

Year 8 Curriculum Overview

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Art	Pop Art – food – media exploration, colour, design, 3D making skills – card construction, paper-mache		Portraiture – features, media exploration, tone, responding to artists – Hundertwasser, colour theory – painting.		Environment – Under the Sea – media exploration, chalk, biro, felt pen wash, sculpture techniques, origami, recycled, assemblage	
Computing	Inkscape	Wind and Waves PowerPoint project				
D&T (3 Rotations)	Graphics – Festivals – research, design and development, client, typography, illustration, logo, information graphics, advertising, merchandising		Product Design – Alessi style – research, design and development, development of safe use of workshop and wider range of tools and machinery		Food – Culture – looking at food from around the world, development of skills and understanding of healthy eating.	
Drama	Serious Fun Re-Mixed- Collaborative Skills Silent Movies- The Art of Silent Comedy	From Page to Stage- Harry Potter and The Cursed Child Working with script	Stage Configurations- Exploring The Technical side of theatre	Let Him Have It- The Story of Derek Bentley and Christopher Craig- Exploring history and the impact on performance	Devising from Stimulus	Stage Fighting- Collaboration
English	Class Novel Darkside Reading Focus	Class Novel Darkside Writing Focus	Responding to Poetry Unit – Survival and Courage	Character Perspectives -Instructions for a Secondhand Heart	Non-Fiction Writing: Audience and Purpose -Instructions for a Secondhand Heart	Shakespeare: The Tempest Reading and Oracy Focus
Geography	Climate hazards	Sustainability	World populations	Population and migration	Rivers	Marine systems
History	Was Henry VIII a moderniser or a medieval king?	Continued and Why was the world expanding in the 16 th and 17 th centuries?	Continued and Should Britain pay compensation to the Caribbean and some African countries for the slave trade?		How did the Industrial Revolution change Britain?	How have interpretations of the British empire differed?
Maths	1 Numbers and the number system. 2 Calculating 3 Visualising and constructing.	3 Visualising and constructing. 4 Understanding risk 1 5 Algebraic proficiency: tinkering	6 Exploring fractions, decimals and percentages. 7 Proportional reasoning. 8 Pattern sniffing.	9 Investigating angles. 10 Calculating fractions, decimals and percentages. 11 Solving equations and inequalities.	11 Solving equations and inequalities. 12 Calculating space. 13 Algebraic proficiency: visualising.	14 Understanding risk 2. 15 Presentation of data. 16 Measuring data.
Music	The Blues – It's Origins and Features	Jazz/Swing/Ragtime - Performing and exploring their relationship to The Blues	Signature/TV Themes – Performing and Composing. Exploring their purpose	Overtures Musical and Concert Overtures	Music Inspired by Art Programme Music composing inspired by Artwork	World Music Exploring Music from other cultures
PE	Select and apply appropriate skills and development of tactical awareness, through invasion games	Apply knowledge of tactical awareness through attacking and defending principals in invasion games	Developing the ability to sustain 2 or more strokes with a start, turn and finish	Select and apply appropriate skills and development of tactical awareness, through net and wall games	Using self and peer analysis to improve performance through observation and feedback gymnastics and dance	Select and apply appropriate skills and development of tactical awareness, through striking and fielding games

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					Developing teamwork skills and trust through problem solving activities	Timing and measuring to assist with improving performance
PHSCE	Drugs and alcohol	Identity and relationships	Digital literacy	Discrimination	Community and careers	Emotional wellbeing
RS	New Religious Movements	Christianity	Sikhism		The Enlightenment (<i>LA may need to add a topic as moved through these faster than planned by 02.01.24</i>)	
Science	Planning Investigations, Periodic Table	Energy, Breathing and Health, Digestion	Forces and pressure, photosynthesis	Electricity, Chemical reactions	Genetics and evolution, Earth climate and resources	Magnetism
French	T'es branche? Talking about TV, Cinema, Reading, the Internet Talking about the weather	Paris, j'adore Explore a French city Introduction to perfect tense	Mon identité Talking about personality (clothes / music / my weekend and past weekends)	Chez moi, chez toi Where I live / different accommodation Food and special events (La chandeleur)	Quel talent! Talking about talent and ambition Le monde et les pays francophones	

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