced curriculum as laid out in the National Curriculum.
- During the course of the year we will send out three reports to parents/carers, one report per term. These reports will contain the current attainment and end of year targets for each subject. Scores are also given for attitude to learning, motivation and organisation, behaviour for learning and quality of classwork and homework.
- A student's lessons are organised over a fortnight with a different week A and week B timetable. There are five one hour lessons per day (25 per week).
- The table below shows the subjects students will study and the number of periods available for each subject.

Subject	Periods/Hours per fortnight
English#	6
Maths#	7
Science#	7
French or Spanish#	6
German*	3
Design and Technology	3
Geography	4
History	4
Religious Studies	2
Art	3
Music	2
Drama	2
Physical Education#	4

- All lessons are taught in mixed ability groups based on tutor groups, except for subjects marked with #. These subjects are set by ability.
- *Students in the top set in French or Spanish will be offered German as well. Instead of 6 periods of French/Spanish a fortnight, students will have three periods of French/Spanish and three periods of German.
- Details of what is taught in each subject can be found on the school's website under the Departments tab.
- During registration, students will hold conversations with their tutor regarding their attendance, wellbeing and behaviour. We have also included a Character Education programme that will focus on the statutory Relationships, Sex and Health Education programme (also embedded within the main curriculum), promote positive mental health, work related learning, life skills and British values. These areas will also be covered in targeted focus mornings/afternoons during the school year.
- All students study Religious Studies in Year 9, following the Berkshire Agreed Syllabus.
- Computing is taught through Science and Maths, in the context of those subjects.
- In Modern Foreign Languages, students will study either French or Spanish. Both languages will be taught to develop students' understanding and confidence in "how to learn" a new language. Students will study either Spanish or French depending on which side of the year they are on. From Year 8 those students in the top sets of the year will also study German in addition to French or Spanish.

- A wide variety of enrichment and extra-curricular activities is on offer to all students. Across the year, many educational visits are organised, including three trips days. Lunchtime and after school activities provide students with additional opportunities to develop their skills and understanding of the world around them.
- To help prepare students with the knowledge and skills required for Year 11, English, Maths and Science will begin their GCSE courses during Year 9.
- Year 9 is also an important year as students will choose their option subjects for Key Stage Four. All students will continue to study a core group of subjects in Years 10 and 11 (English, Maths, Science, PE and PSHCE) but will be able to choose four subjects from a range of GCSE and Technical Awards. A programme to support the options process will include amongst other things: assemblies, support in tutor groups and an Options Evening, held in January. The options booklet and form will be made available then.
- Please note that changes cannot be made to a student's options choices in Year 10 or Year 11.