SUTTON COMMUNITY ACADEMY

Year 9 Deep Learning Options Booklet 2024



Deep Learning



Our Year 9 Deep Learning programmes are part of our personalised, enriching, and ambitious curriculum commitment to all students. Deep Learning courses are designed to prepare you to develop as an independent and confident learner whilst also building skills - such as leadership and teamwork - that will allow you to be successful through your GCSEs, further education, work and life.

We understand that you all have your own particular areas of interest, so we operate an option system where you will choose areas of interest and we try, dependent on demand and staffing, to allocate you to your preferred courses. If we feel that you would benefit from studying one course in particular, we will discuss this with you. We allow students to indicate which areas of learning most interests them. In order to maintain a broad curriculum through Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9), all students must choose at least one performing arts-based subject. You will choose three subjects in total, and will be allocated to two of these, with the third acting as a 'reserve'.

We have created this booklet to provide you with more information about each of the available Deep Learning options. You should select your preferences based on what you enjoy. Your choices will not affect or limit your GCSE option choices. Please read through this booklet carefully and follow the link to make your choices by <u>Friday 1st March</u>. Any options made after this deadline will be treated on a first come, first served basis, subject to space.

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Vice Principal

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Music



In music, you will build your confidence and creativity by participating in music activities, providing opportunities for you to draw inspiration from professional artists and to share your skills with others.

What Will I Learn?

On this course, you will build on your existing knowledge and understanding of music topics as well as improving your performance skills and confidence. You will have the opportunity to develop ensemble and solo performances, as well as picking up compositional techniques that can be used in a wide range of areas. ICT will be used during the Film Music module to devlop a musical score for a movie.

Topics Include:

- Film Music
- Concerto
- Minimalism

Why Should I Choose Music?

You should choose music if you enjoy working with others to develop skills and knowledge, and if you also have an interest in different genres of music. You will develop confidence and resilience as you perform regularly for your peers.

Dance

In dance, you will build your confidence and creativity by participating in dance activities, providing opportunities for you to draw inspiration from professional dancers and choreographers, and to share your skills with others.

What Will I Learn?

On this course, you will participate in a variety of skills-based workshops where you will study different styles of dance and learn about a range of professional choreographers. You will learn the components of dance, develop skills and techniques to improve your ability to perform, and devise dances. You will gain performance experience as well as a deeper understanding of the performance process. You will have the chance to choreograph your own routines and lead your peers to perform and share your work in front of other students, and occasionally, live audiences.

Topics Include:

- Components of Dance (action, space, dynamics, relationships, etc)
- Dance Styles and their History
- Choreographic Devices

Why Should I Choose Dance?

You should choose dance if you enjoy practical lessons, working collaboratively with others, sharing ideas, and being creative. Qualifications in dance can lead to careers in film, TV, advertisements, stunts, personal training, and the arts. Choosing dance will allow your confidence to grow, help strengthen your communication skills, decision-making and ability to evaluate.



Drama

In drama you will build your confidence and creativity by participating in various activities, providing opportunities for you to draw inspiration from professional actors and to share your skills with others.

What Will I Learn?

On this course, you will build on your existing knowledge and understanding of dramatic well convention as as improving your performance skills and confidence. You will explore scripts practically as well as devising your own pieces and learning how to critically evauate your own skills, as well as those of others. You will gain extensive performance experience, as well as a greater understanding of the performance process as a whole. You will learn skills such as vocal projection and clarity, characterisation and improvisation, and have the opportunity to explore your own imagination with improvisation.

Topics Include:

- Theatre in Education
- Page to Stage
- Theatre Production

Why Should I Choose Drama?

You should choose drama if you enjoy working collaboratively to create interesting and original work, learning about the inner workings of theatre, and performing to an audience. Qualifications in drama are useful in any career which requires confidence, teamwork and communication.



Language Leaders

The core aim of the Language Leaders Award course is to further advance your French language expertise, alongside developing key skills such as communication, organisation, motivation, confidence and leadership. After successfully completing the course, you will receive a formal award from an external provider. This award will not only develop your French knowledge and leadership qualities, it will also ensure that you stand out when applying for any future opportunities such as sixth form, college, apprenticeships and university.

There are six units involved throughout this course:

- Unit 1 Plan, lead and review a French language activity
- **Unit 2** Developing Leadership Skills
- Unit 3 Develop Knowledge about Language
- Unit 4 Develop Intercultural Understanding
- Unit 5 Compendium of French Language Games and Activities
- Unit 6 Participate in a French Language Event

This is a new and exciting opportunity for you to deepen your love of language learning while equipping you with the skills that will ensure future success. Language learning provides numerous benefits such as enhanced problem solving skills, improved memory function, greater creative thinking skills, and increased career prospects. This course will offer students the opportunity to grow as learners while earning a formal award. We believe that our students have the potential to be great leaders in the future and this course will support them in meeting those high aspirations.



Sports Leaders



Becoming a Sports Leader

Our Sports Leadership qualification is designed to use sport and physical activity to help you develop and enhance your leadership skills, whilst helping yourself and others stay physically active.

What Qualifications an d Ex perience Wi II I Gain?

You will be undertaking the **'Sports Leaders UK: I can lead'** qualification. You will learn and demonstrate important life skills such as:

- Effective communication
- Organisation
- Team work
- Effective use of language
- Performance analysis

All this whilst learning to lead basic physical activities to younger people, your peers, older generations and within the community!

Becoming an Active Leader in the Community

The sessions use sport to deliver fun and engaging physical activities with other students and within the community. You will plan, lead and evaluate sports and physical activity sessions over a number of taught hours and then demonstrate your leadership skills as part of your assessment. This specialism develops confident, healthy leaders through sport and physical activity.

Social Sciences

Social science is the scientific study of human behaviour. This subject will teach you about how people grow and develop throughout their lives, how we can help people with different needs, how people interact socially, cultural differences, and careers linked to childcare, health & social care, and psychology.

Health & Social Care

Health care is the treatment of ill health and medical conditions in hospitals, health centres and the community. Social care is the care and support of vulnerable people, usually in a community setting. He alth and so cial care happens from before someone is born to the end of their life. Childcare is the study of how children grow and develop and how they are cared for by professionals in creches, nurseries, or by childminders whilst their parents are working.

Psychology

Psychology is the study of the mind and behaviour - trying to uncover why we act, think and feel like we do. The study of psychology looks at a broad range of topics (for example mental illness, crime and memory) under a number of different lenses - considering whether it is 'nature' or 'nurture' that shapes us.

What Will I Do in Social Sciences?

- Research the life of a famous celebrity
- Learn about further education and careers in social science
- Explore health and safety issues
- Learn how to feed someone with dignity and respect
- Explore ideas of disability and additional needs
- Find out how toys / TV programmes / story books can influence growth and development
- Investigate effects of regional/cultural differences
- Understand what safeguarding is







Computing



On the computing course, you will learn how numbers can be represented in binary and be able to carry out simple operations on binary numbers. You will gain an understanding of textbased programming and the Python programming language. The IT strand of the course covers the use of practical applications, such as word processing and presentation software, whilst developing a skillset in graphic/image manipulation and web design.

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Computing

You will be taught how to understand simple Boolean logic and some of its uses in circuits and programming. This empowers you to understand how numbers can be represented in binary and to carry out simple operations on binary numbers. You will be introduced to the hardware and software componenets that make up computer systems. You will also develop a basic understanding of how to program, by using Python.

IT

You will be taught the concepts of web design and be able to create, reuse, revise and repurpose digital artefacts for a given audience, with attention to trustworthiness, design and usability.

Digital Literacy

Digital literacy skills are developed throughout our work, ensuring you are equipped with lifelong capability to access IT. These skillswill help you through the rest of your time in school and beyond, regardless of whether you continue to GCSE study. This unit has a focus on using IT software to fulfil a range of business-related tasks.



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