

YEAR 8 ANNUAL CURRICULUM – THE MODERN YEAR

Michaelmas term			Lent term		Trinity term	
History	Richard III, The French revolution & Napoleonic wars, political reform, social reform	Abolition of slavery, 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>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 S.J. (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 and Storytelling How music tells a story Compositional techniques Motifs The impact of music on society</p> <p>Composer focus Igor Stravinsky Sergei Prokofiev Hector Berlioz Modest Mussorgsky Malcom Arnold John Williams Hans Zimmer Queen Lin-Manuel Miranda</p> <p>Performance opportunities Gallery Choir Orchestra Chamber groups Performance class Instrumental recitals</p> <p>Project Posters of great performances in history Write and perform a story and accompanying motifs</p>	Art	<p>The Power of Music Music in society Music and subconsciousness The power of music to enact change The impact of music on society</p> <p>Performance opportunities Gallery Choir Orchestra Chamber groups Performance class Instrumental recitals</p> <p>Project Creation of soundscapes</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 – Ada Lovelace, Florence Nightingale, pies charts & data analysis, coding & website design			
ISEB Mathematics 2 and 3 for Common Entrance		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Percentages • Forming and solving equations • Pythagoras' Theorem • Graphical algebra • Quadratic graphs • Prime factorisation • Highest Common Factor • Lowest Common Multiple • Volume of prisms • Surface area of cylinders • Simultaneous equations • Standard form 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isometric drawing • Compound interest • Surds • Changing the subject • Calculating with indices • Topic reviews • CE exam practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common Entrance exam practice 	

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Upper set Latin	<i>Ceteri</i> and <i>-que</i> 3rd declension nouns, the future tense <i>is, ea, id,</i> the pluperfect tense, 3rd declension adjectives, comparison of adjectives	<i>Possum</i> <i>nonne</i> and <i>num</i> Prohibitions, cardinal numbers, personal and reflexive pronouns, CE Level 2 revision	Revision of 1st, 2nd and 3rd declension nouns, prepositions, usage of the cases, English – Latin practice sentences	Revision of comparison of adjectives, revision of pronouns	Revision past papers	
Ancient world	The judgement of Paris The Trojan War		The Olympian Gods Roman Gods Favour and punishment		Festivals, games and shows Prophecy	

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Lower set Latin	Derivations Revision of 1st and 2nd conjugation verbs in the present, imperfect and future tenses Present tense of 3rd, 4th and mixed conjugations Revision of 1st and 2nd declension nouns Revision of the six cases Revision of conjunctions, adverbs, subordination, prepositions and interrogatives 'Sum' Infinitives Adjectives	The perfect tense: 1st conjugation perfect stems 2nd conjugation perfect stems Irregular perfect stems 3rd, 4th and mixed conjugation perfect stems Imperatives Compound verbs Personal pronouns Reflexive possessive pronouns Numerals	Revision of 1st and 2nd declension nouns Prepositions Usage of the cases English – Latin practice sentences	Revision of all conjugations Revision as needed	Revision past papers
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Science	Reproduction and variation Sexual reproduction in humans The reproductive system The menstrual cycle Fertilisation and conception Pregnancy and birth Continuous and discontinuous variation and organism classification Diet Food nutrients A healthy diet Food webs and chains Consumers producers The impact of human activities on food webs	Space physics Seasons, positions of the planets, eclipses, gravity, the use of satellites Light Can light travel through a vacuum? Light travels faster than sound Refraction, dispersion & reflection Sound Parts of the ear Sound waves Einstein's contribution to astronomy The Big Bang theory and creation Shackleton: carbon cycle through the ages, carbon dating, climate change theory The Romantics Environmental awareness during the Industrial Revolution	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 Metals and non-metals Their properties and the reactivity series James Chadwick (1932): discovery of the neutron Dorothy Hodgkin (1910 – 1994): contribution to Chemistry	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		
	Common Entrance topic 6, industry and transport <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 	Common Entrance topic 7, plate tectonics <p>Theory of plate tectonics, plate boundaries, Case studies – the Haiti earthquake / Eyjafjallajökull volcano</p> Completion of coursework	CE revision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Map skills • Settlement • Weather and climate • Rivers and coasts • Economic activities • Plate tectonics • All case studies