

**Isca Academy: Our Year 9 Curriculum from September 2020**

At Isca Academy, we are extremely proud of our curriculum and everything that it offers. Traditional academic subjects sit alongside creative and vocational courses. Our wider curriculum offers outdoor education, theatre experiences and competitive sport, to name but a few.

We want our students to experience a curriculum that equips them for the future. A wide and versatile range of subjects is essential for success in a rapidly changing world.

We are making some changes to our Year 9 curriculum to ensure that our students access the full range of learning which they are entitled to under the National Curriculum, particularly with regards to History, Geography and Languages (MFL).

Currently, students in Year 8 select three option subjects for study in Year 9, beginning GCSE study in Year 9. At least one of these subjects must come from the following list: French, Spanish, History and Geography.

**From September 2020, we are re-shaping our curriculum as follows:**

* **All Year 9 students will continue to study both History and Geography.** At the end of Year 9, students will make a choice of at least **one of these** to take forward to GCSE.
* **All Year 9 students will continue to study at least one language.** Those students currently studying **French only** will continue French. Students who are currently studying two languages in Year 8 must choose at least one language to take forward to GCSE. All students will be encouraged to follow a GCSE course in French or Spanish (one of ‘Modern Foreign Languages’ or MFL). There will be some students who wish to study both French and Spanish; this will continue to be supported.

**Students will continue to choose Option subjects in Year 8.** Students will choose **two subjects** from the following list, to begin GCSE study in Year 9: Computer Science, iMedia; Art; Music; Drama; Photography; GCSE PE; Cambridge National Award in Sport; Technology; Hospitality & Catering. This enables students to fully engage with creative and vocational subjects which, in Years 7 and 8, have been taught on ‘rotation’ in six week blocks.



**The Isca Academy Curriculum from September 2020 at a glance**