Sandringham School

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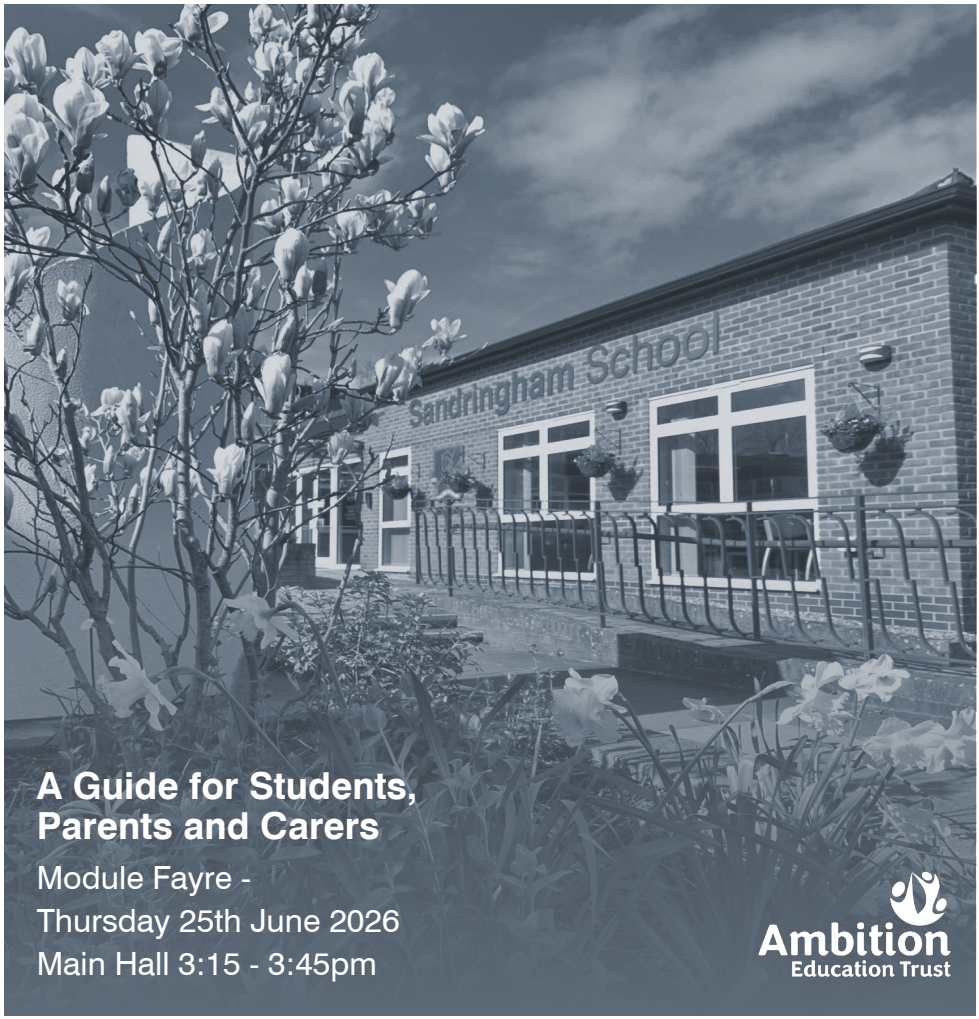
YEAR 8 INTO 9 MODULES



A Guide for Students, Parents and Carers

Module Fayre -
Thursday 25th June 2026
Main Hall 3:15 - 3:45pm

Ambition Education Trust

The Modular Curriculum

Most schools offer the same subjects to all students at Key Stage 3. At Sandringham, we have a different approach in Year 9 and provide students with an opportunity to make a choice of some subjects in preparation for taking GCSEs and vocational qualifications in Years 10 and 11. Year 9 is a crucial year and it is important that students make the most of their time, studying subjects which interest them and provide a platform for good GCSE examination success.

This booklet explains the options available in the Year 9 Modular Curriculum. We recommend that students sit down with their family and explore the possibilities available to ensure that good choices are made.

Year 9 Curriculum

What stays the same	What changes
● English, Mathematics and Science – 3 hours each ● PE, Design Technology – 2 hours each ● History, Geography, PRE, Art, Drama, Music, Computer Science, Personal Development – 1 hour each	● 2 hours of Modern Foreign Languages (French or Spanish) instead of 3 hours ● No Humanities Carousel

How does the modular curriculum work?

In addition to the subjects outlined above, students have the ability to choose what they study for two lessons each week.

Many of the options available are in the form of modules, which are short courses. Students can take these for interest, or use them as an opportunity for further practice in, or extensions of, an existing subject they enjoy. Most modules are taught in 9/10 week blocks, after which time students are asked to make new choices.

Some options available to students require them to take the option for the whole year as they lead to a qualification. For example:

- German - taking German in **both** module slots for the **whole year** provides students with a pathway to studying German at GCSE when they choose their options in Year 9

- Cantonese - for native speakers of Cantonese wishing to take their GCSE in Year 9, we are offering one lesson a week in support of this. If students select this module, they will need to take it in **one** of their module slots of the **whole year**

- Dance Leaders - for students wishing to complete the Level 1 qualification in Dance Leadership, they will need to take Dance Leaders in **one** of the module slots for the **whole year**

Sandringham's modular curriculum provides students with:

1. An early taster of the GCSE and A level courses offered at Key Stage 4 & 5, e.g. Media Studies, Dance and Business & Economics.

2. The opportunity for those students already studying German to continue with this as their second language, opening up the opportunity to take this to GCSE.

3. The opportunity to take another hour of a subject you really enjoy doing e.g. Art, Drama, Music or Food Technology.

4. The chance to do something different such as Mandarin for beginners or Forensic Science.

The following page outlines the available courses in the modular curriculum in lessons 24 and 25. Students can begin to choose their route through the modules throughout the year. However, students will only be asked to choose one module per column at a time i.e. in Summer of Year 8, they are only choosing their module for Autumn of Year 9. Information regarding each of the modules will be given in a leaflet at regular intervals with instructions on how to submit your choices for the next rotation of modules. Read the descriptions carefully and ask as many questions as you like of your tutor or subject teachers at the Module Fayre.

Making your choices

In order to make choices, students should follow the steps below:

- Read this booklet carefully, particularly the page showing all the modules on offer

- Attend the Module Fayre on **Thursday 25th June** after school in the Hall

- Talk to family and teachers about your choices

- Use the Google Form, emailed on June 25th to make first and second choices for Lesson 24 and also for Lesson 25 by the deadline of **Thursday 2nd July**

We will do our best to accommodate student preferences but where modules are particularly popular, students may have to wait until the next rotation to study their preferred modules.

LESSON 24

	AUTUMN	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER	Can I take it more than once?
GERMAN A way to continue with two languages and be able to take German GCSE. Only eligible to students already studying German in Year 8. A mixture of lessons focused on language and culture including studying a film in German, cooking German food etc.	GERMAN	GERMAN	GERMAN	GERMAN	Must take all year
INTRODUCTION TO KS4 DANCE This module will allow students to gain an insight into GCSE and BTEC Dance courses through exploring different dance styles, develop performance skills, increase your creativity and teamwork. Taking all modules would be beneficial for success in Year 11.	CREATIVE CHOREOGRAPHY	DANCE PERFORMANCE	DANCING THROUGH STYLES	FROM STUDIO TO STAGE	Yes
FOOD SKILLS A further opportunity to develop your practical skills	ITALIAN COOKING	CHRISTMAS COOKING	HOT & SPICY	PARTY FOODS	Yes
FORENSIC SCIENCE* This module is an ongoing investigation to discover who committed a crime at Sandringham School	FORENSIC SCIENCE	FORENSIC SCIENCE	FORENSIC SCIENCE	FORENSIC SCIENCE	No
HISTORY & POLITICS This module focuses on momentous events and turning points in world history and politics	POLITICS - DEMOCRACY IN THE UK	HISTORY - WHO SHOT JFK?	HISTORY - THE VIETNAM WAR	POLITICS - SO YOU THINK YOU CAN BE PRIME MINISTER?	Yes
MEDIA STUDIES This module offers insights into key concepts in Media Studies including how to use industry standard software such as Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Premier.	ADVERTISING & MARKETING	RADIO & PODCASTING	MUSIC VIDEOS	TELEVISION PRODUCTION	Yes
MUSIC This module offers a range of musical skills, including performance and composition. Students considering GCSE Music would benefit from taking one or more of these units.	BAND SKILLS	SONGWRITING / COMPOSING	PRACTICAL PIANO SKILLS	FUN WITH CHORDS: GUITAR AND UKULELE SKILLS	Yes
LEARN TO TOUCH TYPE This module is designed to teach students to touch type. By the end of the module, students should be able to type quickly and with both hands - an essential skill for school and work. Very important for students who will use a word processor in exams.	TOUCH TYPING	TOUCH TYPING	TOUCH TYPING	TOUCH TYPING	No
SPORTS LEADERSHIP Leading and officiating in a range of sports	SPORTS LEADERSHIP	SPORTS LEADERSHIP	SPORTS LEADERSHIP	SPORTS LEADERSHIP	Yes
BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS Exploring Business and Economics through different rotations and projects	PITCH PERFECT	ECONOMIC PROBLEMS	COCA COLA CHALLENGE	BUSINESS ETHICS	Yes
CANTONESE This module is designed to support students taking GCSE Chinese, especially Cantonese speakers	CANTONESE	CANTONESE	CANTONESE	CANTONESE	Must take all year

LESSON 25

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DANCE LEADERSHIP LEVEL 1 QUALIFICATION This offers practical and theoretical exploration of leadership skills for dance. You need to take all 4 modules to achieve the qualification.	DANCE LEADERSHIP	DANCE LEADERSHIP	DANCE LEADERSHIP	DANCE LEADERSHIP	Must take all year
FOOD SKILLS A further opportunity to develop your practical skills	MEDITERRANEAN COOKING	CHRISTMAS CAKES	ITALIAN COOKING	HOT & SPICY	Yes
DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY Exploring this subject through new and different projects	Table Tennis Racket	Treasure Chest	Clock Project	Upcycled Project	Yes
GEOGRAPHY This module will expose and examine some of the important challenges our planet faces both now and in the future, as well as providing you with a chance to investigate some of the most diverse places our planet has to offer	DISASTERS OF HUMANITY AND DISEASE	ICELAND – LAND OF FIRE AND ICE	GRAND GEOGRAPHICAL DESIGNS FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE	SOUTH AMERICA - GEOGRAPHIES OF THE 'NEW WORLD'	Yes
FILM STUDIES This module will give you a chance to watch, discuss and even recreate some of the most influential films that have shaped our culture	HOLLYWOOD MAINSTREAM CINEMA	GLOBAL CINEMA	HOLLYWOOD MAINSTREAM CINEMA PT 2	INDIE FILM	Yes
MUSIC TECHNOLOGY This module focuses on how technology is used to create, record and perform music. We use a mixture of Garageband, Logic and Sibelius software.	REMIX	MAKING YOUR OWN MUSIC / COMPOSING GCSE TASTER	FOUND SOUNDS AND USING SAMPLES	MAKING YOUR OWN MUSIC / COMPOSING	Yes
DRAMA These modules are open to all students and will provide a good grounding for students wishing to pursue Drama at GCSE or those with a passion for performing arts who would like to extend their skills	BACKSTAGE DRAMA: MAKE UP AND SPECIAL EFFECTS	BACKSTAGE DRAMA: LIFE AS A THEATRE DESIGNER	BACKSTAGE DRAMA: MAKE UP AND SPECIAL EFFECTS	PERFORMING DRAMA: ACTING FOR SCREEN	Yes
VISUAL ARTS These modules have been designed with your well-being in mind and aim to provide you with an enjoyable, relaxing time to extend your artistic knowledge and explore new processes and techniques.	FASHION AND TEXTILES DESIGN	ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY	FASHION ILLUSTRATION AND DESIGN	SCULPTURAL TEXTILES	Yes
PERSONAL FINANCE* This module provides an introduction to managing personal finance and understanding their role in the economy	PERSONAL FINANCE	PERSONAL FINANCE	PERSONAL FINANCE	PERSONAL FINANCE	No
MANDARIN This module is designed for non-Chinese learners. It will introduce students to the Mandarin dialect of Chinese, the characters and how Mandarin is written. Students will have opportunities to engage in reading, listening and spoken activities and learn about the history and culture of China.	MANDARIN	MANDARIN	MANDARIN	MANDARIN	No
PHILOSOPHY OF FILM Exploring philosophical questions through a variety of films	WHAT IS REAL?	FREE WILL	ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE	MEDICAL ETHICS	Yes

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