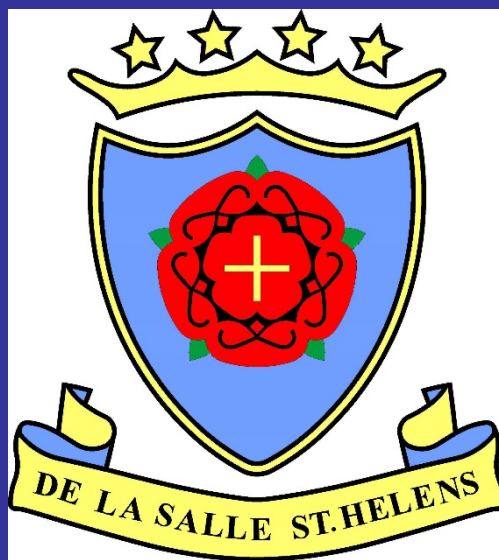


Year 9 G.C.S.E. Courses



from September 2019

Changes in our curriculum....

Meeting pupils' needs more closely

Providing a more broad and
balanced curriculum

Giving a greater range of more
practical subjects.

Subjects Everyone Takes

GCSE subjects

- English
- maths
- R.E.
- Science (double award for vast majority)

Non-GCSE but statutory subjects

- PSHCE(including Citizenship & Careers)
- P.E.

G.C.S.E.s into the future....

They are still two-year courses but have received a lot of content from A-level and so De La Salle has extended Key Stage 4 to 3 years.

There is no longer coursework in most subjects.

All subjects are assessed by exams at the end of the course. There are typically two or three exams per subject.

Choice 1

Everyone chooses either history or geography or computing.

(A very small number will be invited to follow the ASDAN life-skills course in this option block.)

Choice 2

Spanish (both top sets will study this automatically)

Art

Engineering

ICT

Travel & Tourism

Health & Social Care

Choice 3

Art

Catering

Computing

Drama

Engineering

Graphics

Health and Social Care

History

Music

PE

Science (triple)

Travel and Tourism

Extras

For those who already take some dance tuition, we offer a Btech in dance that starts in Y10 and is delivered at Rainhill High after school, once a week.

We also have the facility to offer those pupils ing Art to take an extra GCSE in Photography. This will run from year 10 after school and be delivered here at De La Salle.

New and recently added courses
(not GCSE but equivalent)

NCFE Engineering

Btech Health & Social Care

Btech Travel and Tourism

OCR Sports Studies

3 things to take away....

- ❖ Exams at the end of the course.
- ❖ Courses have changed in content, approach and assessment/grading.
- ❖ Ask your subject teachers for more specific advice.

Support for Your Choices

- Options Focus in school (13/02/19 to 13/03/19)
- Y8 Parents' Evening (06/03/19)
- Straw poll (over half-term)
- Pupils should speak to subject teachers in the next week, if they have questions.
- Course information will be posted on the website this week to supplement the information many gained at the Subject Fayre.

Dates Checklist

- Parents' Information meeting 06/03/19
- Option booklets live on website 07/03/19
- Option choices made by parents online by (deadline) 13/03/19
- Parents informed of options allocations by 05/04/19

How to get help ?

- Option choices – Subject teachers
- Careers advice – Mrs Scully
(Nicola. Scully@careerconnect.org.uk)
- Options process: rossp@sthelens.org.uk