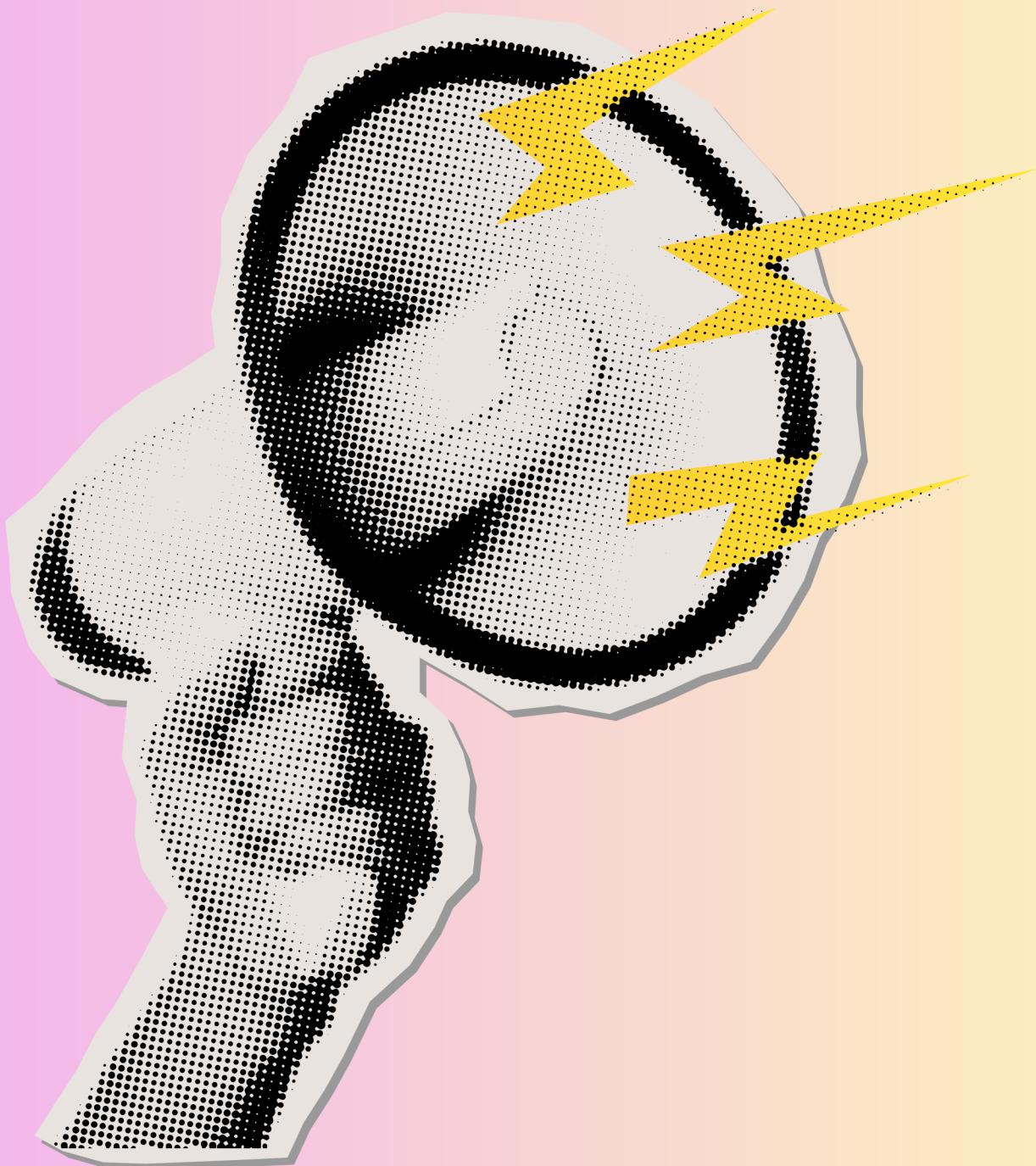


STUDENT VIEW



THIS BOOKLET HAS BEEN CREATED BY STUDENTS TO GIVE
YOU A STUDENT VIEW OF EACH SUBJECT WE STUDY AT
GCSE!

BUSINESS STUDIES

I chose this subject because it helps me understand how real businesses work in everyday life. I'm interested in learning how companies make money, market their products, and manage their finances. Business studies also teaches useful skills like decision-making, problem-solving, and teamwork, which I know will help me in the future, whatever career I choose. I like that the subject is practical and relates to real-world examples rather than just theory. It also gives me a good foundation if I want to run my own business or just for work. I find that it is interesting and makes me think about how businesses are so much more than just the products we buy from them. A challenge is that we have to use case studies to write really good answers which sometimes can be tricky but I am getting better at it. I would tell anyone interested that you don't need to want to run a business already – it helps you understand how the world around you works, from big brands to small local businesses. The course uses real examples and case studies, so it feels more interesting than just memorising facts.



COMPUTER SCIENCE

I chose this subject as I believe it is very important in modern society, the subject and its syllabus reflect modern everyday life, and so taking this subject allowed for me to get a deeper understanding about how we live our lives digitally. I find the actual coding and learning about what goes on behind the screen very interesting and it gives you a deeper understanding of cyber security and the appliances around your home! I have really enjoyed the introduction to python subroutines and how simple they are to create. I have found the theory side more challenging. I'd say if you were conflicted and not sure what could be relevant I'd implore you to take computer science as it is very relevant in a modern society especially as everything is moving more digital



DRAMA

I chose this subject as I have been performing since from a very young age and thought I would like to pursue it as a career. I enjoy studying the different theatre practitioners and the drama they inspired/created. The subject also links to art and English as you look into deeper meanings and messages in drama and explore how they are turned into inventive works. We are currently creating our second devised piece which helps for the own devised pieces for our GCSE's. Alongside this, we have also studied Blood Brothers by Willy Russell and have had a trip to Poole Lighthouse to watch the show. Having the opportunity to see the production you are studying is really helpful to understand the play through more than the script. Something I have found difficult in some parts, is learning how to write about drama as in my head I can understand the actions and body language I am describing but it is a lot harder to write in an understandable way. I would say that having a good level of writing is required to do this subject well. But if you are thinking about drama GCSE, all I can say is, break a leg!



FINE ART

I chose this subject because I really enjoy art as a whole from a young age and I enjoyed it throughout school. My deep passion for it led me to pick art, everyone told me to pick a subject you like and enjoy so I picked it! I really like learning about different artists and the deeper views beneath the art as I've looked at some artists where you might just see a colourful photo but the deeper meaning is quite shocking and you think differently after. I also get to use a lot of different materials which I might not have if I didn't do art GCSE which I personally enjoy quite a lot. I'm currently finishing my second topic which I've enjoyed more than my first one as it's something I didn't know about before which is called Vanitas and it's all about the 17th century Dutch artists and quite a lot of people do Modern Art of it which is really really interesting to look at and you can branch off in so many directions.

One thing I found really difficult is the workload as I'm a perfectionist, I strive to get the highest grade I can and doing that you have to put in the effort not just in school but outside of school, your grade reflects what you do at home, not what you do in school.



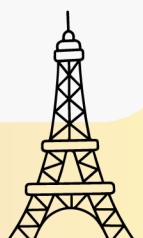
FOOD AND NUTRITION

I chose food and nutrition as an option for my GCSEs as I have always loved to be in the kitchen cooking and baking. I have never been an artistic person and have always been much more academically based, but cooking for me is something that I have always been interested in and I think that it is my equivalent to art. I also loved that I would get to learn the theory bits too! Being able to understand how to fuel our bodies with the nutrients that we need and being able to actually understand the science behind this sounded so fascinating to me! I think one of my favourite bits about the GCSE is learning about the food science, then being able to apply it to our practical lessons and actually seeing it in action. I have definitely found the coursework elements of the course the most challenging so far, although our teacher gives us lots of support and guidance. I think people would definitely enjoy taking this subject as food and nutrition is something that is essential to everybody in their lives. Learning how to cook and the nutrition behind it is something which will be able to support everyone in their future to be able to live a healthy and balanced lifestyle.



FRENCH

I chose French because it interests me and I find I'm good at it. I enjoy learning all the new words and just found it a great environment. I really like learning new words and their meanings, also learning the four different aspects of the GCSE exam is really enjoyable and unique compared to other subjects. One topic I have really enjoyed is the food topic because I really liked learning the names of things and seeing how similar or different they are from English. It can be challenging to understand tenses and remember them but there are ways to help you revise these. I would tell people to pick this subject if they want to understand other cultures more and learn a great language!



GEOGRAPHY

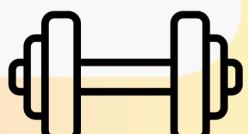
I chose this subject because I enjoyed it in year 9, and I have always found it interesting, learning about lots of different aspects of resources and landforms. At GCSE I have enjoyed learning about what problems need to be solved, and having direct references about the UK makes it feel fun and relatable.

Unlike other subjects it's not just writing there are lots of diagrams and maps and I have particularly enjoyed rivers, because there was an experiment that sir did when he put a table almost vertical and got people to hold rulers onto it, he poured water down it to demonstrate how interlocking spurs work. The most challenging part has been remembering all the different diagrams and the real life examples we need to know all about. I would tell people to take this subject because it is really interesting.



HEALTH AND FITNESS

I chose this subject because I have had an interest in fitness for a long time and enjoy it so it was a good choice for me. I have found learning about how the body and how it can perform fitness activities to its best ability interesting. For example, I have enjoyed learning about the different types of muscle fibres and how each of them favour different scenarios and activities. A challenging part has been remembering all of the different functions of the body when performing physical activities. You should take this subject if you have an interest in fitness and enjoy it and you would like to understand how your body is able to function in specific ways to perform physical activities in sports.



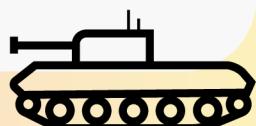
HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

I chose this subject because I thought it would be interesting to learn about as it isn't the usual subject you learn in school and thought it would open up future careers paths for me in healthcare. I have enjoyed finding out the health issues that affect society in all factors, socially, physically, mentally and emotionally. Also I enjoyed making my campaign board about smoking as this area in the subject was very creative and involved us displaying our chosen topic to other people. It has been a challenge to keep up with deadlines but we get constant reminders and it is structured to help us. You should take this subject if you are interested to know more about the human body but also society, and how this affects our wellbeing. This subject allows you to be creative, while addressing health issues and your own opinion. There is also a lot less pressure for important tests and exams at the end of each topic, as this is more coursework based.



HISTORY

I chose this subject because I have a great interest in things that have happened in the past and I enjoy learning about the history of my country. What I find interesting is learning about how things came to be how they are today and why. I find the war aspect of history most exciting as I take keen interest in battles between countries and war as a whole. One topic I have enjoyed is post war America as it depicts a flourishing economy and the changes in society that come with it as well as highlighting mass social change in terms of civil rights for the blacks during that time and it is interesting to see the intricacies of how they had achieved that. What I find challenging about history is trying to keep track of all that we have covered during each topic when revising for tests. I think people may enjoy history if they have any desire to learn about the past. Additionally choosing History is highly beneficial for your understanding of the world around you and concept of how things came to be ,as you learn about society and social change from the past and attitudes before the social change.



MEDIA STUDIES

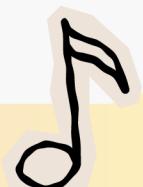
I chose this subject because it sounded relevant to my daily life and I felt like I already knew lots about the world of media. I like that we study lots of media products from a variety of forms such as TV, advertising and film. I also like that we get to be critical and analyse the issues in the media world. I like the creativity side of it such as taking photos and editing them in photoshop. I also like the mix between book work and computer work. I have found it difficult to remember key terminology but find that revising helps.

I would say if you like the media world and being creative this is a good subject to pick. It also links to a lot of different careers in the film/TV industry or in marketing and promotion.



MUSIC

I chose to study music because I have a passion for the subject. Alongside playing an instrument already. I feel like music enhances life from the right soundtrack in a movie to listening to your favourite song to boost your mood. Music breaks down the language barrier and brings people together. So I wanted to enhance my knowledge of this fantastic subject. I have enjoyed being able to form small groups or go on our own and recreate any piece of music that meant something to us. An area I have found a challenge is when we I have tried to compose my original piece as I always find myself going down the route of a familiar tune. I would highly recommend this subject to anyone as you can really be yourself and express your emotions through your music and have a great team around you to help you along the way.



PRODUCT DESIGN

I chose to study this subject because I felt that it would allow me to unleash creativity while I learnt knowledge that can help me later in life. I love finding out how all our everyday objects are made and the environmental impact of them. I have also really enjoyed using the tools and being able to pick up new skills. It feels great to use tools that I would use in the real world if I choose this as a career. It can be a challenge to work with a diverse range of materials but help is always there when needed. I would suggest people take this subject if they want to learn new skills and enjoy being creative.



PHOTOGRAPHY

I chose this subject because I really enjoy the process of taking a picture and seeing it develop into something bigger. I've really enjoyed learning the new skills on photoshop and being able to go out to take pictures. The homeworks to do photoshoots also make me leave the house and help me notice the small things outside. I've really enjoyed the hidden spaces topic where we used mirrors and were able to edit these to create some really good images. Sometimes it can be hard to analyse images to look for all the meanings but this gets easier the more you do it. I would tell people to take this subject if they link to think visually and want to learn new skills.



SOCIOLOGY

I chose sociology since it was something new compared to my other subjects and the topics we learn made me interested in it. I have found that every topic in sociology brings something new and equally as exciting to learn. One topic I have really enjoyed is family as you take a deep analysis on the different types and how they affect different aspects. I have found some aspects hard especially as sociology is a content heavy subject, however all the content you learn can be used across multiple sections of the course. I would say it is definitely worth picking since it is something new and exciting and it opens many career paths.



TEXTILES

I chose this subject because I am a very creative person who loves to be practical. I saw textiles as an exciting opportunity to learn new skills in the fashion industry and exciting new knowledge the course offers! I have personally enjoyed weaving as it lets you be creative and have freedom within your own project. It includes being with your friends and working towards a final piece of a weave. It can be challenging to stay on top of your work but as long as you set mini goals you are able to do this. I personally recommend this subject as it lets you be creative, make new friends and learn so much within the fashion industry - I always look forward to my textiles lessons!

