



Cambridge High School

Year 9 Option Choice Form - 2024

Last Name:

First Name:

All Year 9 students at Cambridge High School must study a selection of subjects from the Arts, Languages and Technology areas. We aim to achieve a balance between a compulsory breadth to the curriculum as well as providing students with choices.

In order to provide our students with the best access to an extensive curriculum, our staff expertise and excellent facilities, we run a semester model in Year 9. Each semester runs for half of the year and a student must take six of these semester courses over the year.

Semester A You **MUST** Tick **ONE** Arts, **ONE** Language and **TWO** Technologies from the **Semester A** Section below

TECHNOLOGIES (TWO CHOICES)

- ☐ Design and Visual Communication
- ☐ Digital Technology
- ☐ Electronics Technology
- ☐ Food Technology
- ☐ Future Focused Technology
- ☐ Materials Technology Engineering
- ☐ Materials Technology Textiles
- ☐ Materials Technology Wood/Plastics

THE ARTS (ONE CHOICE)

- ☐ Art
- ☐ Dance
- ☐ Drama
- ☐ Media Studies
- ☐ Music
- ☐ Music Performance (Auditioned)
- ☐ Te Ao Haka

LEARNING LANGUAGES FULL YEAR (ONE CHOICE)

- ☐ French
- ☐ Japanese
- ☐ Mandarin
- ☐ Te Reo Maaori

OR LEARNING LANGUAGES HALF YEAR (ONE CHOICE)

- ☐ French
- ☐ Japanese
- ☐ Mandarin
- ☐ Te Reo Maaori

Semester B You must choose three new options from **any** area in **Semester B**.

NOTE:

- You cannot choose a course that you have already selected above.
- If you chose a Full Year Language above there is no need to select a Language, although you may choose to study another Language.

TECHNOLOGIES (TWO CHOICES = 1 COURSE)

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LEARNING LANGUAGES (HALF YEAR = 1 COURSE)

- ☐ French
- ☐ Japanese
- ☐ Mandarin
- ☐ Te Reo Maaori

Write down ONE Reserve Course in the event we are unable to give you all your choices.

The school will distribute student choice in either Semester A or B to balance class sizes.

Please ensure that **ALL** form fields are filled in before you submit your form, and that the student's name is on this form

Year 9 Specialist Learning Areas for 2024

All Year 9 students at Cambridge High School take a selection of specialist learning areas from the Faculties of Technology, Arts and Languages. It is compulsory to take at least ONE Language, ONE Arts and TWO Technologies over the year, along with further optional choices.



Technology

Design and Visual Communication

This course is about designing products and environments. Students will learn and use a number of visual communication techniques such as free hand sketching, computer aided drawing, rendering and instrumental formal drawings. They will use these techniques to design and make a product which will be manufactured using 3D printing technology.

Digital Technology

This course gives students experience at using a wide range of computing techniques to solve problems. Students will learn skills in using application software and websites and using games technology in Minecraft, as well as an introduction to project management and the key competencies.

Electronics Technology

This course is aimed at giving students experience at understanding a range of electronic components and using prototyping techniques to build a range of circuits. Students will then produce a project.

Food Technology

This course aims to give students knowledge, skills, equipment and attitudes to produce food products that meet people's needs and desires. The choice of foods is increasing and it is essential that students learn basic skills and gain knowledge to make the most of these choices.

Future Focused Technology

Using some of the latest technologies, this course will include a variety of technology contexts - Electronics, Textiles, Digital Technology. Students will have some choice and flexibility to explore an area of technology they are interested in, and may combine technologies in an imaginative way. They will develop as independent learners, planning and managing their own study.

Materials Technology Engineering

This is a project based course where students will use a variety of hard materials and engage in the processes involved in Technology.

Materials Technology Textiles

This course aims to give students the basic skills and knowledge needed to create a product using soft materials. Students will learn a variety of skills and techniques.

Materials Technology Wood/Plastics

This is a project based course where students use a variety of timbers, hard materials and processes involved in Technology. The Course will lay the foundation toward Level One Technology and Level One Carpentry.

aspects, it explores different dance styles around the world culminating in the presentation of a group dance.

Drama

Year 9 Drama is an opportunity for students to develop improvisational skills whilst working in a supportive environment. Students work towards a self-devised group performance.

Media Studies

Media Studies is a course for students who are interested in communications media production. It is valuable to students who want to be able to understand the messages that the media deliver to us. Students will explore the language of media, conventions of film and produce their own media product. Media is a versatile subject that can lead to many different career opportunities.

Music

Students are introduced to music through a practical approach covering theory and basic musicianship skills on the drums, keyboard and guitar. Students also work towards a group composition and performance.

Music Performance

Year 9 Music Performance is a music option for students who are not only passionate about music but show advanced skills on their instrument (including vocals) and want to develop their skills further. They will work towards a music concert for the community. Please note that this course requires an audition prior to acceptance.

Te Ao Haka

Te Ao Haka is an introductory course that provides opportunities for ākonga to engage in the art form of Māori Performing Arts. Through this subject, te reo Māori, tikanga and hītori will also be integral in their learning journey. We are proud to offer this course in 2024 for our community.- Please note that this course is dependent on the quantity of students choosing the subject and the availability of staff. We will need to finalise the staffing arrangements and/or appointments after our ākonga have made their course selections.



Languages

French

Students will study the language and culture of the many French speaking countries of the world. There may be opportunities for travel to New Caledonia and France. Studying French can lead to exchanges and scholarships.

Japanese

Learning Japanese is fun and exciting and leads to career and travel opportunities. Studying Japanese at Cambridge High School may lead to exchanges, trips and scholarships to Japan.

Mandarin

Studying Mandarin is an exciting addition and an opportunity to learn the language and culture of one of New Zealand's important trading partners. This could lead to future career and travel possibilities.

Te Reo Māori

At Cambridge High School we celebrate the Māori culture by offering this great language opportunity. Students have fun as they learn Te Reo and Tikanga and this can lead to great career opportunities within New Zealand.



Arts

Art

Students will be introduced to the art-making environment and core skills of drawing and media handling. This course aims to develop students' confidence and decision making while experiencing different art forms.

Dance

This course is an introduction to the elements of dance, its vocabulary and choreography. Combined with these technical