

Year 8 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: WAR ART</p> <p>Key Skills: printing, painting, collage drawing/digital art</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • symbolism • war artists, (Henry Moore, Paul Nash, Christopher Nevison) • contextual development and understanding • exploration of the role that visual images and words play in expressing issues and ideas is critical to developing "visual media literacy" • Commemorative work linked to history • The role of the war artist (Careers in Art challenge task) 	<p>TOPIC: INSECTS /PATTERN STRUCTURE DESIGN</p> <p>(Lower School Exam)</p> <p>Key Skills: creative design/ working to a brief/ fashion /media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • generating ideas / exploring materials • mark making • creating thumbnail sketches • examination preparation and development • effective planning • examination final piece • fashion drawing/design • V&A Fashion Design <p>(Design and Making challenge task)</p>	<p>TOPIC: FASHION ILLUSTRATION EXPLORED THROUGH DADA & SURREALISM</p> <p>Key Skills: working from imagination/design/illustration/marketing and branding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social, political & economic demographics • fashion drawing • creating new relationships by unexpected juxtapositions • design development and branding • opportunities for making, using traditional & or found materials • Presenting and marketing (Challenge task - Exhibition leaflet, Poster Design/Graphic's marketing advertisement challenge task)
Biology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genetics • Natural and artificial selection • Microorganisms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microorganisms (continued) • Enzymes and nutrition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enzymes and nutrition (continued) • The digestive system
Chemistry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Three States of Matter • Elements and compounds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Reactivity Series • Rusting • Exam Revision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reactions and Energy Change • Rates of Reaction
Computing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spreadsheets (NCCE) • Mobile App Development (NCCE) • Computational Logic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Impact of ICT • Year 8 Examination • Python Programming Refresher • Robot wars 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vex Robotics • Animation – • One day visit to Bletchley Park Museum*

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English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Lord of the Flies</i> by William Golding • <i>Much Ado About Nothing</i> by William Shakespeare 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modern Poetry – 21st century poet – range of poems • Reading and Writing Non-Fiction – Reading and writing a variety of non-fiction texts and analysing the effect of the writers' methods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19th century novel – for example, <i>The Time Machine</i> by H.G. Wells or <i>Wuthering Heights</i> by Emily Brontë, <i>Around the World in 80 days</i> by Jules Verne • Writing descriptions – Analysing the methods used in novel studied to influence own creative writing
French (Vif 1) New Course	<p>Revision, consolidation and extension of grammar from Year 7</p> <p>Baseline Assessment</p> <p>Unit 4 – L'école pour tous!</p> <p>Vocabulary tests, Phonics Practice, Dictation, End of Topic Assessment</p> <p>Cultural Capital:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Videos on Stream • La musique Francophone • Tv5.org, Netflix and YouTube • Language, Culture and Diversity Week 	<p>Unit 5 – Moi et mon avenir</p> <p>Consolidation of Year 8 Course for End of Year Exam</p> <p>Vocabulary tests, Phonics Practice, Dictation, End of Topic Assessment</p> <p>Cultural Capital:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Videos on Stream • La littérature Francophone • Tv5.org, Netflix and YouTube • Language, Culture and Diversity Week 	<p>Unit 6- Le monde francophone</p> <p>Vocabulary tests, Phonics Practice, Dictation, End of Topic Assessment</p> <p>Cultural Capital:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Videos on Stream • Le Cinéma Francophone • Tv5.org, Netflix and YouTube • Language, Culture and Diversity Week
Geography	<p>Brazil</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical and Human Geography of Brazil • Urban Issues and Challenges • Development issues • Inequality 	<p>Rivers & The Coastal Zone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydrological Cycle and Drainage Basin • River processes and geomorphology • Coastal processes and geomorphology • Coastal management • Flood risk and management 	<p>Africa Misconceptions (Madagascar)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landscape and Climate • Ecosystems and Biomes (Tropical Rainforests) • Sustainability Issues (Deforestation) • Resource Exploitation <p>School Based Fieldwork</p>

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German (Zoom Deutsch 1)	<p>Further development of the 4 skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing.</p> <p>Revision, consolidation and extension of grammar from Year 7.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 2B Home • Unit 3A Food and drink <p>(Regular vocabulary tests and translation practice throughout)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3B Local area • Year 8 exam • 4A Fashion and shopping <p>(Regular vocabulary tests and translation practice throughout)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4A Finish fashion and shopping • 4B Going on a trip <p>(Regular vocabulary tests and translation practice throughout)</p>
Healthy Living	<p>Healthy Living is delivered in lessons throughout the year. Students will continue to develop their basic food preparation skills and will prepare and make a range of dishes including: Mediterranean Stuffed Peppers, Red or Green Thai Curry and a freshly baked savoury dish.</p>		
History	<p>How has the twentieth century shaped the lives of the people?</p>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The fight for rights: Extension of the Franchise • The fight for rights: Slavery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The fight for rights: Civil Rights Movement • Britain in 1900. Causes of World War One 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trench warfare and the Battle of the Somme • Persecution of the Jews: The Holocaust
Latin	<p>Introduction to the Latin language:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • usefulness of Latin in the modern society • acquisition of basic vocabulary • grammar • introduction to basic translating skills • background work on Mythology, Gods and Goddesses • regular grammar and translation exercises 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • increasing competence in translation skills and familiarisation with the language itself • increased vocabulary knowledge • new grammar • vocabulary tests • regular translation • assessment of project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • new grammar • regular translation work. • The Apprentice Challenge

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Mathematics KS3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Real-life graphs (Delta 2 Unit 4) • Transformations (Delta 2 Unit 5) • Fractions, decimals and percentages (Delta 2 Unit 6) – include use of Essential Maths Bk 9 • Constructions and loci (Delta 2 Unit 7) • Probability (Delta 2 Unit 8) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scale drawings and measures (Delta 2 Unit 9) • Graphs (Delta 2 Unit 10) <p>DELTA 3 topics</p> <p>Unit Powers and Roots</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reciprocal - Indices - Standard form - Calculating with standard form - Fractional Indices - Surds <p>Unit 2 Quadratics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sequences - Expanding - Factorising - Solving quadratic equations 	<p>Finishing unit 2</p> <p>Unit 3 Inequalities, equations and formulae</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inequalities - Using index laws - Solving equations - Changing the subject - Algebraic fractions <p>Unit 4 Collecting and Analysing Data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Data Collection - Presenting and comparing data - Estimating Statistics - Box Plots - Cumulative frequency graphs - Histograms <p>Unit 5 Multiplicative reasoning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Direct proportion - Solving problems using direct proportion - Non-linear proportion - Arcs and sectors of circles
Music	<p>Pop Through the Ages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Listening, analysing, performing and composing popular music from the 1950s to present day - Developing knowledge of chord sequences, drumming patterns, bass lines, and vocal technique - Sequencing an authentic EDM piece using a DAW 	<p>Film and Television</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Listening and analysing film and television scores and their composers - Exploring and performing leitmotifs - Understanding the importance of music in films to heighten the drama and convey emotion - Composing to a moving picture whilst exploring 20th century minimalist techniques in film music 	<p>Rhythms of the World</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exploring and respecting different musical cultures, traditions, conventions, and history - Class Djembe drumming and singing and musical fusions such as Bhangra - Understanding rhythmic features, improvisation, and notation <p>Choral Competition</p>

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Physical Education (Core)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Netball • Personal Survival (Swimming) • Gym/ Dance • Basketball • Football/ Rugby • Table Tennis <p>Theory focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recapping basic muscles and bones • Recapping Importance of the warm up • Axis of rotation (gymnastics) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross Country • Personal Survival (Swimming) • Gym/ Dance • Basketball • Fitness • Football/ Rugby • OAA (Set 3) <p>Theory focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applying components of fitness to sports (fitness testing) • Revisit GOAL Setting • Revisit Motivation • Revisit 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"> • light • sound 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sound • heat and temperature 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • electromagnetic spectrum
PSHCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does success mean to you? • Friendship/understanding others • WARMS – introduction to team and confidence and self-esteem • Self-awareness – Emotional Literacy • Talk from BROOK Introduction to RSE-Hall • SRE 1 Communication, Relationships and Sex – discussing the issues • SRE 2 Consent • SRE 3 A question of new relationships and diversity in sexual orientation • Contraception Check • Sexting and the Law • Forced Marriage • Body Image 1 • Body Image 2 • Mindfulness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risks – E-safety 1 • Risks – E-safety 2 • Personal Safety and First Aid • GCSEs - Choices, Choices • The Real Game in ICT rooms • Careers Talk from Julie Kee and Career terminology • Curriculum Talk with SPA (options) • WARMS presentation on Exam Stress and anxiety • Organisation and Revision • Exam Week • Mindfulness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stereotypes Religious prejudice • Talk from JUST LIKE US LGBTQ+ • Careers library treasure hunt 2 • Drugs 1 • Drugs 2 • Smoking and Alcohol 1 • Smoking and Alcohol 2 • British Values 1 • British Values 2 • Activities and competencies bingo • Year 9 Tutor groups • End of Year activities

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Religion & Worldviews	<p>Abrahamic Religion Jewish Beliefs, Teachings & Practices</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Covenants 2. Prophets 3. Mitzvot 4. ^{Jewish} Rites of Passage 5. Jewish Festivals <p>Inquiry: Importance of Laws.</p>	<p><i>Begin study for OCR Religious Studies GCSE J625</i></p> <p>Paper 2 Islam Beliefs and Teachings</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Core beliefs 2. Nature of Allah 3. Prophethood 4. Books 5. Angels 6. Eschatological Beliefs & Teachings 7. Life After Death 	<p>Paper 2 Islam Practices The importance of practices Public & private acts of worship</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hajj 2. Zakah 3. Sawm 4. Festivals 5. Jihad
Spanish (Claro 1)	<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>