

Oxford Area School

Years 9-10

2023

Course Selection Book



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Years 9 and 10 Curriculum 2023

At Oxford Area School our Years 9 and 10 curriculum provides opportunity for our students to learn across all learning areas of the New Zealand Curriculum while also allowing maximum individual choice. Students will develop their core competencies while ensuring they have a solid grounding in literacy and numeracy. Our year is divided into two semesters of learning. **This booklet outlines the choices that are available for both semesters.** Students will make selections for the entire year.

The curriculum for years 9 and 10 consists of -

- Compulsory English and Mathematics all year
- THREE student chosen Electives each semester
- TWO student chosen Connected learning choices each semester

Choosing your Connected and Elective choices is important. It needs to be done carefully.

We suggest that you work through these steps:

- **Step One** Think about what courses you took in 2022, complete the relevant table on page 3
- **Step Two** Read the Connected and Elective information provided in this booklet
- **Step Three** Consider your passions, abilities and interests, as well as the career pathways which interest you, to help you make your choices. **We encourage students to keep their learning broad at this age and choose across the Learning Areas.**
- **Step Four** Discuss possible choices with your parents/caregivers
- **Step Five** Seek advice if necessary from your Learning Mentor, Homeroom teacher or from your Dean, and other staff.
- **Step Six** Complete your choices online by **Friday 18 November 2022**. Use the link sent to your parent/caregiver's email address on Thursday 10 November. There are some paper copies at the school office if required.

What courses did you take in 2022?

Think about the courses you took this year. What did you enjoy? What were you good at? Are there learning areas that you didn't cover with your course choices?

If you are in Year 8, your learning this year included the following:

NZ Curriculum Learning Areas							
Arts	English	Health & PE	Learning Languages	Maths	Science	Social Sciences	Technology
Drama	Reading	Health	Spanish	Maths	Science	Topic	Food
Music	Writing	PE					Textiles
Visual Arts							Hard Materials
							Digital

If you are in Year 9, circle or highlight the courses you took this year: Are there any learning areas you did not take a course in? Is this an area you would like to learn about in 2023?

NZ Curriculum Learning Areas							
Arts	English	Health & PE	Learning Languages	Maths	Science	Social Sciences	Technology
Legends, Mythology and Mystical scenes	English	Self, Others and Society	Language of Food	Maths	The Chemistry of Food	Legends, Mythology and Mystical scenes	Language of Food
Figure in the Landscape	Boom! World Events; how they have changed NZ/world	New School PE	¡Mantén la calma y habla español!	The X factor	Feed & Breed	Boom! World Events; how they have changed NZ/world	The Chemistry of Food
Murals with a Message		Old School PE			Future Farming Systems	Self, Others and Society	The X factor
School of Rock		Sport Performance			Genetics and Evolution	The Geography of the World - NZ	Design and Build it
The Lighted Stage		Survivor			Horticulture		Food, Glorious Food
					What's stuff really made of?		Grand Designs
							Trash to Treasure

2023 English and Mathematics

English:

“Either write something worth reading, or do something worth writing” (Ben Franklin)

In English you will explore the power of words through literature by reading, writing and speaking. You will create rich and meaningful connections between literature and the world, and develop the skills to chronicle your own adventures.

Mathematics:

“Without mathematics, there’s nothing you can do. Everything around you is mathematics. Everything around you is numbers” (Shakuntala Devi)

In Mathematics we will be looking at numbers, how to use them in life and looking at how other people use them. We will be adding letters and looking at patterns the numbers make. Wherever possible we will be connecting the numbers with real life contexts.

Connected 2023

Our Connected courses are collaborative and connect learning between two learning areas.

You are asked to select ONE Connected course from each column for each semester on page 11.

You will be placed in two Connected courses for Semester 1 and two different Connected courses for Semester 2.

When choosing remember to consider -

- **Passion and interest** - will you enjoy this Connected?
 - **Aptitude and ability** - will you be successful in this Connected?
 - **Career pathway** - will this Connected/Elective support your short term and long term career plans?
- Keep in mind that ALL Connected choices provide learning opportunities that support learning in Y11-13.

Connected programmes are in alphabetical order

Title: Cut the PARC	Learning Areas: Science / Social Sciences
Description: Our resources are limited but our imagination is not! Which are our most important resources? What happens if they run out? How can we adapt our lifestyles and farming systems to ensure that we have a great and healthy standard of living but we don't trash the planet in the process? Work individually and in small groups to understand sustainability and turn your ideas into action around the school, in your own life and in your community.	
Title: Earth to the Moon	Learning Areas: Science / Social Sciences
Description: What would it be like on another planet? How would people get there? What would your night sky look like? Who would your neighbours be? What would your job be? Also what would your dinner look like and even more importantly, taste like? We will also look at the history of space flight, and the development of Space Science to see how we can learn from the past and prepare for the future. A wonderful opportunity to connect to our own observatory.	
Title: Fuel for the Body and Mind	Learning Areas: Health & PE / Technology
Description: Are you keen to create healthy habits around eating and exercising to improve your overall wellbeing? This course will be a mix of practical and theory from within the PE & Health and Technology curriculums. For example, developing a great snack food product or breakfast to fuel you, as well as taking part in a range of physical activities to improve your hauora.	

Title: Hatred Against Difference	Learning Areas: English / Social Sciences
Description: Hatred Against Difference is going to be the study of Genocides around the world, with a specific focus on the Holocaust. We will also find out about our Human Rights, and what is happening in the world today to support or break these. During the course you will look at a formal Film Study, Writing Skills, and Responses to various Media and Text (Films/Websites/Books/Peoms/etc).	

Title: Hero of a Thousand faces	Learning Areas: English / Performing Arts
Description: In this class we will be looking at the "Hero's Journey" template in stories throughout history and throughout different cultures. Students will learn how to write and perform their own drama plays using that template.	

Title: Stop Motion of the Living World	Learning Areas: Science / Technology
Description: In this class students will learn about "A whole new living world- a dazzling place I never knew". Learn about how life on Earth is connected through the amazing fields of plant biology, ecology and horticulture. Students will present their findings in the context of stop motion. We will begin with flip book design, and move into stop motion through sculpture and diorama creation. We will look at visual storytelling (without sound) and develop our work to create a final piece that runs a loop in the style of Patagraph.	

Electives 2023

Our Elective courses are an opportunity for students to delve into one learning area deeply. You are asked to select ONE Elective course from 3 of the 4 columns for each semester on page 11. You will be placed in three Elective courses for Semester 1 and three different Elective courses for Semester 2. *When choosing remember to consider -*

- **Passion and interest** - will you enjoy this Elective?
- **Aptitude and ability** - will you be successful in this Elective?
- **Career pathway** - will this Elective support your short term and long term career plans?

Electives are in alphabetical order

Title: A force to be reckoned with	Learning Areas: Science
Description: From the science of spud guns and drones to engines and phones. Learn about the forces and laws of physics that control the world around us. Example projects might include working in small groups to construct a means of launching a projectile whilst being able to explain the science behind it.	

Title: Adventure Education	Learning Areas: Health & PE
Description: This course is designed to give you a taste of our senior Adventure Based Management (ABM) course. Participate in a range of outdoor activities, challenges and games. Learn about navigation, reading the weather, build huts, how to manage risky situations, and responsible behaviours in the outdoors. There is opportunity to head out on local outdoor activities.	

Title: Agriculture and the Environment	Learning Areas: Science
Description: Agriculture and the environment are intertwined. In this course you will look at how agriculture impacts on the environment and how a farmer can counter the impacts.	
Title: All the World's a Stage	Learning Areas: Performing Arts
Description: We will explore different styles of drama, create our own original dramatic plays and work, and learn to create and use props, stage lights, sound and stage equipment. It will involve creating and performing drama to the class and possibly a wider audience with students working individually, in pairs and in groups throughout the semester.	
Title: Apprentice	Learning Areas: Social Sciences
Description: We will study how business operates and how to run your own business. We will hold a Market Day to sell your business products or services. We will also dive into the share market, how Wall Street works and the corruption in business.	
Title: Art, Animals and Plants	Learning Areas: Visual Arts
Description: Students will design and create their own artworks while exploring how and why established artists depict NZ's flora and fauna, across a range of Art disciplines.	
Title: Beats, Loops and Tracks	Learning Areas: Performing Arts
Description: This course is designed for music creation and experimentation. Students will learn some of the history of digital music, explore and experiment with awesome digital and online tools and spend time creating/remixing music and their own music. Students will work mostly individually but pair and group work will occur, no prior experience is needed but is helpful.	
Title: Board Game Design	Learning Areas: Technology
Description: Love Board games? Ever wanted to design one of your own? In Board game design, you will play and unpack the algorithms around how to make a good game. You will then work in a team to design and create your game, from the board, the rules, the pieces, the cards and the packaging! This could include photoshop, drawing and painting, 3D printing and so much more!	

Title: Design and Make with Textiles	Learning Areas: Technology
Description: From home furnishings to a designer pair of shorts, you will investigate the properties of fabrics and their function as well as designing an original piece for yourself or others. Skills that will be involved across the semester could include: Machine sewing use, hand sewing and embroidery, knitting, crochet and pattern drafting, the sky's the limit!	
Title: Español	Learning Areas: Learning Languages
Description: This course studies the Spanish language and culture from both a Spanish and a Latin American viewpoint. Students follow individual work plans, according to their level, but we also come together as a whole class for work on listening, pronunciation and speaking skills. Cultural input is provided by native speakers contributing to the listening and pronunciation exercises and the use of video and movies from Spain and Latin America.	
Title: History of Food in New Zealand	Learning Areas: Technology
Description: In this course we will look at the changes of food over time - largely post World War II NZ. What were the influences on what we eat and how we eat in our homes today. From the increase of international travel to food bloggers - we will unpack it all!	
Title: Horticulture	Learning Areas: Science
Description: Plants, we rely on them, but how do we grow them to the best of their ability. If you have any interest in growing your own plants/garden this is the opportunity to learn how to do it and get your hands dirty when we put your learning into practice.	
Title: I like to Move It	Learning Areas: Health & PE
Description: A course designed to enjoy movement and lifelong strategies for your Hauora (Wellbeing). The main focus is "Movement is essential to our Hauora". The purpose of this course is enjoying a range of personally enjoyable physical activities. Practicals will be designed by the students and teacher to support what works best for our Hauora.	
Title: PE Leaders	Learning Areas: Health & PE
Description: This course focuses on developing interpersonal skills and developing leadership. You will participate actively in a range of games, activities and learn cooperation, teamwork and social responsibility skills. The second half of the course will involve developing leadership skills and the opportunity to share your knowledge through coaching/ leading others in our school by leading Physical Activity experiences. This could be coaching your favourite sport, teaching a game you enjoyed in the first half of the course or a skill you can pass on to students in younger year levels.	

Title: Product, Design and Build	Learning Areas: Technology
Description: In this class students will learn the fundamentals of hard materials and safe working practise. Develop practical and design skills through a series of skills based practical projects increasing in complexity and skill as the semester progresses. Focus will be on finishing to a high standard and deeper thinking through regular reflection opportunities. Finally students will use the skills and techniques developed earlier to design and build their own project.	
Title: Something Happened Here	Learning Areas: Social Sciences
Description: Looking at Aotearoa/New Zealand Histories through understanding different perspectives in different locations around our country. Heaps of various and different choices for you to learn, analyse and create with.	
Title: Sports Performance	Learning Areas: Health & PE
Description: Learn in, through and about Movement! Our Body is made for moving. Participate in practical activities to understand how the body works through various movements and what happens to our body when we exercise. This will include various types of practical training activities so you can set a goal and train to achieve it!	
Title: Technology Uses in Agriculture	Learning Areas: Science
Description: How does technology impact farm life today? In this elective you will look at how technology shapes the way we farm today and impact the future.	
Title: The Science of CSI	Learning Areas: Science
Description: Students will discover what it takes to be a crime scene investigator and will explore the physics and chemistry behind ballistics and forensics. You will learn how to use microscopes, models and other practical aspects of CSI. You'll be working individually and as a team.	

Decision making for 2023

Use these pages to help make your decision about which Connected and Elective courses you would like to take in 2023.

Name of course Connected Elective	Tick if it interests you	Why would you like to take this course?
Cut the PARC		
Earth to the Moon		
Fuel for the Body and Mind		
Hatred Against Difference		
Hero of a 1000 faces		
Stop Motion of the Living World		
A force to be reckoned with		
Adventure Education		
Agriculture and the Environment		
All the World's a Stage		
Apprentice		
Art, Animals and Plants		
Beats, Loops and Tracks		
Board Game design		
Design and Make with Textiles		
Espanol		
History of Food in New Zealand		
Horticulture		
I like to Move It		
PE Leaders		
Product, Design and Build		
Something Happened Here		
Sports Performance		
Technology Uses in Agriculture		
The Science of CSI		

Things I am passionate about and/or I enjoy learning about include -

Things I am good at include -

Possible careers I am interested in include -

IF you are currently in Year 9: From the table on page 3 list any Learning Areas that you did not have courses for this year

Check: Do the 2023 courses that interest you cover a broad range of Learning Areas?

NZ Curriculum Learning Areas							
Arts	English	Health & PE	Learning Languages	Maths	Science	Social Sciences	Technology
Hero of a 1000 Faces	English	Fuel for the Body and Mind	Espanol	Maths	Cut the PARC	Cut the PARC	Fuel for the Body and Mind
All the World's a Stage	Hatred Against Difference	Adventure Education			Earth to the Moon	Earth to the Moon	Stop Motion of the Living World
Art, Animals and Plants	Hero of a 1000 Faces	I like to Move It			Stop Motion of the Living World	Hatred Against Difference	Board Game design
Beats, Loops and Tracks		PE Leaders			A Force to be reckoned with	Apprentice	Design and Make with Textiles
		Sports Performance			Agriculture and the Environment	Something Happened Here	History of Food in NZ
					Horticulture		Product, Design and Build
					Technology Uses in Agriculture		
					The Science of CSI		

Student Subject Selection Sheet Course Booklet 2023

Please select one elective from 3 of the 4 columns below for EACH semester

	1	2	3	4
SEMESTER 1	Apprentice	Espanol	Art, Animals and Plants	Beats Loops and Tracks
	All the World's a stage	History of Food NZ	Something Happened Here	Board Game Design
	Force to be reckoned with	Sports Performance	The Science of CSI	Design and Make with Textiles
	Product, Design and Build	I Like to Move it	Agriculture and the Environment	Adventure Education
				Horticulture
SEMESTER 2	Apprentice	Espanol	Art, Animals and Plants	Beats Loops and Tracks
	All the World's a stage	History of Food NZ	Something Happened Here	Board Game Design
	Force to be reckoned with	PE Leaders	The Science of CSI	Design and Make with Textiles
	Product, Design and Build	I like to Move it	Technology Uses in Agriculture	Adventure Education
				Horticulture

Please select one connected from each of the 2 columns below for EACH semester:

SEMESTER 1	X	Z
	Hatred Against Difference	Hero of 1000 Faces
	Stop Motion of the Living World	Cut the PARC
	Earth to the Moon	Fuel for the Body and Mind
SEMESTER 2	X	Z
	Hatred Against Difference	Hero of 1000 Faces
	Stop Motion of the Living World	Cut the PARC
	Earth to the Moon	Fuel for the Body and Mind

Remember to make your choices **online** by **Friday 18th November**.
The link has been emailed to parents and caregivers on Thursday 10th November at 5pm.

