

# HOLYWELL SCHOOL

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Year 6 Students and Parents

Dear Students and Parents

## Option lesson in Year 7 curriculum

Over the last few years, one of the special features of the KS3 curriculum at Holywell has been a one-lesson Option block. This has been designed to provide students with an opportunity to further explore an area of interest. Options are very much a part of the Secondary curriculum experience and this is an early experience in choosing between subjects. I am delighted to say that in 2019-2020, we are offering this Option block choice to Year 7 students. For many students, this will also allow them to really extend themselves alongside others who are also especially talented in their chosen option subject area.

We have had an introduction to this element of the Year 7 curriculum in school today. Your child will have a period of time to talk with you about which subject they would most like to opt for. S/he will also be able to talk with teachers in school to answer any questions they might have between different possible choices.

We need to have all choices returned by Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> July so that we can then allocate students to teaching groups ready for September. We cannot guarantee that every child will get their first choice because in some subject areas we only have the capacity to provide a single teaching group. Second and third subject choices are therefore very important. Initial allocations should be completed before the end of term.

Please find the option sheet attached. The subjects available are:

- Drama
- PE – Sports Leadership (2 groups)
- Music (with a focus on performance)
- Art
- Technology

Yours sincerely

MG Simpson  
Headteacher



Headteacher: Mr MG Simpson MA, NPQH

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# A brief introduction to each of the options

## **Drama**

This option allows pupils to build upon skills they have learnt in drama lessons but with more freedom to experiment. Use of conventions, different staging and use of props and costumes is encouraged. In the autumn term, you will be given the opportunity to play an integral part in the creation of a performance that will be shown to a number of audiences. You will experience working with costume, lights and set and play a large part in the planning and creating of these elements at a professional level. Additionally, you will be able to attend workshops run by professionals in the theatre industry. You will have the chance to work with a variety of scripts throughout the year as well as devising your own pieces of drama. Choose drama and you will have the chance to use your imagination and develop creativity.

## **PE – Sports Leadership**

Taking this option will give you the chance to develop your sports leadership skills and to organise sports activities for others. You will be given guidance in how to plan a session and lead your peers in sports tournaments and activities. You may also be given the opportunity to help at the Lower School sporting events and in their PE lessons. You will look in detail about how to coach younger children in specific sports, put programmes/lessons together that you will put into practice with Year 4 or Year 5 pupils by organising and running competitions for Lower School pupils such as tag rugby, bench/basketball, kick rounders and athletics. In the past five years we have also been able to provide opportunities for pupils taking this option to listen to talks and meet professional athletes and sportsmen and women.

## **Music**

This option will focus on the performance aspect of Music. You will explore different types of performance – from solos to ensembles and to group performances.

## **Art**

A great opportunity for any student who has a passion for Art or creativity and would love to do more of it! Work independently, creating your own work based on a theme, in your own style! You make the choices. You could use acrylic, watercolour, ink, clay, sculpture, photography, print making or a combination of mixed media. The choice will be yours. You will be introduced to and explore a variety of new techniques and have a few little art challenges along the way! Imagine how your artistic skills could leap forward and develop with an extra hour of Art a week!

## **Technology**

This option builds on a student's ability to design, improve and create a product for the real world. You will continue to develop your skills using hand tools, machines and CAD/CAM. You will have the freedom to explore and develop your design ideas to create an amazing product.

## Year 6 into Year 7 Options Sheet

Pupil name..... Tutor group 6.....

Please put one tick in each column – just one tick in first column for your first choice, just one in the second column for your second choice and your final tick in the third column for your third choice....

**Please hand into your form tutor no later than Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> July**

	First choice	Second choice	Third choice
Drama			
PE – Sports Leadership			
Music			
Art			
Technology			