



**WEAVERS  
ACADEMY**  
*Creative  
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Trust*

### **Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)**

We are so proud of the progress and resilience shown by our students in MFL this year. They have thrived in an online environment and face-to-face teaching as well as in blended learning. The students got involved with 'Bonjola Club', the 'diversity in languages challenge', the 'Europe goes to Tokyo' event and the end of year MFL creative project. Well done to all students! 😊

Next year we are excited to be planning to offer more enrichment opportunities such as cinema clubs, cultural experiences and local trips, and languages careers fair. Fingers crossed that we can organise our very successful trips to Spain and France again. We will keep you updated on this.

Have a great summer *bonne vacances, pasad un buen verano.*

**Miss Fernandez and the MFL teaching team**

### **Geography**

The geography curriculum at Weavers Academy has a caring for the world feel.

Going from a focus on the UK and resources in Year 7, climate change and its impacts on coasts and cold regions in Year 8 to how we can all be more environmentally aware in Year 9.

These topics are going to be backed up by our out-of-class activities with the Eco Ambassadors striving to make our school as carbon neutral as possible and the Geography Society (GeogSoc) that will meet after school to discuss global issues.

There are planned trips to the Science and Natural History Museums to give students a more hands-on feel for geographical processes.

**Mr Fowler, Head of Geography**

### **Philosophy and Ethics**

It's an exciting time for the Humanities teachers as we move towards a new course called 'Philosophy and Ethics' where we will look at religious beliefs and start to examine how and why people have beliefs.

We will also look at the world's 'big questions' and examine things such as 'are we alone in the universe?' and 'do animals have rights?'.

We are hoping to forge new relationships with our local places of worship so that visits can be planned to support our curriculum.

**Mrs Whitsey, Head of Humanities**

## **Drama**

The Drama learning area are really looking forward to the new academic year.

We are excited to be participating again in a live, in-person CET Celebration of Shakespeare event in which we will be performing Julius Caesar, with performances at both Weavers Academy and Abbeyfield.

We are equally thrilled to reacquaint ourselves with the National Theatre and will be participating in Connections 2022; lots of workshops and performances at Weavers Academy as well as The Royal and Derngate Theatre.

Our curriculum will see students working on a range of engaging themes and styles, including new contemporary plays by upcoming young playwrights. As ever, we will be running a range of workshops and educational trips, visits and events.

**Ms Alexander, Head of Drama**

## **Music**

The music learning area is very much looking forward to getting back to singing in the classroom and we have some great songs lined up for our year 7, 8 and 9 classes to learn.

**Ms Reading, Assistant Principal**

## **History**

At Weavers Academy the History learning area has designed a curriculum to spark and nurture our students' interest and enthusiasm.

Our aim is for students to be able to develop a sense of different historical time periods which they can communicate by identifying key features, being able to recognise and articulate how people lived. With this knowledge we want students to be able to develop a good contextual understanding surrounding present-day issues and concerns within both Britain and the wider world. By focusing on this crucial aspect of their learning, we believe our students will be able to become successful and responsible citizens.

**Mr Reed, Head of History**

## **Creative Arts**

The Art and Design learning area is excited to be introducing graphics into the curriculum at KS3 where our students will become designers using digital software, printmaking techniques and construction methods.

We will be working with the Drama learning area to design and create costumes for this year's CET Shakespeare performance of Julius Caesar.

The Design carousel including Textiles, Photography, Graphics and Nutrition and Healthy Eating have exciting schemes of learning that will capture the imagination of our students.

**Miss Berry, Head of Creative Arts**

### **English**

In the Autumn term, the English team will be offering a variety of enrichment activities. We will resume our successful English Scholars' group and will be launching a creative writing and journalism club. In addition, we will be introducing exciting new texts to our curriculum and will continue to boost literacy with the Accelerated Reader Programme.

**Mrs Underwood, Assistant Principal**

### **Maths**

Next year in Maths, beside all the normal great quality every day Maths teaching and learning, we'll be adding enrichment activities like a weekly 'Parallelogram' – a weekly online Maths challenge that all students can take part in, trips out to exciting Maths places, Maths speakers coming into school, Pi reciting World Record attempts for World Pi Day – the whole Maths department are really excited about next year!

**Mr Smith, Head of Maths**

### **Science**

Science teachers are excited about returning to their laboratories next year and once again having the opportunity to help students with the development of their practical skills.

Throughout the year, students will also be given the opportunity to engage with real life science by being provided with the opportunity to enjoy talks by, and interaction with scientists from around the world.

Science club will continue to inspire and engage Key Stage 3 students.

**Mr Devaney, Head of Science**

### **PE**

The PE team are looking forward to welcoming students back in September and to being able to offer a wide range of sports within the curriculum.

We have had a lot of interest in our extra-curricular opportunities this term and from September, we will be introducing sports teams for all year groups.

We are excited to have pre-arranged several fixtures within the community, competing against local schools and in county leagues. We are looking forward to fixtures in sports including football, cricket, netball, rugby basketball and athletics.

**Ms McCardie, Head of PE**

## **Enterprise**

With three brand new subjects in KS4 there's a lot of change happening in Enterprise.

The ever-popular Business choice has grown into two different and distinct career pathways to suit the ambitions of our entrepreneurial students. The addition of a Digital IT option helps to diversify our Computer Science offering to ensure our learners will have the best possible start in the modern workplace. Our Media students will have access to a slew of brand-new industry standard equipment which will be put to good use both in and out of the classroom.

In Enterprise we're excited about the chance to relaunch our extensive extra curriculum offers to compliment the learning in the classrooms.

In Computer Science we will be entering a national Robotics competition for KS3 students to build and code their own Lego powered machine. Business Students will have the chance to create and run their own real life commercial venture alongside specialist industry advisors to hopefully turn their starting seed capital into a viable and self-sustaining enterprise. In Media, we are hoping to harness the creativity of our student cohort to launch our own Weavers podcast and vlog. We have high hopes that we may find the next streaming superstar!

**Mr Chilver, Head of Enterprise**