



Year 8 Curriculum Overview

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
English	Sci Fi	Determination and Disasters	War	Titanic	Romeo and Juliet	Romeo and Juliet
Maths	Autumn 1: Module 19: Number: Four Operations II Module 20: Number: Number Properties II Module 21: Number: Fractions, Decimals & Percentages	Module 22: Geometry: Properties of Angles II Module 23: Geometry: Constructions I Module 24: Geometry: Perimeter & Area II	Module 25: Algebra: Algebraic Manipulation II Module 26: Algebra: Solving Equations II Module 27: Algebra: Sequences & Graphs II	Module 28: Ratio: Ratio & Proportion II Module 29: Ratio: Speed Module 30: Ratio: Proportional Reasoning	Module 31: Statistics: Representing Data II Module 32: Statistics: Averages & Range II Module 33: Statistics: Probability II	Module 34: Geometry: Volume & Surface Area II Module 35: Geometry: Transformations
Science	Physics 3 – The solar system, universe and weight	Biology 3 – Reproduction and Respiration	Chemistry 3 – Atoms, Elements and the periodic table	Biology 4 – Food chains, diseases and DNA.	Physics 4 – Pressure, materials and electrical circuits.	Chemistry 4 – The rock cycle and the atmosphere.
History	Slavery The Origins of Slavery The Slave Trade Triangle Life aboard a Slave Ship Life on Plantations Slave Resistance Victorian Values The Abolition of Slavery Modern Slavery	World War One Why did World War break out in 1914? How was World War One fought? What was life like in the trenches? What was the impact of World War One on women? How did World War One lead to developments in medicine? Marking, Feedback & Assessment Preparation	World War Two – The Home Front Why did WW2 break out in 1939? What were the most important events of World War Two? How important was the Battle of Britain? What role did women play in WW2? How did life change for children during WW2?	World War Two – Nazis and The Holocaust Who were the Nazi Party and what were their aims? How was Propaganda used? What was life like for the Hitler Youth? Who faced persecution and why? What was the experience of Concentration Camps?	Fight for Rights at Home New Unit of Study – content to be confirmed	Fight for Rights Abroad New Unit of Study – content to be confirmed

		How was peace settled at the end of World War One?	How did WW2 affect the lives of civilians? Why was World War Two so important?	How did the Nazi rule come to an end?		
Geography	Is Asia the most hazardous continent? Tectonic Hazards Global distribution Structure of the Earth Plate boundaries Earthquakes Tsunamis Volcanoes	Is Asia the most hazardous continent? Weather hazards Weather/climate Extreme weather Tropical storms Droughts	Why are some countries richer than others? AC/EDC/LIDC Measures of development Physical and human characteristics Global economics BRICs MINTs	Africa: A continent of contrasts? Physical characteristics Variations in wealth Urban and rural areas in LIDCs Population/health/education Development issues		
RSE	Buddhism Why the Buddha is an inspirational figure in Buddhism (story of Siddhartha) Beliefs about suffering and achieving a state of nirvana Moral precepts and eightfold path Buddhist prayer and meditation Beliefs about karma and impact on behaviour Reincarnation and evaluation of the afterlife		Hinduism: Beliefs about Brahmam Hindu Gods and Goddesses Dharma and impact on behaviour and actions Hindu places of worship Achieving Moksha		Sikhism: The Gurus in Sikhism The 5 Ks and impact on behaviour and actions Five virtues of Sikhism The significance of the Guru Granth Sahib The practice of sewa including Langar Sikh ceremonies including naming ceremonies Diwali	
Spanish	Mis vacaciones Practising the present tense. Talking about a past holiday using the preterite tense of <i>ir</i> . Talking about what we did on holiday using regular preterite tense – ar verbs. Talking about our last day using – er and – ir verbs. Talking about what our holiday was like using ser in the preterite. Using the future tense to talk about a future holiday. Todo sobre im vida Saying what you use you phone for in the present tense. Talking about music preferences		¡A comer! Describing what food we like using a wide range of opinions. Describing mealtimes and practising negatives. Ordering a meal in a restaurant and using usted/ ustedes . Describing what to buy for a party using the future tense. Giving an account of a party using 3 tenses together. ¿Qué hacemos? Arranging to go out using me gustaría + infinitive. Making excuses using querer and poder . Discussing ready to go out with		Operación Verano Describing a holiday home revising the comparative. Describing holiday activities using the superlative. Asking for directions using the imperative. Taling about summer camps using three tenses.	

	and revising opinions. Talking about TV using comparatives. Talking about what we did yesterday using the present and preterite tense.	reflexive verbs. Talking about clothes using 'this/these'. Talking about sporting events using three tenses.	
Art	Topic: “Carousel – Experiencing the Creative Arts” Media: Plan and RECORD a video that links to the project theme and RESEARCH Develop RESPONSE by using appropriate software Photography: RECORD photographs that are relevant to intentions and research Develop a RESPONSE using appropriate software Graphics: RECORD initial ideas considering different layout Develop your RESPONSE creating an outcome Evaluate: Finalise and present RESPONSES to each subject specialism Evaluate the similarities and differences between each subject area	Topic: ‘Cultural and Historical Events - Celebrating 75 Years of Victory in Europe – War’ Baseline RECORDING assessment drawing RESEARCH ‘Victory in Europe’ to understand the events leading up to this celebration RESEARCH second world war artist focusing on the experience throughout the war and how this was reflected through visual RECORDINGS RESPOND to the RESEARCH using the material relevant to the artist	Topic: Cultural and Historical Events - Celebrating 75 Years of Victory in Europe – Celebration’ RESEARCH ‘Victory in Europe to understand the celebrations that happened after World War Two RESEARCH visual references that reflect the celebration of the ‘Victory in Europe’ RESEARCH an artist that reflects the mood RESPOND to your RESEARCH using the materials and techniques identified by your artist Create a final RESPONSE that shows the journey that the country would have gone through from devastation of the war to victory and celebration Topic: Three-dimensional Sculpture Project Baseline RECORDING assessment drawing RESEARCH three-dimensional artist RESPOND to the RESEARCH by planning your own three-dimensional outcome in the style of your artist Develop your plan to create a three-dimensional outcome Complete a final response and evaluate
Computing/ICT	To develop the students’ knowledge and understanding incusing the internet safely as well as how to report concerns. In this year, students have more opportunities to develop their computational thinking skills via programming. The final unit covers Excel data modelling inn order to improve their competency with this software.		
Technology	Chocolate Mould:	Chocolate Packaging: -Packaging design	USB LED Light: Understanding circuit design and layout. Cube Calendar: Understanding woods and timbers

	Understanding how plastics are used -Understanding packaging design Wider topics explored: -The 6 Rs -Reducing the impact of packaging -Designing a re-usable product -Considering the needs of the consumer	-Nets and surface developments -Packaging manufacturing techniques Wider topics explored: -The environmental impact of packaging -Sustainable packaging design -Commercial packaging manufacture	-Graphical presentation techniques Wider topics explored... -Considering the social and cultural impact of a product -Reducing the environmental impact of products	-Exploring wood joints and construction techniques -Working with woods and woodworking tools and equipment Wider topics explored: -Responsible wood sources. -Deforestation -Regulation and the FSC		
PE	Topic: Yr. 8 Boys – Table Tennis/ Netball/Rugby/ Football Yr. 8 Girls - Netball/ Football/Trampolining/ Rugby Performance and character – skills, techniques, ideas, sportsmanship and attitude. Decision making – tactics and strategies. Leadership and organisation – leading, officiating and lesson preparation. Health and fitness – healthy active lifestyle	Topic: Yr. 8 Boys – Table Tennis/ Netball/Rugby/ Football Yr. 8 Girls - Netball/ Football/ Trampolining/Rugby	Topic: Yr. 8 Boys – Fitness/OAA/ Trampolining/ Football/Basketball Yr. 8 Girls - Table Tennis/Hockey/ OAA/Fitness	Topic: Yr. 8 Boys – Fitness/OAA/ Trampolining/ Football Yr. 8 Girls - Table Tennis/Hockey/ OAA/Fitness	Topic: Yr. 8 Boys – Athletics Yr. 8 Girls – Rounder's/Cricket	Topic: Yr. 8 Boys – Rounder's/Cricket Yr. 8 Girls - Athletics

	and lifelong participation.					
Dance	Topic: Urban Dance (Emancipation of expressionism) Students will explore the style Urban Dance focusing on the performance Emancipation of expressionism. They will develop the use of some physical skills and build of the skills they learnt in year 7. Dance skills- 5 basic actions, dynamics, levels, formations, control, isolation	Topic: Urban Dance (Emancipation of expressionism) Students will explore the style Urban Dance focusing on the performance Emancipation of expressionism. They will develop the use of some physical skills and build of the skills they learnt in year 7. Dance skills- 5 basic actions, dynamics, levels, formations, control, isolation. Small group performance focusing on using the skills above. Teacher and self-feedback.	Topic: Bollywood Bollywood dance is explored through the use of motif and motif development. Students will give detailed constructive feedback to improve on their prior skills. Dance skills- 5 basic actions, dynamics, levels, formations, motif and motif development.	Topic: Bollywood Bollywood dance is explored through the use of motif and motif development. Students will give detailed constructive feedback to improve on their prior skills. Dance skills- 5 basic actions, dynamics, levels, formations, motif and motif development. Small group performance focusing on using the skills above. Teacher and peer feedback.	Topic: Swansong Students will explore how to create their own performance using most of the choreographic devices and skills they have learnt in term one and two. They will explore the use of a prop and the effects of using one on stage. Dance skills- - 5 basic actions, dynamics, levels, formations, motif, motif development, repetition, contrast.	Topic: Swansong Students will explore how to create their own performance using most of the choreographic devices and skills they have learnt in term one and two. They will explore the use of a prop and the effects of using one on stage. Dance skills- - 5 basic actions, dynamics, levels, formations, motif, motif development, repetition, contrast. Trio performance focusing on using the skills above and working with a prop. Teacher and self-feedback.
Drama	Topic: Lulu the Runaway Essential Question: How can we use rehearsal techniques to develop characters? Investigating how to use:	Topic: Too Much Punch for Judy Essential Question: How can we use scripts to help create theatre?	Topic: The London Riots Essential Question: How do we infuse techniques within scripts to create an audience worthy performance?	Topic: Mask work Essential Question: How do we use Masks within performance? Investigating how to use: Stock characters	Topic: Arson About Essential Question: How do we create realistic characters using scripts? Investigating how to use: Circle of attention	Topic: Arson About Essential Question: How do we create realistic characters using scripts? Investigating how to use: Circle of attention

	Facts to develop a story Hot-seating Thought tunnels Magic If Given circumstances Within this topic students are introduced to Drama practitioners for the first time. Stanislavski introduced rehearsal techniques to improve quality performances so students will learn to use these techniques to help them get to know their characters and make them more truthful for the audience. The social context of this topic is to explore the effects of children running away.	Investigating how to use: Narrative Plot twists Music in performances Props Setting a scene Within this topic based on Students are different pages of the verbatim script which tells the dangers of drink driving. Students will be looking at building an atmosphere with using script as well as theatrical conventions. The social context is for students to understand the implications of drink driving.	Investigating how to use: Symbolism Chair duets Consequence of actions Contrasting characters Students will look at more complex techniques, getting introduced to theatre company Frantic Assembly and their famous chair duets. By using these techniques, students are getting more technical in their ability and learning how to take their performances towards GCSE standard. The social element within this topic is looking at both why the riots of 2011 started and what happened to some of the looters as a consequence.	Music to create atmosphere Sound effects/sound scape Levels to show status Within this topic students will look at the conventions of using mask in performance – students will each have their own masks for the topic and learn the rules of mask, as well as the difficulties when using mask.	Backstory Objective Subtext Super-objective Along with characterisation skills: Body language Facial expressions Movement Tone of voice Hand gestures Within this topic students will be working on the same script for the whole term in order for them to get used to working with scripts for both GCSE/BTEC units as well as English GCSE. The social element within this topic is to explore the effects of arson and the repercussions that can cause for all involved.	Backstory Objective Subtext Super-objective Along with characterisation skills: Body language Facial expressions Movement Tone of voice Hand gestures Within this topic students will be working on the same script for the whole term in order for them to get used to working with scripts for both GCSE/BTEC units as well as English GCSE. The social element within this topic is to explore the effects of arson and the repercussions that can cause for all involved.
Music	All topics are 10 weeks	The Blues	The Blues (continued)	Samba	Samba (continued) Whole class ensemble piece in Samba style	

	Chords and Pop Music Learn and perform various chord sequences, starting with Pachelbel's Canon and moving on to modern-day songs which use this chord sequence. Students will then perform other pop music which uses different chord sequences Compose a chord sequence and melody	Whole class ensemble piece in Blues style Theory – how chords are formed, and more complex chords Identify the features of Blues music aurally Improvisation Compose a piece in Blues style	Whole class ensemble piece in Blues style Theory – how chords are formed, and more complex chords Identify the features of Blues music aurally Improvisation Compose a piece in Blues style	Whole class ensemble piece in Samba style Theory - Rhythmic notation Identify the features of Samba music Call and response Compose a piece in Samba style	Theory - Rhythmic notation Identify the features of Samba music Call and response Compose a piece in Samba style Film music Identify the instruments of the orchestra aurally and visually Identify features of film music aurally Group composition combining musical features to portray a film scene Perform a part within a group performance
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