



Rowde Campus

Year 10 Options

Preparing for September 2023

Name _____

Year 10 Tutor Group _____

In September, you will be starting Year 10.

This means that you will become a Key Stage 4 student, and will be able to start learning some new subjects and will stop learning others.

You will spend Year 10 and 11 learning things that will help you when you move onto college. It is important you choose subjects that you will enjoy.

This booklet will help you to think about your choices.

You can talk to your tutor about this too. All the adults want to help you make the right choice for you.

You will work towards qualifications or accreditation in most of your subjects. In some subjects, the work you do will earn you credits to achieve a certificate or an award. In other subjects, you will complete an assessment to show how much you have learned. These results tell colleges how well you have done and what you need to work on next to get even better.



There are some subjects you must do – These are called **compulsory subjects**.

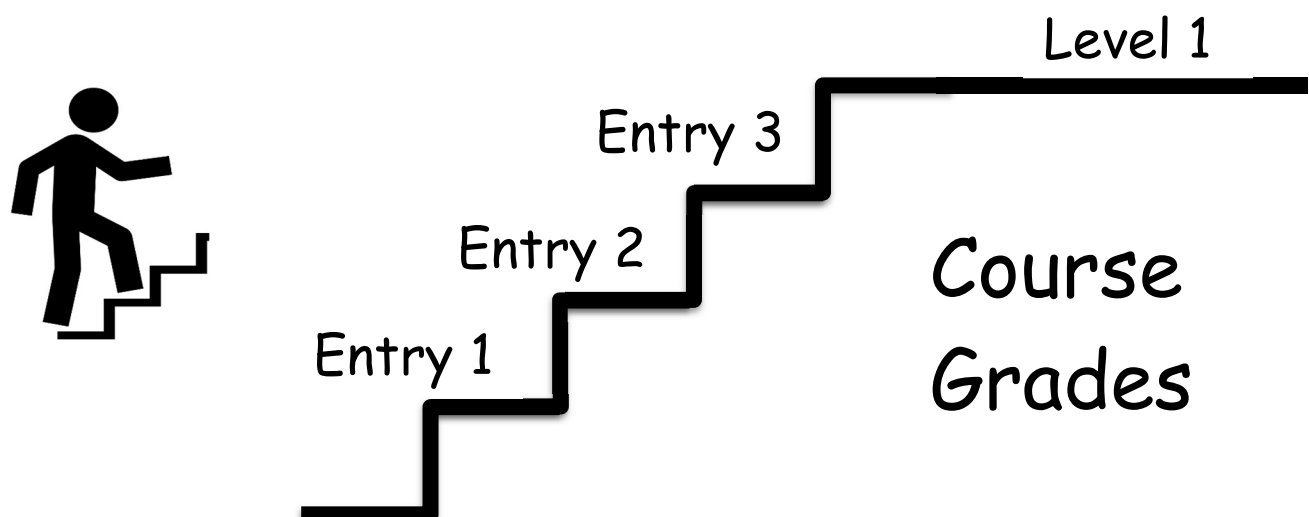
Everyone does these subjects, and you will learn these with your tutor group.

The subjects you must do are:

English	Cooking and Nutrition
Maths	DT
Science	PE
ICT	Land Based Studies
PSHRE	Life Skills

These subjects help you to learn skills that you need as you become an adult.

Although everyone does these subjects at Silverwood, in some subjects we offer different courses. You will follow the course at the right level for you to meet your needs.



There are some subjects you can choose or opt to learn – These are called **option subjects**.

The optional subjects are:

Spanish

Humanities

Computer Science

Art

Performing Arts

Personal Development (PD)

Duke of Edinburgh Award (D of E)

The option subjects you can choose from have been selected as the best courses for you, so not all subjects are available to everyone.

These subjects are in mixed groups, which means you will be with some people from your tutor group and some people from the other Year 10 classes.

Sometimes too many people want to learn the same thing. When this happens, the adults decide what they think will work best. It is not safe to have too many people in the same group. You will get some of your first choice options. You may also have one or two of your second choice options.

English



English is a compulsory subject at KS4.

You will work towards the WJEC Entry Level Certificate in Additional English. This will be either Entry Level 1, Entry Level 2 or Entry Level 3. Your tutor will discuss with you and your grownups which Entry Level you will work towards.

This qualification will help you to:

- communicate in a variety of situations and for a range of purposes and audiences
- communicate with increasing independence
- take part in group and individual activities
- engage with a wide range of texts
- identify and locate facts, ideas, information and opinions in texts
- understand and express your opinion
- develop your skills in writing to communicate clearly
- write for different audiences and purposes
- show increasing control of presentation of your writing



You will complete coursework in Years 10 and 11 which will be used as the evidence of completion of this qualification.

Over the next 2 years you will complete the following units:

- **Communicating Experiences** (*Sharing how you feel about events in the world or your own life*)
- **Exploring Shakespeare** (*The wonderful but gory Macbeth!*)
- **Exploring Audio/Visual Texts** (*That means watching and studying 2 films and their books!*)
- **Creating Narratives** (*Creating your own characters, settings and stories*)
- **Exploring Narratives** (*Finding out about and studying 2 fantastic books!*)
- **Exploring Poetry** (*Learning about and understanding lots of weird and wonderful poems*)

You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream. – C.S.Lewis

Maths at Key Stage 4



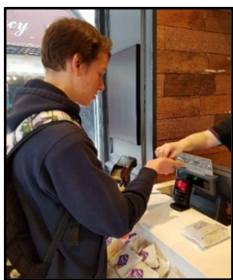
Everyone will continue to have Maths lessons during Key Stage 4.

Maths is very important in everyday life, and you will learn to apply your Maths skills in a practical way. Maths is more than just solving sums and calculations. It involves understanding numbers, being aware of shapes and directions, interpreting graphs and charts, understanding measurements including time, money and temperature, and being able to solve problems and think logically.



You will continue to improve your mental maths (sums in your head), but also learn to effectively use a calculator to solve more complicated topics, such as fractions and percentages.

You will have the opportunity to use your skills in the community. This usually involves developing money handling and budgeting skills in shops and cafes, and developing awareness of time by travelling on public transport. Being able to apply skills is the highlight for most students!



All students work towards a nationally recognised qualification.



Most students work towards **Functional Skills** in Maths, at Entry 1, Entry 2 or Entry 3. This is achieved by completing a series of test questions in class during terms 4 and 5 in Year 11.

Some students work towards WJEC **Entry Pathways** Certificate. This is achieved by gathering a sample (portfolio) of work for each topic.



Science at Key Stage 4

Everyone will continue to have Science lessons during Key Stage 4.

Science is all around us and helps us to understand ourselves and the world. Science is often talked about in the news.



Understanding Science is really important to help keep you safe and make decisions. It helps you to care for plants and animals and think about big ideas like the universe!

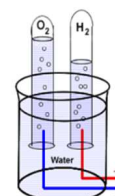


You will do lots of different things, including learning biology, chemistry and physics.

We use lots of very cool equipment, including microscopes, and Bunsen burners.

There are experiments, which you complete more independently, theory lessons, and lots of learning outside the classroom.

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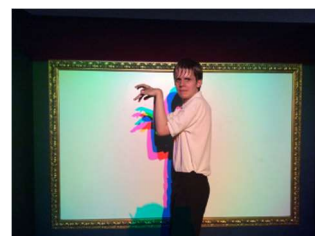
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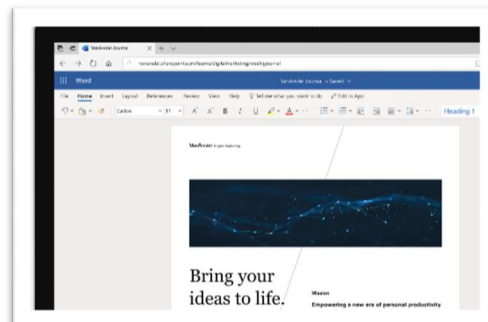
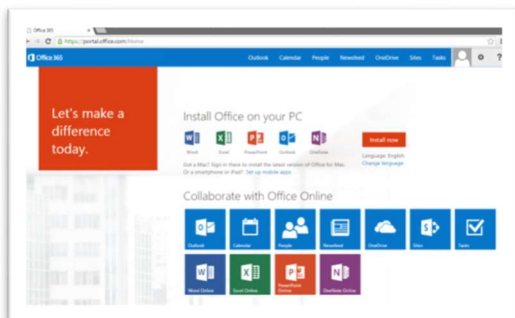
Most of all, we try to make it relevant to life, and fun!



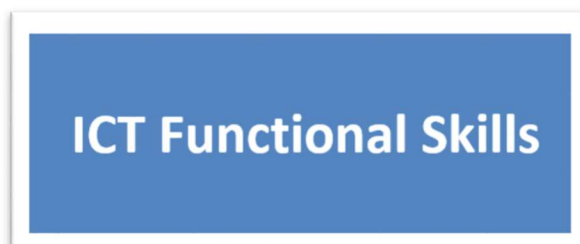
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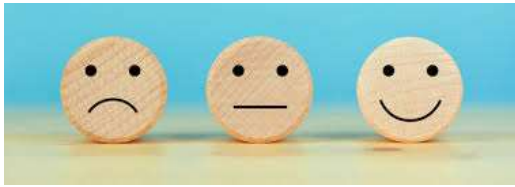


- This is a National Qualification recognised all around the country.
- It's an assessment done in school after lots of practice; you take the assessment when you are ready 😊
- You will learn about sending and receiving emails, as well as attaching and opening files in emails.
- Your Word skills will be amazing by the end of the course!
- You will also use something called Excel to help Mr Bean with his finances.
- This qualification shows everyone that you can successfully use a computer.

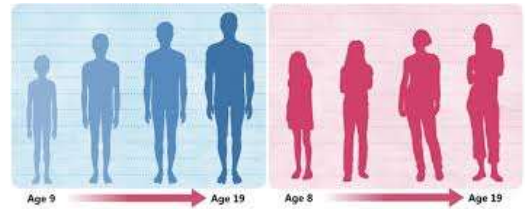
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Country	Population
China	1,385,618,778
India	1,111,509,204
USA	311,883,886
Indonesia	264,937,824
Pakistan	210,797,836
Brazil	210,301,591
Nigeria	208,676,114
Bangladesh	161,062,905
Russia	141,948,643
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PSHRE

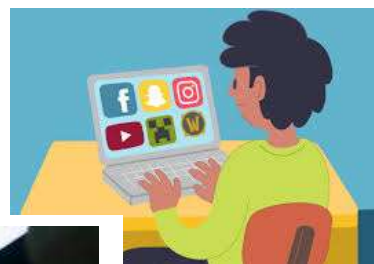


PSHRE stands for **P**ersonal, **S**ocial, **H**ealth, **R**elationship and **E**conomic education.

PSHRE happens in all your lessons but you will also have separate lessons.

These lessons are to help you to become more independent and prepare for adulthood. Topics are based around our school values.

- ✓ You will continue to learn about who you are, how to manage strong feelings and how to keep yourself safe.
- ✓ You will learn about the relationships you have and what makes a healthy and unhealthy relationship.
- ✓ You will think about how to keep your mind and body healthy through your lifestyle choices.
- ✓ You will learn about parenting awareness, as well as having important sex and relationship lessons.
- ✓ You will learn about going to college and work.
- ✓ You will do work experience in Year 11.



Cooking and Nutrition

In Years 10 & 11 you will follow WJEC Pathways Course – ‘Independent Living’.

There are two main units:

‘Food & Health’

We will

- Learn about nutrients.
- Explore different dietary needs.



‘Food Preparation, Cooking & Serving’

We will

- Cook savoury meals.
- Understand food safety.
- Life skills (independence).



There is a mixture of practical work and written work. We will work together to complete the written work and we photograph the practical tasks to show everyone the different skills we learn along the way.



Physical Education in KS4

PE is compulsory for all students in Yr. 10 and 11 as it has been. All students will have the opportunity to be entered into the Healthy Lifestyle Pathways qualification.

In this Qualification they can be entered as either Level 2 or and can receive a grade of Award or Certificate at each

During the course the students will have the opportunity to be involved in and play a variety of sports such as:

- Football
- Basketball
- Circuit training
- Cross country
- New Age Kurling
- Boccia
- Frisbee
- Outdoor Adventure (For DofE students)
- Trampolining



in KS3.
WJEC

Level 3,
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During each unit Students will:



- Develop their practical skills associated with each sport
- Develop knowledge of the rules of that sport and begin to officiate
- Develop knowledge of a Healthy Lifestyle and what we need to do to keep fit.
- Develop basic coaching skills.
- Develop their own warm up and cool down routine.
- Develop their knowledge around safety and sport.
- Help lead and run sporting activities throughout the school, through the Sports Leaders program.

The course is almost all practical with students fully involved in all the practical activities.

How will PE help students after they leave the school?

PE will give them fundamental life skills that each person will need in adulthood:

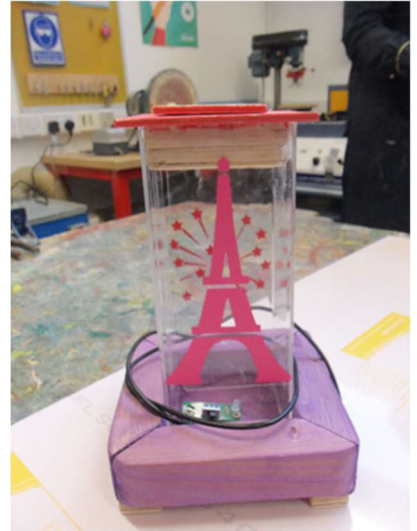
- Develop Teamwork skills
- Develop Problem solving skills
- Develop fine and gross motor skills
- Learn how to deal with winning and losing
- Build resilience
- Develop communication skills
- Develop knowledge of how to stay fit and healthy throughout their lives.



Design technology – DT

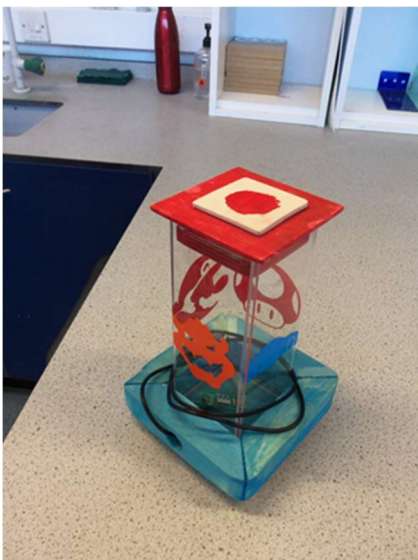
You will complete a course that is part of the WJEC course 'Preparing for Work'.

You will learn practical skills that will help you be ready for adulthood and getting a job.



You will use hand tools and machine tools.

You will use the computer to help you design what you will make.



It is lots of fun and we will create a portfolio of work to show all we have learned.

Land based studies

The course has three units:

1. **Introduction to plant care-** Pupils will learn how to care for plants in our walled garden and in the school grounds. They will also harvest produce from the gardens.
2. **Introduction to Animal care-** Pupils will learn how to care for the animals in the farm area and they will learn how to identify diseases and how to treat them.
3. **Working towards goals-** Pupils will be able to set their own goals, identify what they need to do to achieve them and review their progress.

During the course you will:

- Develop new skills to help you in your future.
- Learn to use lots of different tools safely.
- Work closely with the schools farm animals.
- Develop your confidence.
- Learn where your food comes from.



There are some subjects that you need to choose from. Every subject is going to give you the opportunity to develop some key skills to help you as you are an adult.

You will need to choose either Art or Performing Arts.

You will need to choose either Humanities, Spanish or Computer Science.

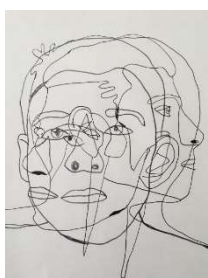
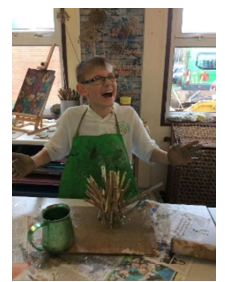
You will need to choose either Duke of Edinburgh Award or Personal Development.



KS4 ART



- You will complete 6 WJEC units over the course of 2 years (y10 and y11)
- For each unit you will research artists, try different artistic techniques and materials and respond to a brief
- At the end of y11, you will organise and present your work as an exhibition
- You will receive a WJEC qualification at the end of your 2 years
- It is all coursework, which you will collect in a portfolio- **no exams!**
- In KS4 Art we learn how to create fantastic things using materials like clay, paper, wire and modroc.
- You will also learn how to improve your drawing and painting and other 2D skills such as printing and collage.
- Art is a fun way to be creative, make something you love and build confidence!



BTEC in Performing Arts

In this course you will have the chance to

- play different musical instruments
- invent different stories
- work with your friends
- develop your skills and confidence
- have a lot of fun

The course has two units:

1. Introduction to Performing Arts - you learn about different types of shows and venues; what performers and non-performers do in their jobs and how shows are made. You will try out different roles before choosing what you want to do for Unit 2.



2. Taking Part in a Performance – you take part in an event that could be a music or a drama performance. You can choose to be a performer (eg musician, actor, singer, dancer) or someone who helps behind the scenes (eg set designer, stage manager, lighting engineer).



This course is for you if you like music, stories, films, singing, dancing, theatre, making things and working with friends.



Humanities

Humanities is an option at KS4 where you can learn about History, Geography and Religious Studies. We choose units which are exciting, fun and meaningful to you.

The units will cover things that are happening in the world today, events that have happened in the past, and religious stories such as the Easter story and the Diwali story.

You will carry out research, create Power Points, take part in group discussions, learning outside the classroom, and role play. You might even get to re-create a volcano or an earthquake!

There will be lots of adult support to help you with the coursework.



Making a volcano



Kim's game - the Easter story



Native American history

When we asked the Year 11 students what they have enjoyed doing, they said...

“I enjoy all the different topics”.

“I enjoy History, especially learning about World War 1 and people fighting in the war”.

“Diwali there was a man with 10 arms. We ate jelly and carried out an earthquake test.”



Role play - Ravana the demon king (The Diwali story)



The Story of Rama and Sita

If you're really curious about the world today and the world in the past you will love Humanities as an option.

Spanish

Learning Spanish is a great way to improve your memory and develop language skills.



We practice taking turns when talking and learning how to listen and respond.

Learning Spanish will help with your English and Maths!

We will learn lots of different things and it doesn't matter if you have not learned Spanish before.

We will learn how to give directions, the names of objects and places we see everyday, how to be polite and start a conversation and telling the time.

We will learn through games and song. We use Makaton to help us.



Computer Science



- This is a National Qualification recognised all around the country.
- It's all based on coursework done in school; there is NO EXAM! 😊
- You cover lots of different Computer Science topics – there's something for everyone (but you may not be a huge fan of everything).
- We learn to program robots.
- We look inside computers.
- We watch people blowing up flashdrives and DVDs!
- We use emails all the time – you will be an expert by the end of the 2 years.
- We talk about eSafety A LOT!
- We use Microsoft Office software all the time – particularly Word and PowerPoint.



The Duke of Edinburgh award

Silver award

The award has 4 sections:

1. **Physical** - Pupils will need to take part in a physical activity for a period of 12 months for at least an hour a week. This can be at a club in or out of school, or it can be completed during PE lessons.
2. **Volunteering**- Pupils will learn the skills needed to volunteer on the school site by helping to manage the woodland and helping with tasks to help improve the school environment. Pupils may also get the opportunity to volunteer outside of school in the local community.
3. **Skill**- Pupils will learn a new skill for a minimum of 3 months. We will be learning Expedition skills to support the expeditions.
4. **Expedition**- Pupils will complete a practice overnight camp on the school site followed by a three day/two night training expedition leading to a three day/two night actual expedition.

What will you get from completing the Duke of Edinburgh award:

- It shows your future college/ employer that you are committed.
- You will learn life skills while training for your expeditions.
- You will learn how to work together as a team with your peers.
- Throughout the award you will develop your confidence and learn to be more independent.





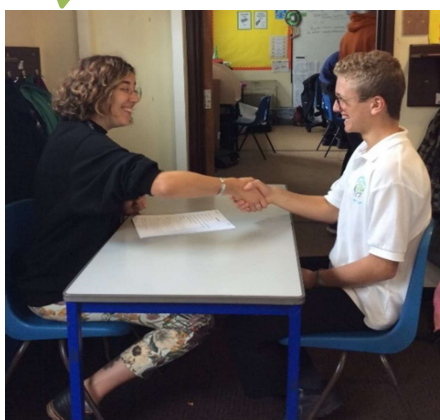
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Trips

Personal Development (PD)

Job Skills



- You will complete 6 - 12 PD units over 2 years (y10 and y11)
- You will receive an **ASDAN certificate** at the end of your 2 years- Bronze, Silver or Gold
- It is all coursework - **no exams!**
- **You can choose the modules that you want to focus on**
- Improve your skills in a range of areas



Sport and Exercise



Animation



Independence Skills



Have a think...

Which courses do you want to do?



You have three options.

Fill in your choices for each option group by putting 1 for your first choice and 2 for your second choice.

Name: _____

Option 1:			
Spanish	Humanities	Computer Science	Don't Mind!

Option 2:		
Art	Performing Arts	Don't Mind!

Option 3:		
Personal Development	Duke of Edinburgh	Don't Mind!

Give this page to your tutor or Miss Jago by Friday 26th May.

In term 6, Miss Jago will tell you which course you are doing.