

Year 9 Autumn Term - What are we learning?

English	Representation This scheme explores how groups in society are represented in texts. It draws on all of the previous concepts to develop a more mature understanding that every text is a representation of reality. Key text: Othello by William Shakespeare. The text allows us to explore representation as well as building pupils' understanding of and confidence with Shakespeare. We also explore jealousy and betrayal.
Maths	Pupils continue the scheme of work started in years 7 and 8, studying topics that either extend previous learning, or are new topics that will prepare them for study at KS4. The topics studied this year are: Percentages, Algebraic expressions, Linear equations, Ratio and proportion, Standard form
Science	In Year 9 students build upon prior knowledge while being introduced to new topics such as ions and electronic structures in chemistry and cell biology .
French	You: Revision of how to form the present tense. Talking and describing ourselves in more detail, including discussion of extra-curricular activities. Describing past celebrations. Talking about relationships. The future: Talking about future plans and jobs, considering and what you would like to do
History	Nat. Curriculum Challenges for Britain, Europe and the wider world 1901-Present day Britain in 20th Century - British society in 1900 - Suffragette Movement, Did Emily Davison commit suicide? World War I - Causes of WWI (MAIN Long / Short term) Recruitment - Trench warfare - Key battles / events - Lions led by donkeys? Russian Revolution & Rasputin
Geography	Glaciation Glacial landforms and processes. The ice-age and its influence on the UK. Economic and social opportunities of glaciated areas. Superpowers. Classification of a superpower, resource management and development. Geopolitical conflicts, using China, USA and EU.
Religious Studies	What is crime and punishment? Christianity, Hinduism, Good and evil, reasons for crime, attitudes to law breakers, main aims of punishment, different types of crime suffering, treatment of prisoners, forgiveness.
Citizenship	Democracy & Parliament - Do we expect to see in a democracy? - Democracy vs non-democracy - Laws and rules - Law making process - Difference between Parliament & Government - People in Parliament; MPs & Peers - House of Lords - House of Commons - The Cabinet - Voting systems: FPTP vs. PR
Art	Students explore illustrative art through monochromatic pen drawings and experimental screen printing. Students also explore contextual links by researching the work of contemporary artist Lucy Mclauchlan. Students develop their own work inspired by this artist and evaluate their work through annotation.
Design and Technology	Materials: A design and manufacture task where student will be able to explore creativity in designing a clock. Students will also recap theory of Timbers, Metals and Plastics. Food Technology: A series of individual tasks involving nutritional knowledge and food preparation skills. Skills tasks developing practical techniques for food production. Jewellery Design: A design task that requires students to be inspired by a design movement and create a unique piece of jewellery. A multiple materials project looking at timber, plastic and metal. Allowing students to show and explore their creativity
Computing	9.1 Photo editing, vector and bitmap and file types. In this unit the focus is on how to edit images for an audience. Pupils learn that images that they see are not necessarily real as they may have been edited. There is also a focus on the types of files that can be used for images and the differences between them including file compression. 9.2 Coding and Data Representation This unit looks at how a computer stores text, images and sound as binary values. It looks at how data is stored (compressed) using different methods. Pupils look at how analogue sound files are sampled into digital sound files.
Music	Musical Theatre Listening skills, Performance skills, Arrangements
PSHE	Health and Wellbeing - Risk - Managing risky situations - Bullying - Gambling - Gangs and Knife Crime - Female Genital Mutilation Sex, sexuality and sexual health - Choices around sex - Pornography and sexting - Sex and the law - Conception, pregnancy and birth - What is contraception? - What are STIs?
Physical Education	YEAR FOCUS; Development of tactics and strategies to create success in a range of sports form the PE national curriculum. Development of leadership skills through a Sport Education programme where possible. - Principles of training - The implications of key principles when planning a training programme
Drama	Social Media & Practitioner 'Paper Birds' Explore the theme of Social Media through performance and technique and contemporary Practitioner, Paper Birds. PRACTITIONER 'Artaud' Explore and demonstrate the work of surrealist Practitioner, Antonin Artaud

