

Broughton Hall Catholic High School

Year 9 Diploma



What is the Year 9 Diploma?

The Year 9 Diploma at Broughton Hall Catholic High School develops key skills and attributes needed to be successful in exams and life in general.

To pass the Diploma students need to demonstrate through their Year 9 studies that they are committed to develop key diploma skills and attributes. In addition to this they need to participate in all diploma activities and play an active role in the community life of the school. Students also need to have good attendance and behaviour throughout Year 9.



Diploma Key Skills and Attributes

For students to be successful in their academic studies they need to develop and perfect the following skills and attributes. Subject teachers will award credits for the progress students are making in relation to the development of these key skills and attributes.

- **Knowledge Retention (4 credits available)** – *students need to make sure they are retaining subject content taught*
- **Application of concepts and theories (4 credits available)** – *students need to make sure that any concepts or theories taught they understand, remember and use*
- **Analytical thinking and writing (4 credits available)** – *students need to articulate, conceptualize and solve problems by making decisions that are sensible given the information available*
- **Self-regulatory skills (8 credits available)** – *students need to demonstrate independence in their studies (2 credits), be organised in their approach to learning (2 credits), be equipped for learning (2 credits) and demonstrate good time management skills (2 credits)*

Credits for the development of the above skills and attributes will be awarded termly



Scoring System for Skills and Attributes Credits

The following criteria will be used for **knowledge retention, application and analytical skills**:

Outstanding = 4 credits

Good = 3 credits

Satisfactory = 2 credits

Require Improvement = 1 credits

Inadequate = 0 credits

Self Regulatory skills and attributes:

2 = Exemplary

1= Requires Improvement

0 = Inadequate



Diploma Activities

To pass the Diploma students need to have participated in the activities below:

- Study Skills Certificate
- DofE or/and eco project
- Enrichment activity (*school visit, trip to university, radio city, Chester Zoo, sports clubs etc*)
- Humanities Project
- Active role in community life of the school



Attendance Credits

Form Tutors will Award a maximum of 20 credits every term for attendance and behaviour

Attendance (10 credits available)

100% attendance 10 CREDITS

96%- 99% attendance 7 CREDITS

90-95% attendance 3 CREDITS

Below 90% attendance – 2/1 credits



Behaviour (10 credits available)

- Credits will be awarded at the end of each term by the Progress Manager, Support Manager, or Director of Learning. Class Charts will be used to inform the awarding of the credits. If a pupil is sent to the review room in that term no credits will be awarded



- Credits will be totalled every Term and students will be classified into the following categories according to their credits total

Distinction*

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Merit

Pass



Distinction* Classification

- To be considered a Distinction* student you must fulfil all Diploma criteria and complete a piece of academic writing and participate in a public speaking event.



CELEBRATION

- For all students who successfully complete their Year 9 Diploma a graduation ceremony will be held on:

Friday 12th July 2019

