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Starting Year 8 (in September 2026)

From September 2026, students **currently** in Year 7 will follow the new timetable structure when they move into Year 8. Of all year groups, this is perhaps the year group with the most exciting set of changes!

During their Year 8 students will study a variety of subjects including:

- English
- Maths
- Science
- Core PE
- PSHE
- Design Technology
- Food Technology
- Geography
- History
- Art
- Computer Science
- Music
- Drama
- Dance
- Religious Studies

Introducing Deeper Study Choices

This cohort will also be the first students to make choices for our new “**Deeper Study**” pathway, which begins in Year 9 (September-27) and is explained below. This is an exciting development in the Yateley curriculum and gives students an early opportunity to begin shaping their learning around the subjects that most interest them.

During Year 8, students will study a broad range of subjects while also starting to reflect on where their interests and strengths lie. Teachers will help students think about the subjects they enjoy most, where they feel most confident, and where they may wish to develop their knowledge further.

Deeper Study Explained:

In December of Year 8, students will be invited to **indicate** three subjects (from a list of six - below) to form their Deeper Study programme in Year 9. Students will be able to select **any** combination of the six subjects available, allowing them to create a pathway that reflects their own interests and enthusiasm for learning.

Deeper Study Subjects

In Year 9, students study x3 subjects from:

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| Art | Drama |
| Computer Science | Dance |
| Music | Religious Studies |

In March/April of Year 8, students will make a **final selection** of which three they wish to select for Year 9, ready to start in September 2027. Once they have chosen their deeper study pathways, they will have three lessons per fortnight in each of their three choices.

Other courses that remain part of every child’s core curriculum are:

- English
- Maths
- Science
- Core PE
- PSHE
- Design Technology
- Food Technology
- Geography
- History
- IT
- MFL

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Why introduce Deeper Study?

The purpose of Deeper Study is to allow students to spend more time engaging with subjects they find stimulating and rewarding. By studying chosen subjects in greater depth in Year 9, students often develop stronger curiosity, confidence and enjoyment in their learning. This deeper engagement also helps prepare them well for the choices they will make later when selecting their GCSE options in Year 9.

Are these GCSE options?

Absolutely not! This is a chance for Year 8 students to make choices for their Year 9 journey. We want to be clear that Year 9 deeper study never determines GCSE choices. New subjects can always be taken in Years 10–11, even if they were not chosen for deeper study in Year 9. This is simply a chance for students to discontinue/pause the subjects that they are less interested in and use that time to experience those they enjoy more.

September 2027 Curriculum Visual:

YATELEY SCHOOL CURRICULUM: SEPTEMBER-27

All students study a broad curriculum on a fortnightly pattern in Years 7–8, move into deeper study in Year 9 and then specialise through a blend of GCSE options and core subjects in Years 10–11.

