SWANSEA HIGH SCHOOL

YEAR 8 ELECTIVES 2014

Year 8 in 2014 will be studying two electives which may be used as a trial before they choose their School Certificate (years 9 & 10) electives. The electives will be 2 periods per week each for one semester (two terms). Students will be able to trial one elective per semester. The electives which may be offered are listed below. Students will be expected to cover the cost of the materials used in each course (or provide their own materials).

Asian Studies
Students will learn the location of Australia in relation to our Asian neighbours, to identify the main Asian races, understand the variety of Asian cultures and lifestyles, identify the stereotypes of Asians, identify the main ways in which Asians have contributed to Australia’s culture and lifestyle, and appreciate and accept Asian Australians and their contributions to Australia’s culture and lifestyle. Students will prepare an Asian meal and dress up, create an Asian jigsaw, complete a presentation of Asian people, and debate the value of Asian immigration and/or investment.

Commerce - Buyer Beware (Consumer Education)
Students will learn how to shop for value, the most common consumer traps, the role of consumer credit, how to budget and save in order to reach a target, how to obtain redress when “ripped off”, how to use commercial instruments such as cheques, deposit slips and withdrawal slips, the correct use of debit and credit cards and how to understand bank and credit card statements. They will role play typical rip off situations and a Consumer Claims Tribunal hearing, complete budget worksheets, fill out relevant documents and play and videotape “Consumer Rap”.

Commerce - Adolescents and the Law
Students will learn the difference between civil and criminal law, the role of the police, courts and the penal system, how the law treats adolescents, commonly encountered legal problems of adolescents, drugs, street offences, family and consumer law, and where to get help on legal matters. The students will role play students breaking the law, students as victims, court procedure, debate discuss and complete worksheets on relevant cases.

Computer Assisted Drawing
Computer Assisted Drawing (CAD) is now used as a major tool in the communication of ideas. Learn basic skills which apply to all drawings used in almost all industries. You will develop computer skills and learn about different software packages.
**Fabric Art**
Students will learn how to decorate fabric using dye techniques, embroidery, quilting and beading. Students will make a simple item and develop skills in using sewing machines and the overlocker. Students will be expected to cover the cost of the materials used for their project. Cost of materials will be $30.

**Drama**
This is a practical based course for students who enjoy play acting in a supervised environment. The course includes warm-ups, theatre games and play building. The course provides the students with a fun environment in which they learn to work as a team member, enhance their social skills and build self-confidence.

**Fun with Food**
This course is a practical based elective and will appeal to those with an interest in exploring and creating with food from different cultures/countries. Students will be expected to cover the cost of foods used and must provide their own apron and individual table setting. Cost of materials will be $40.

**Languages Other Than English**
Swansea High School will offer two (2) foreign language choices for Year 8 next year...

*Semester 1: JAPANESE AND*
*Semester 2: FRENCH*

Both courses being offered can be taken both by students who didn’t study that particular language in Yr 7 or those who want to continue on from their Yr 7 studies. Focus will be on vocabulary and language development with a hint of grammar thrown in for good measure. The 4 main language skills will be covered: Listening – Reading – Speaking – Writing. Obviously, there will also be a cultural component to each course. Assessment is via weekly or fortnightly mini-quizzes (instead of a larger end of semester exam). Both courses will give students an insight into possible future studies of a foreign language in Yrs 9 and 10 for the School Certificate.

らいねん日本語をべんきょうしましょう！

Étudions le français l’année prochaine !
Learn to Draw

Students will learn to express themselves visually. Students will be given structured drawing lessons on how to draw a variety of subject matter. The aim of this course is to develop the student’s technical expertise in drawing, including exercises in drawing / rendering using the computer. To break up the course several craft projects will be covered and may include stencilling, stamping, screen printing and scrapbooking.

Students must provide the own drawing books, pencils and erasers. Cost of materials will be $12 and will cover the cost of paper and craft materials.

Music - “The Rockers”

This is a practical based course for students who enjoy music, in particular rock and pop. Through performance students will learn the fundamentals and history of “Rock and Pop” music.

This fun time will involve keyboards, guitars, drums, singing and students own instruments. Students DO NOT have to know how to play or own an instrument in order to enjoy this course.

Serious music students can extend themselves by taking opportunities of live performances while novice musicians can learn basic theory in this exciting “hands-on” course. Costs for this course will be $20.

Practical Electronics

This course is a practically oriented course where students will study the basics of electronics. They will learn basic skills and make fascinating, instructional and useful projects. They will learn how to use all tools, including testing tools, correctly. Cost of materials used will be $20.

Practical Wood

Students will construct practical projects and study some of the techniques in using wood. Projects completed will be based on the specific skills to be learnt. Students will learn basic marking out procedures, basic preparation of timber, and some construction and finishing techniques. Some simple woodturning may be carried out if the project completed requires this skill. Cost of materials used will be $20.
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Students should choose **TWO electives** (number them **1** and **2**) they wish to study, one for each semester. They should also select **TWO reserve** electives (number them **3** and **4**) to be used if their elective choice(s) is full or does not run. Please return to **Mr Pascoe by Friday 6th September, 2013**.

Name ________________________ 2013 English Class __________

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**To be completed by Parent / Guardian**

Total Elective Costings (1) + (2) = $ ........  
1st Instalment (50%) due 17th November 2013 = $ ........
2nd Instalment (50%) due 4th March 2014 = $ ........

- If unable to pay the 1st instalment by the due date, please contact the school.
- Elective Costs are fully refundable if a student does not commence studies in 2014.

Student Signature: ............................................  Parent/Guardian Signature: ............................................

Date: ........../........./........  Date: ........../........./........