

Year 8 Curriculum Outline 2020/21

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 Key Skills: printing, painting, collage drawing/digital art</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • symbolism • war artists • 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 (LOWER SCHOOL EXAM) 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 (Design and Making challenge task) 	<p>TOPIC: DADA & SURREALISM Key Skills: working from imagination/design/illustration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • social, political & scientific contexts • objective drawing and painting • creating new relationships by unexpected juxtapositions • development of compositions using Photoshop or other digital image manipulation software • opportunities for 3D work using traditional &/or found materials • (Exhibition leaflet, Poster Design/Graphic's marketing advertisement challenge task)
Biology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • variation and genetics • Selective breeding and cloning • Microorganisms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microorganisms (continued) • Food and the digestive system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enzymes and digestion • Ecological relationships
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 • reactions and energy change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rates of reaction • electrolysis
Computing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microsoft Office Specialist: Excel • Python Programming / Programming Project • Robot wars 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computational Logic • The Impact of ICT • Escape room 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microsoft Office Specialist: Word • Computer Systems – Hardware hands-On

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Critical Thinking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • argument elements and structure • argument writing • assessing credibility using CRAVEN • Identifying arguments, rants, quarrels, lists and explanations • analogies • corroborating & conflicting evidence • assumptions • alternative & generating explanations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • exploring who was responsible for the sinking of Titanic • argument writing • weaknesses in arguments: flaws and false appeals • evaluating evidence and weaknesses of evidence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • debating • evaluating evidence of real life case studies
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lord of the Flies by William Golding • Much Ado About Nothing 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 • Spoken Language – A study of spoken language, how it differs from the written word, and how it may change in the future
French (Allez 1) New Course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision of basic tenses and grammar points • Baseline Assessment • Introduction to La Francophonie • Introduction to French Literature: Le Petit Nicolas • Unit 4 – A table <p>Vocabulary tests, translation and speaking practice for each unit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 5- Mon quartier • French Literature: Le Petit Nicolas • La Francophonie • Consolidation of Year 8 Course for End of Year Exam <p>Vocabulary tests, translation and speaking practice for each unit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 7- Destination vacances • Consolidate the present tense (regular and irregular verbs) and the near future tense. • End of Year Activities <p>(Film Study, Quizzes, Cultural studies etc...)</p> <p>Vocabulary tests, translation and speaking practice for each unit</p>
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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydrological Cycle and Drainage Basin • River processes and geomorphology • Flood risk and management 	<p>Africa Misconceptions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landscape and Climate • Ecosystems and Biomes (Tropical Rainforests) • Sustainability Issues (Deforestation)

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German (Zoom Deutsch 1)	Revision, consolidation and extension of grammar from Year 7. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 2B Home • Unit 3A Food and drink (Regular vocabulary tests and translation practice throughout)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3B Local area • Year 8 exam • 4A Fashion and shopping (Regular vocabulary tests and translation practice throughout)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4A Finish fashion and shopping • 4B Going on a trip (Regular vocabulary tests and translation practice throughout)
Healthy Living	Healthy Living will be delivered through breakout sessions which will take place across the school year.		
History	How has the twentieth century shaped the lives of the people?		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Britain in 1900. Causes of World War One • Trench warfare and the Battle of the Somme – Preparation for the Ypres Battlefields Trip – Friday, 5 June 2020) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persecution of the Jews: The Holocaust • The fight for rights: Extension of the Franchise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The fight for rights: Slavery • The fight for rights: Civil Rights Movement
Latin	Introduction to the Latin language: <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

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Mathematics KS3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Factors and powers (Delta 2 Unit 1) • Working with powers (Delta 2 Unit 2) • 2D shapes and 3D solids (Delta 2 Unit 3) • Real-life graphs (Delta 2 Unit 4) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Probability (Delta 2 Unit 8) • Scale drawings and measures(Delta 2 Unit 9) • Graphs (Delta 2 Unit 10) <p>DELTA 3 topics: Unit : 1.1, 1.3, 1.4 Unit 2: 2.2 Unit 3: 3.3, 3.4, 3.5 Unit 4: (if time only) – 4.1 year 7 SOW Unit 7: 7.1 - 7.4 Unit 8: 8.1, 8.2 (could be done with Delta 2 Unit 10) 8.3, 8.4 (not quadratic) Unit 9: 9.1 – 9.5 (not 9.6 trig graphs)</p>
Music	<p>Song writing & Playing in a Band</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To explore and be able to identify different song structures (Verse-chorus, strophic, through composed) - Analysing what makes a successful song - Playing chords using ukuleles and creating a chord sequence - Melody writing to a chord sequence - Composition of a song and recording using GarageBand. - To develop individual singing technique 	<p>Producing Dance Music</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To explore methods and techniques of recording and music production using GarageBand - To adapt Winston Churchill's 'Fight them on the Beaches' speech into a Dance piece - Students compose their own dance music piece using GarageBand. <p>Minimalism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gain a contextual understanding of Minimalism - Work in small groups exploring 'displacement', developing ensemble skills. - Prepare a minimalist performance using '<i>Giorni</i>' on the keyboard. - Take part in a whole class performance of Time Lapse by Michael Nyman. 	<p>Romanticism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understanding the Romantic Period - Examining key composers from the era - Exploring chromaticism and extended chords. - Learn to play 'Für Elise' by Beethoven – with focus on keyboard technique and reading notation <p>Choral competition rehearsals</p>

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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"> • Mindset (including school re-integration activities) • What kind of person am I? • Friendship/understanding others • Fire Safety Talk • Coaching for Success • Body Image • Risks – Smoking and Alcohol 1 • PC1 • Risks – Smoking and Alcohol 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risks – E-safety 1 • Risks – E-safety 2 • Risks – Drugs • Finance • Careers Talk • Kudos in ICT rooms • The Real Game in ICT rooms • PC2 & Careers Talk • Organisation and Revision • Exam Week 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SRE 1 – communicating well and discussing the issues • SRE 2 – Relationships and sex – The guide book • SRE 3 – A question of new relationships • SRE 4 – A question of attraction: A question of different? • SRE 5 – Staying all night? Going all the way? R they ready? • SRE 6 – Contraception check • FGM • Reports • British Values • Preparation for GCSE study • End of Term Review
Religious Studies	<p>What different ways are there of making ethical decisions?</p> <p>How should we punish crimes?</p>	<p><i>Begin study for OCR Religious Studies GCSE J625</i></p> <p>Islam Beliefs and Teachings</p> <p>Core beliefs Nature of Allah Prophethood Books Angels Eschatological Beliefs & Teachings Life After Death</p>	<p>Islam Practices</p> <p>The importance of practices Public & private acts of worship Hajj, Zakah & Sawm Festivals Jihad</p>

Year 8 Core PE Programme of Study 2020-2021

	8COL SET 1	8COL SET 2	8COL SET 3	8HE SET 1	8HE SET 2
4 Weeks	Rounders/ Athletics	Rounders/ Athletics	Badminton	Rounders/ Athletics	Badminton
3 Weeks	Netball	Badminton/ Basketball	Table Tennis	Netball	Table Tennis
Half Term					
4 Weeks	Tag Rugby/ Football	Netball	Gymnastics/ Dance	Tag Rugby/ Football	Gymnastics/ Dance
2 Weeks	Gymnastics/ Dance	Tag Rugby/ Football	Personal Survival	Gymnastics/ Dance	Personal Survival
Christmas Break					
2 Weeks	Gymnastics/ Dance	Tag Rugby/ Football	Personal Survival	Gymnastics/ Dance	Personal Survival
4 Weeks	Badminton/ Basketball	Gymnastics/ Dance	Netball	Badminton/ Basketball	Netball
Half Term					
3 Weeks	X-Country	X-Country	X-Country	X-Country	X-Country
1 Week	Fitness	Fitness	Fitness	Fitness	Fitness
1 Week	Year 8 Examinations				
1 Week	Fitness	Fitness	Fitness	Fitness	Fitness
Easter					
4 Weeks	Personal Survival	Rounders	Athletics	Personal Survival	Athletics
3 Weeks	Athletics/ Rounders/ Cricket	Personal Survival	Rounders	Athletics/ Rounders/ Cricket	Rounders
Half Term					
1 Week	Athletics/ Rounders/ Cricket	Personal Survival	Rounders	Athletics/Rounders	Rounders
4 Week	Athletics/ Rounders/ Cricket	Athletics	Cricket	Athletics/Rounders	Cricket