



10/09/2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is an exciting time for the Secondary School here at Sir Harry's! We have extended to five single aged classes and opened our second boarding hostel. We also have new teachers for English, History, Geography, RE and Swimming.

Year 9

English: We will be focusing on travel writing, writing to inform and writing to persuade.

Maths: By the end of the term students will be expected to have a mastery of integers, powers and roots, place value, ordering and rounding, fractions, decimals and percentages, ratio and proportion, probability, expressions and formulae, equations and inequalities, functions and graphs, and sequences.

Science: Our focus this term will be on reproduction in flowering plants, classification and variation, the structure of an atom, the periodic table, endothermic and exothermic, patterns of reactivity, preparing common salts and rates of reaction.

ICT: We will be looking at web design, and web development and public information systems.

History: We will be learning about the age of exploration.

Geography: In Geography students will learn about tourism.

Religious Education: Students will learn how religions use holy texts and what is a pilgrimage.

French: We will be building skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing. We will be focusing on getting to know France, getting on with family and friends and the revision of the present tense of common verbs, passé composé and some conditionals.

Art: We will focus on natural sculpture and ceramics. Students will design and make something useful.

Music: Students will learn about pitch and rhythm using keyboards, have an introduction to the bass clef, write a melody and have further drumming skills.

Life Skills: Topics will include mental health, family issues, groups in society and volunteering.

Physical Education: Students will be doing Physical Education and Swimming (in accordance with COVID-19 guidelines).

HOMEWORK

Students will be expected to carry out around an hour of study each night. Please see the homework timetable below for more details. Reading is still considered to be very important and we therefore expect children to continue to read independently at home.

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Subject 1 | Science (EMt) | English (STF) | RE (SBJ) | Geography (STF) | Maths (MK) |
| Subject 2 | Maths (MK) | French (JM) | History (SBJ) | ICT (GC) | English (STF) |

PE

Year 9 will need their PE kits on Tuesdays and Swimming kits on Fridays.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please note that **the school starts every day promptly at 7:30am**. It is crucial to your child/ren's education to be at school on time. Remember the secondary school now finishes at 2:30pm (Monday to Thursday) and 11:45am on Fridays.

Year 9 Timetable

Term 1 2021/22 Form Tutor: EMt Form Room: S4

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| 7:30 – 7:35 | Registration (EMt) (S4) | Registration (STF) (S4) | Registration (STF) (S4) | Registration (STF) (S2) | Registration/Class Assembly (EMt) (S4) |
| 7:35 - 8:30 | Science (EMt) (S4) | English (STF) (S4) | English (STF) (S4) | English (STF) (S4) | Tutor Time (EMt) (S4) |
| 8:30 – 9:30 | Science (EMt) (S4) | French (JM) (S4) | RE (SBJ) (S4) | French (JM) (S4) | Swimming (MM/JM) (Pool) |
| 9:30 – 9:45 | Break | Break | Break | Break | Break |
| 9:45 – 10:45 | Maths (MK) (S4) | ICT (GC) (S4) | French (JM) (S4) | Maths (MK) (S4) | Maths (MK) (S4) |
| 10:45 – 11:45 | Life Skills (JE) (S4) | Music (EMi) (S4) | History (SBJ) (S4) | Geography (STF) (S4) | English (STF) (S4) |
| 11:45 – 12:45 | Lunch/Break | Lunch/Break | Lunch/Break | Lunch/Break | |
| 12:45 – 13:30 | Maths (MK) (S4) | PE (DZ) (Field) | Art (EMi) (S4) | ICT (GC) (S4) | |
| 13:30 – 14:30 | English (STF) (S4) | Maths (MK) (S4) | Science (EMt) (S4) | ICT (GC) (S4) | |

If you have any queries or concerns about your child's wellbeing or academic progress, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to speak to me.

Yours sincerely,
Emmanuel Mtema
Year 9 Form Tutor