

Year 7 Curriculum Outline 2023/24

The table below provides an outline of which topics/modules are planned to be taught in each of the three terms across the year. The topics/modules may not be taught in the order listed, but should be taught during the term outlined.

Subject	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Art and Design	<p>TOPIC: PORTRAITURE/ IDENTITY Including the 7 Elements of art: colour, form, line, shape, space, texture, and value. Key Skills: Elements in art painting/drawing /colour theory/ contextual understanding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • line, tone, shape colour, form, texture. • objective drawing • human proportion and facial features • colour theory and colour mixing • media control • critical/contextual understanding • Fauvism, Expressionism, Orphism (Digital Portrait Challenge Task) 	<p>TOPIC: LANDSCAPE/ IMPRESSIONISM Key Skills: composition/mixed media/ digital photography Independent Learning Assignment (<i>Lower School Exam</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • generating ideas through investigations informed by contextual and other sources • examination preparation and development • light and composition • effective planning/scaling up • atmospheric perspective/liner perspective • photography/recording the effects of light <p>(Photographic challenge task)</p>	<p>TOPIC: FIGURE(S) IN SPACE Key Skills: perspective/proportion/distortion, gesture. Construction techniques modelling/sculpture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • proportion/distortion, movement and scale • figure and gesture drawing/casting/sculpture • thinking in the round • critical reflection and analysis • Giacometti, Kandinski • constructing an armature/creating maquette • Photography, light painting <p>(Sculpture challenge task)</p>
Biology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cells • Tissues, organs, systems and organisms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reproduction • Photosynthesis and food chains 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photosynthesis and food chains (continued) • Flowering plants
Chemistry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to chemistry • Separating mixtures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acids and alkalis • Gases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exam Revision • Crystals
Computing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseline assessment • Introduction to computing • Computing with the Raspberry Pi • End of Unit test & feedback • Robot wars 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computational Thinking • Data representation • E-Safety / Cyber-Security (NCCE) • Combined End of Unit test • Murder at the Museum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Game Design with Scratch • Year 7 Examination • Edison Robotics • Programming day

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Creative and Critical Thinking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • logical & lateral thinking • argument writing • Use of evidence in an argument • Alternative explanations and their risks (conspiracy theories) • Evaluating flaws and false appeals in arguments • Evaluating assumptions in arguments, including necessary and sufficient conditions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assessing credibility using CRAVEN • Critical Thinking and Fake News • Public Speaking and Debating skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The justice system • Magistrates Court Mock Trial
Drama	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • introduction to core skills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • space • form • genre • general performance skills • 'A Christmas Carol' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • exploration through role play • working within a group • create and sustain a character • development of skills and exploration of new ones • lighting as a drama medium • Working from a script • 10-15 minute performance utilising all the skills learnt and their journey 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shakespeare Unit working towards a public performance
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poetry Through Time - Studying a range of both pre and post 1914 poetry including from the Romantic period • <i>A Christmas Carol</i> by Charles Dickens 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Novel Study – novels studied include: <i>The Ruby in the Smoke</i> or <i>Northern Lights</i> by Philip Pullman, <i>The Hunger Games</i> by Suzanne Collins or <i>Noughts and Crosses</i> by Malorie Blackman • Writing: Fiction – Studying writing across a variety of forms and genres 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History of English – A study of the history of English from its early origins to modern day. • Reading Non-Fiction – Reading a variety of non-fiction texts and analysing the effect of the writers' methods • <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i> by William Shakespeare

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French (Vif 1) New Course	Introduction to basic vocabulary and grammar as well as skills for learning languages (Dictionary Skills) Baseline Assessment Unit 1- Moi, et mes trucs à moi Vocabulary tests, Phonics Practice, Dictation, End of Topic Assessment Cultural Capital: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Videos on Stream • La musique Francophone • Tv5.org , Netflix and YouTube Language, Culture and Diversity Week	Unit 2- Ma vie active Consolidation of Year 7 Course for End of Year Exam Vocabulary tests, Phonics Practice, Dictation, End of Topic Assessment Cultural Capital: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Videos on Stream • La littérature Francophone • Tv5.org , Netflix and YouTube • Language, Culture and Diversity Week 	Unit 3- Les couleurs du monde Vocabulary tests, Phonics Practice, Dictation, End of Topic Assessment Cultural Capital: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Videos on Stream • Le Cinéma Francophone • Tv5.org , Netflix and YouTube • Language, Culture and Diversity Week
Geography	What is Geography? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geographical Enquiry • Types of geography Geography of the UK <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical landscapes of the UK • Weather and climate • Human geography of the UK • Map projections and atlas skills 	Fantastic Places <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mt Everest and Cheddar Gorge • Introduction to tectonic, geological, atmospheric and glacial processes • Conflict & tourism • Management Issues Extension unit - Exploring China & Asia	A Complex World <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geographical Concepts • Geological Timescales • Climate Change • Globalisation • Rise of the Super Powers (NEEs) and International Development • Development & urbanisation in the Middle East • Extended evaluative writing School Based Fieldwork
German (Echt Deutsch 1)	Unit 1 and 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greetings and self-introductions • Numbers • Family and Friends • Pets and animals 	Unit 3-4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sport and hobbies • Music and TV shows • School • School environment 	Unit 5-6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food and drink • Ordering food • German writers • Fairytales from the German-speaking world

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Heathy Living (classes on rotation)	Healthy Living will be delivered through breakout sessions which will take place across the school year.		
History	Origins of Democracy: How has power and leadership developed?		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is History? Baseline assessment. Establishment of Power: Democracy and voting rights today. Battle of Hastings • Establishment of Power: Norman Conquest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenges by the People: Life in Medieval England and the Black Death • Challenges by the People: The Peasants' Revolt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenges by the Church: King Henry II and Thomas Becket – clash with the church • Challenge by the Nobility: King John – clash with barons • Challenges by the Church part 2 (the Monarchy strikes back): King Henry VIII and the Break from Rome.
Mathematics KS3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseline Test • Number skills (Delta 1 Unit 2) • Analysing and displaying data (Delta 1 Unit 1) • Equations, functions and formulae (Delta 1 Unit 3) • Fractions (Delta 1 Unit 4) • Angles and shapes (Delta 1 Unit 5) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decimals (Delta 1 Unit 6) • Equations (Delta 1 Unit 7) • Multiplicative reasoning (Delta 1 Unit 8) • Perimeter, area and volume (Delta 1 Unit 9) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perimeter, area and volume (Delta 1 Unit 9) • Sequences and Graphs (Delta 1 Unit 10) <p>Start Delta 2</p> <p>Units 1 to 3</p>
Music	<p>Instruments of the Orchestra</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exploring and identifying orchestral instruments and their family characteristics - Reading staff notation and developing keyboard skills through playing <i>Ode to Joy</i> - Listening and analysing using the musical elements, composers of Symphonic orchestral music 	<p>Folk Music and Pentatonic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Composing using the pentatonic scale - Understanding structure and basic harmonic accompaniment using the ukulele - Exploring folk dance and oral tradition to learn and perform folk songs and sea shanties from the British Isles 	<p>The Blues and Jazz</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exploring the history of Jazz and the Blues - Listening, and analysing composers and performers of the Blues and their works - Developing keyboard improvisation through authentic and stylish melodic, harmonic, and rhythmic structure <p>Choral Competition</p>

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Physical Education (Core)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseline Tests • Netball • Swimming • Gym/ Dance • Basketball • Football/ Rugby (set 1 and 2) • Table Tennis (set 3) <p>Theory focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic muscles and bones • Importance of the warm up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross Country • Swimming • Gym/ Dance • Basketball • Football/ Rugby (set 1 and 2) • OAA (set 3) <p>Theory focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applying components of fitness to sports (fitness testing) • GOAL Setting • Motivation • Heart Rate and Training Zones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletics • Cricket • Rounders <p>Theory focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revisit basic muscles and bones and importance of the warm up and cool down
Physics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy • speed/distance and forces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • speed/distance and forces continued • electricity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Solar system and beyond
PSHCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to PSHCE • Research Skills and online learning • Bullying, peer pressure and cyber-bullying • Family, Friends and Well-being • PC1 • Creating Success • Careers – library hunt and what are skills? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behaviour for Learning • Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) • Finance • Energy drinks, Smoking and Drugs • PC2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision skills and Maximise workshop • Careers - What's your dream job? • Exam week • Exam review • Report review • FGM • Keeping Safe this Summer
Religion & Worldviews	<p>Dharmic Religions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hinduism 2. Sikhism 3. Buddhism 4. Jainism <p>Inquiry: Importance of Community.</p>	<p>Taoic Religions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shenism 2. Chinese Folk Religion 3. Daoism 4. Confucianism 5. Zen 6. Korean Shamanism 7. Muisim 8. Shinto <p>Inquiry: Importance of Storytelling.</p>	<p>Americas Religion</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hawaiian 2. Native American 3. Candomblé 4. Mexicayotl 5. Mormonism 6. Rastafarianism <p>Importance of Ancestors.</p>

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Spanish (Claro 1)	<p>Introduction to basic vocabulary and grammar as well as skills for learning languages (using cognates)</p> <p>Unit 1- Me presento Vocabulary tests, Phonics Practice, Dictation, End of Topic Assessment</p> <p>Unit 2- Mi burbuja Vocabulary tests, Phonics Practice, Dictation, End of Topic Assessment</p>	<p>Unit 3 – Mis pasatiempos Vocabulary tests, Phonics Practice, Dictation, End of Topic Assessment</p> <p>Unit 4 – Mi casa Vocabulary tests, Phonics Practice, Dictation, End of Topic Assessment</p>	<p>Unit 5 – En mi ciudad Vocabulary tests, Phonics Practice, Dictation, End of Topic Assessment</p> <p>Unit 6 – Mi insti Vocabulary tests, Phonics Practice, Dictation, End of Topic Assessment</p>