

YEAR 8 ANNUAL CURRICULUM – THE MODERN YEAR

Michaelmas term		Lent term		Trinity term		
History	The French revolution & Napoleonic wars, political reform, social reform and the abolition of slavery	Victorian England and Women's suffrage	Queen Victoria and the Great Exhibition, the Crimean War, Irish Home Rule.	Victorian England, the British Empire and road to war	Technique and skills for essay writing and source questions The British Empire, the Indian Mutiny, the Boer War	CE examinations
English	<i>Lord of the Flies</i> , William Golding Poetry by Auden, Larkin and Harrison	<i>Great Expectations</i> , Charles Dickens Poetry by Thomas, Bishop and Murray	<i>Hamlet</i> , William Shakespeare A study of 20th century rhetoric Poetry by Yeats and Donne	<i>Hamlet</i> , William Shakespeare A study of 20th century rhetoric Poetry by Hill and Shakespeare	<i>Decline and Fall</i> , Evelyn Waugh A study of 20th century letters Poetry by Hopkins	CE examinations

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RS	CE Section 3, the Church The Modern Year – The life of the Church, the liturgical year and the Church and the modern world Hinduism, different Christian denominations					
	The birth and life of the Church Pentecost and the apostolic succession Structure and authority of the Church: the pope, bishops, councils The Counter-Reformation and Recusancy: St Thomas More (d. 1535); St Edmund Campion (d. 1581)	The Life of the Church St John Henry Newman (d. 1890) and the ‘Second Spring’ The religious life: monasticism; parish priests and the laity The liturgical year and devotion: Advent and Christmas Catholic teaching on world religions. The different Christian denominations	The Church and the modern world Marriage and the family, charity, life issues; St John Paul II (d. 2005) The Liturgical Year and Devotion: Lent and the Stations of the Cross; Holy Week and Easter Understanding Hinduism	Our Lady: the mysteries of the Rosary; pilgrimage; eternal life: heaven, hell and purgatory; the Communion of Saints	<i>CE Preparation: Revision of Sections 1-3 of RS Syllabus B</i>	<i>CE Exam</i>

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Art	Music	<p>Theatre design</p> <p>Project: study the history of theatre design and advertisements from the 20th century. Create props and a poster design for the School production</p> <p>Skills: set design and screen printing</p>	<p>Theatre design</p> <p>Project: to design props for Year 8 production</p> <p>Skills: white card design and using acrylic paint</p>	Music

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Music	<p>Performance in Action <i>Utilising modern performance techniques</i></p> <p>Introduction to performance techniques, and the history of performance: musical and non-musical.</p> <p>Exploration of non-classical performance styles including: Body percussion Drumming Improvisation and jazz Looping</p> <p>Composition of pieces in groups using these techniques, culminating in a performance for parents and boys at the end of term.</p> <p>Performance Year 8 Performance Showcase Gallery Choir Senior Ensembles</p>	Art	<p>Year 8 Play <i>Performance in Practice</i></p> <p>One short play rehearsed by each class Music written by boys Performed and directed by students</p> <p>Performance Year 8 Play Orchestra Gallery Choir</p>

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French	CE: family/friends	CE: Home/house	CE: Holiday/Region	CE: Town, travel and transport	Revision - Listening - Speaking - Writing - Reading	Revision -Writing -Reading
	V: description, family, friends, meeting people Jobs/careers G: Present tense revision (including reflexives and irregulars) future tense with aller perfect/imperfect revision, imperative, interrogative infinitives after certain verbs The French revolution	House, home, routine, chores Future G: Nouns, Negatives, idiomatic phrases, genders and plurals, definite and indefinite articles, adverbs adjectives (including agreement, possessives, superlatives, comparatives and demonstrative) CE: School life and work at school The Napoleonic Wars	V: Free time activity, holiday activity, café, restaurant, town/region, transport, weather G: Conjunctions and prepositions, pronouns, future simple*, conditional* *top set French Empire	V: Finding the way, tourist information, pocket money/prices Practice Papers G: Interrogative forms Comparatives Numerals CE: Health Parts of the body Talking about your health How to explain health problems to a doctor or chemist Public transportation and infrastructure in modern France	Vocabulary, tenses, common errors	CE Exams

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Maths		Arithmetic & algebra – using prime factors and visualising equations Geometry – 3D shape drawing and Pythagoras theorem The Modern Year – Carl Friedrich Gauss, Leonhard Euler, Florence Nightingale, pies charts & data analysis, coding & website design.					
ISEB Mathematics 2 and 3 for Common Entrance		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formulation • Graphical algebra • (quadratic functions) • Prime factors • HCF and LCM • (Pythagoras' theorem) • (simultaneous equations) • (inequalities) • Standard form 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bearings review • Construction review • CE exam practice 		Common Entrance exam practice Coding & website design	
Upper set Latin Clarke's Latin V		[CL V.1-3, V3.1-6] <i>Res</i> , principal parts, time, place & numerals	[CL V.4-8] Present, future, imperfect, perfect & pluperfect passives	[CL V.10-12, V3.7] <i>Hic, ille, ipse, idem</i> & other pronouns, <i>qui</i>	[CL V.13-17] <i>Nolo, volo, eo, fero</i> & new CE exam technique	[Variatio II] Participles & subjunctives; full CE practice papers (in the old format)	POST CE PROGRAMME
The Julio-Claudians 2 (Caligula) The Republic (Julius Caesar)		The Julio-Claudians 2 (Claudius) The Punic Wars 2 (Hannibal crosses the Alps)	The Julio-Claudians 2 (Messalina and Nero)	Greek mythology 4 (Arion and the Dolphin) Roman Warfare 2 (Mithridates and primitive biological warfare)	Greek mythology 4 (Jason and the Argonauts)		

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Lower set Latin Clarke's Latin III	[CL III.1-3] Revision of 1st & 2nd conjugation verbs in the present, future and imperfect indicative tenses & present imperatives; revision of 1st & 2nd declension nouns in all cases; revision of adjectives, prepositions and continuous translation techniques	[CL III.4-5, V1.18] Perfect tenses & <i>rego</i>	[CL III.6-7, V1.19] <i>Audio, capio</i> & infinitives	[CL III.8-9, V1.20] <i>Ego, tu, sum</i> & cardinal numbers 1-10	[CL III.10-11] Exam technique for comprehensions, unseens and grammar questions	Post-CE programme
Classical civilisation	Pliny's letters (Spurinna and Athenodorus)	The Trojan War	Alexander the Great (the Gordian Knot and Philippos)	Apuleius and the Occult (<i>Sagae Thessalae</i>)	Greek Mythology 3 (Theseus and the Minotaur) Roman Warfare 1 (Quintilius Varus) The Sabine Women	

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Science	<p>Reproduction and variation Reproduction in humans. The reproductive system. The menstrual cycle. Fertilisation and conception. Pregnancy and birth</p> <p>Photosynthesis and the carbon cycle Photosynthesis. Adaptations of leaves for photosynthesis. The role of root hairs</p> <p><i>Shackleton: carbon cycle through the ages; carbon dating</i></p> <p><i>Climate change theory</i></p> <p><i>The Romantics: environmental awareness during the Industrial Revolution</i></p>	<p>Light Can travel through a vacuum. Travels faster than sound. Refraction. Dispersion. Reflection</p> <p>Space physics Seasons. Positions of the planets. Eclipses. Gravity. The use of satellites</p> <p><i>Einstein's contribution to Astronomy</i></p> <p><i>The Big Bang Theory and Creation</i></p>	<p>States of matter Properties of solids, liquids and gases. Arrangement of particles. Pressure of gas. Changes of state due to motion in particles</p> <p>Fuels and production of carbon dioxide Burning of compounds used as energy sources. Products formed from combustion. Impact on climate of burning fossil fuels. Acid rain. Sulphur dioxide and carbon monoxide</p> <p><i>James Chadwick (1932): discovery of the neutron</i></p> <p><i>Dorothy Hodgkin (1910 – 1994): contribution to Chemistry</i></p>	Revision of CE syllabus	POST CE PROGRAMME

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Geography	The Modern Year – agricultural and industrial revolutions, the development of the theory of plate tectonics				
	<p>Common Entrance topic 6, industry and transport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of coursework project • Industry • Different types of employment • Case study – how the industrial revolution brought the textile industry in Halifax • Nike and global fashion • Transport • The environmental impacts of different modes of transport • Case study – airport expansion in London 	<p>Common Entrance topic 7, plate tectonics</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Theory of plate tectonics, plate boundaries, Case studies – the Haiti earthquake / Eyjafjallajokul volcano</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Completion of coursework</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CE revision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Map skills • Settlement • Weather and climate • Rivers and coasts • Economic activities • Plate tectonics • All case studies 		