

Curriculum Map 2026-27

Year 8

Year 8	Christmas		Easter		Summer	
English	Study of class novel (Animal Farm); creative writing (narrative, descriptive, persuasive and discursive); poetry and prose comprehension (a range of past papers)	Continuing to focus on analysis; poetry and prose comprehension; creative writing (focus on development of style and structure); exam preparation	Shakespeare’s work: Romeo and Juliet (focus on literary analysis); poetry and prose comprehension; creative writing	Study of poems based on the theme of Nature; poetry and prose comprehension; creative writing	Exam preparation Revision	Writing Murder Mysteries.
	Throughout Year 8, practice papers will be studied in preparation for summer exams. 8-1 will follow a different SOW in preparation for the CASE and future schools’ own papers.					
Maths	<u>Core number and algebra skills, including wordy questions.</u> The language of maths, fractions, decimals, percentages, ratio, Algebra - simplifying, solving equations, substitution, writing equations Probability – probability space diagrams, 2 events NOVEMBER EXAMS		<u>Shape, space, data skills:</u> Speed, distance and time. Averages from a list of data, interpreting data in charts and tables, line graphs and lines of best fit Volume, surface area and nets Angles - in parallel lines and polygons. SPRING EXAMS		Transformations – translation, reflection, rotation and enlargement, scale factor in area. Exam preparation Revision	

	Area and Perimeter Circles – area and circumference, arcs and sectors of circles.	Algebra: sequences, straight line graphs and equations of a line	
Science	Revision of all topics in ISEB syllabus. Exam practice and technique. Project work and Scientific investigation. Scholarship revision.		
	Physics: Energy; revision of stores and transfers plus energy conservation and efficiency, revision of generating electricity, revision of fossil fuels and possible alternatives, both renewable and non-renewable. Speed and forces; revision of speed and stopping distances (what affects them), revision of balanced and unbalanced forces, friction and air resistance. Revision of springs plus spring compression. Revision of pressure and density Sound and light; revision of sound and light (reflection and refraction). Electricity; revision series and parallel circuits and learning the effect of resistance, magnets including electromagnets and where they are used. Space; revision of the effect of gravity, the Solar System, movement of the Earth, including lunar and solar eclipse, satellites	Chemistry: States of matter – the particle model Atoms & elements Compounds & molecules Pure substances Mixtures including solutions Separating mixtures Combustion – chemical reactions Fuels and production of carbon dioxide Oxidation of metals Thermal decomposition reactions Acids & alkalis Neutralisation reactions	Biology: Plant and human reproduction Ecology and fieldwork Interdependence and populations Protecting Living things Variation and Classification Revision of breathing and reproduction Revision of nutrients and healthy living Revision of Cells and microscopes Revision of Photosynthesis Revision of Respiration

History	The Industrial Revolution What caused the Industrial Revolution? The Agricultural Revolution in context as a cause of Industrial Revolution How did life change for people in Britain during the Industrial Revolution? Did life get better? Social, Economic and Political changes Public Health Reformers	The Slave Trade - Context of British Empire - What happened? - How did it happen? - Why was it allowed to happen? - The campaign for abolition - Legacy Interpretations of the abolition. Why might we tell a particular story? Essay writing on interpretations	Revision skills for history Assessing historical significance of historical figures and events.
Geography	Weather & Climate Project Revision Programme <i>Christmas Holiday revision: Global Locations and specific scholarship revision pack</i>	Revision Programme: - Global Locations - OS Maps - Fieldwork - Physical Geography - Human Geography	Revision Programme: - Global Locations - OS Maps - Fieldwork - Physical Geography - Human Geography
TPR	Exam Preparation Christianity and Sin Judaism and Sin Am I always responsible for my actions? Abraham (Gen 22) Near sacrifice Sanctity of Life Derek Bentley Case Moral dilemmas: Dilemmas - Lying - role in sentencing - Is it ever right to lie? David & Bathsheba (2 Sam 11–12) Forgiveness	Plato and Metaphysics What is real? Artificial Intelligence and reality! Gospel miracles (e.g., Calming the Storm) Pilgrimages Views on the Afterlife: Christian, Jewish, Islamic, Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist Jewish Festivals: Pesach Christian Festivals: Easter and forgiveness	Assessment Preparation Cathedral visit Cathedral visit follow up Final Exam including 8S (8S post exam project)

French	Basics recap – alphabet, vowels, greetings, numbers Key cultural events throughout the year – Christmas, Easter etc. A small world – talking about where you live, discussing the weather, describing your region, using pouvoir + infinitive, talking about chores at home, daily routine using reflexive verbs, talking about moving house and using irregular adjectives, discovering a new region, using 3 tenses together, translation.	Revision of topics from Y5-Y7: Les Pays Francophones Alphabet Greetings and basic conversations Numbers up to 100 The new school year In class My free time My family life In town Holidays Festivals and celebrations Free time	Continuation of topic revision from previous years and end of year exam.
	Vocabulary: 10-15 words or a verb to learn per week		
Spanish	Holidays <u>Content</u> Saying where you went on holiday (countries), modes of transport, what you did on holiday, express opinions about past events <u>Grammar</u> Preterite tense, regular and irregular, recap of future, using 3 tenses together, recap of question words	School life <u>Content</u> Subjects, teachers, rules, uniform, facilities, routine. <u>Grammar</u> Hay, (no) hay ni.....ni, hay que+infinitive/se debe, tengo que+infinitive, revision of me gusta + noun and pluralisation, reflexive verbs.	Health <u>Content</u> Body parts, saying what hurts, at the pharmacy, a healthy diet, exercise. <u>Grammar</u> hay que + infinitival phrases, imperative, recap stem-changing verbs, direct object pronouns, deber + infinitive, para+inf, si..., time phrases in 3 tenses

Latin & Classical Civilisation	Set 1		
	Common Entrance Level 2	Common Entrance Level 2	Common Entrance Level 3
	Set 2		
	Common Entrance Level 1 completing	Common Entrance Level 1 consolidation	Common Entrance Level 1 consolidation
	Classical Civilisation		
	Roman Army The Camp Julius Caesar's Invasions of Britain Claudius' Invasion of Britain Literary Component: Homer's Odyssey	Caratacus Boudicca's Revolt Hadrian's Wall Vindolanda Literary Component: Homer's Odyssey	Aqueducts & Sewers The Emperor Nero History of the Olympic Games Literary Component: Homer's Odyssey
Art	Close ups of animal eyes - oil on canvas Soap carving – Hepworth inspired	Graffiti inspired boards and canvases	Still life
DT	Textiles: Fabric manipulation and textiles vessel		
	Food Technology: Everyday Eats		
	Resistant Materials: Salvage Art – reclaimed wood picture		
	Robotics: Team robotics competition. Vex robotics. Electronics – Using a multimeter. Soldering PCB's. Creating a personal radio		
Digital Skills	Using Audacity to create and edit Audio Creating, editing and searching a database using Microsoft Access Creating a basic Web Page in HTML	Use advanced features of HTML and CSS to create a professional web site Introduction to various AI apps	Introduction to advanced functions in Google Sheets including VLookup Revision of keyboarding skills

	Create Navigation by mapping images	Using Google slides and incorporating audio files recorded previously Revision of Google Sheets from Y7 Identifying and entering types of Data	Video creation and editing
Games & PE	Girls		
	Games: Hockey, Netball PE: Swimming, Squash, Basketball, Cross Country	Games: Netball & Football PE: Swimming, Fitness testing, Football & Rugby	Athletics, Cricket, Tennis
	Boys		
	Games: Football, Rugby PE: Swimming, Squash, Basketball, Cross Country	Games: Rugby, Hockey PE: Swimming, fitness testing, Hockey & Netball	Athletics, Cricket, Tennis
Music	Twentieth Century Music – Serialism/Minimalism. Composition task using appropriate techniques. 'Remix' project.	Music and Media – Techniques of composing for films. SoundTrap 'Film Trailer' project.	Contemporary Music - Concerto for Turntables and Orchestra: listening project. History/influencers/trends.
Drama	Advanced Stage Techniques Tension Module	Practitioners Topical Module for theme of Play	Year 8 Play