

YEAR 8 ANNUAL CURRICULUM – THE MODERN YEAR

Michaelmas term			Lent term		Trinity term	
History	The Seven Years' War, American rebellion & independence	Dissent and calls for political reform	Public health, transportation revolution	Victorian England, the British Empire and road to war	Technique and skills for essay writing and source questions	CE examinations
	The French revolution & Napoleonic wars	Agricultural and industrial revolution	Social & industrial reform Slavery		Revision of material for source questions	
English	<i>Great Expectations</i> , Charles Dickens	<i>Lord of the Flies</i> , William Golding	<i>Hamlet</i> , William Shakespeare	<i>Hamlet</i> , William Shakespeare	<i>Decline and Fall</i> , Evelyn Waugh	CE examinations
	Poetry by Auden, Larkin and Harrison	Poetry by Thomas, Bishop and Murray	A study of 20th century rhetoric Poetry by Yeats and Donne	A study of 20th century rhetoric Poetry by Hill and Shakespeare	A study of 20th century letters Poetry by Hopkins	

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

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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>Devised Performance Project <i>Storytelling traditions in a modern context</i></p> <p>One class devises a modern version of a Greek Myth; the other a modern version of a medieval fairy tale</p> <p>Boys will devise a performance, weaving together their chosen stories</p> <p>Study of examples of devised performances, such as those directed by Sally Cookson</p> <p>Boys will be given guidance in forming their scripts, learning improvisation skills</p> <p>Composing their own songs to aid the story, as well as writing and performing incidental music for each show</p> <p>Body percussion and physical theatre workshops</p> <p>Performance Year 8 Performance Showcase Gallery Choir Senior Ensembles</p>	Art	<p>Year 8 play Performance in practice</p> <p>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 Vocabulary, tenses, common errors	Revision – Writing – Reading CE Exams
	V: description, family, friends, meeting people Jobs/careers G: future tense with aller Perfect/imperfect revision Adjectives (including agreement, possessives, superlatives, comparatives and demonstrative) Conditional (Top set) The French revolution	House, home, routine, chores Future G: present tense irregulars/reflexives Nouns Negatives Adverbs 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 Tenses revision 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 & infrastructure in modern France		

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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.					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formulation • Graphical algebra • Quadratic functions • Prime factors • HCF and LCM • Trial and improvement • 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 <i>Introduction to manipulation of the language, and sensitivity to Latin style</i> Textbook: Latin for Common Entrance 3	Verbs: Present, future & imperfect passive Numbers: 1-1,000 Expressions of time Expressions of place; locative case 5th declension: res Verbs: perfect passive; pluperfect passive Vocab: 1 & 2	Three termination adjectives (3rd declension) Relative pronoun: <i>qui, quae, quod; ipse, ipsa, ipsum</i> Revision for Michaelmas examinations Vocab: 3 & 4	Irregular verbs: <i>fero</i> Pronouns: <i>Idem, alius, totus & ipse</i> Present participles Irregular participles Past participle passive Vocab: 5 & 6	Verbs: <i>nolo/volo;</i> Purpose clauses & imperfect subjunctive active Indirect commands & <i>dum</i> Idioms Vocab: 7	REVISION & EXAM PRACTICE Level 1, 2 & 3	POST CE PROGRAMME

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<p>Lower set Latin</p> <p><i>Introduction to manipulation of the language, and sensitivity to Latin style</i></p> <p>Textbook: Latin for Common Entrance 2</p>	<p>Revision Level 2 material covered in Year 7</p> <p>3rd declension nouns (<i>rex & nomen</i>), the future of 1st & 2nd conjugation verbs;</p> <p>Adjectives: 3rd declension</p> <p>Pronouns <i>ego, tu, nos & vos</i>, pronoun <i>is, ea, id</i></p> <p>Verbs: Future tense: 3rd, 4th, mixed & <i>sum</i></p> <p>Pluperfect tense</p> <p>Vocab: 1-3</p>	<p>Comparison of Adjectives: comparatives and superlatives</p> <p>Adjectives: 3rd declension in – <i>er</i> and <i>-ilis</i></p> <p>Adjectives: irregular comparatives</p> <p>Pronouns: <i>hic, haec, hoc; ille, illa, illud</i></p> <p>Revision for Michaelmas examinations</p> <p>Vocab: 4 & 5</p>	<p>Irregular verb: <i>possum</i></p> <p>Adverbs & comparative of adverbs</p> <p>Irregular verb: <i>eo</i> & compounds</p> <p>Reflexive pronouns: <i>se / suus / eius</i></p> <p>Vocab: 6, 7, 8</p>	<p>Verbs: <i>noli/nolite</i>;</p> <p>Subordinate clauses <i>quamquam</i> clauses</p> <p>Connectives: <i>nam, igitur, itaque & autem</i>;</p> <p>Vocab: 9 & 10</p>	<p>Revision 7 exam practice Level 1 & 2</p>	<p>Post-CE programme</p>
<p>Classical civilisation</p> <p>Revolution & Empire</p>	<p><i>Study of ancient revolutions: Solonic reforms, Ionian Revolt</i></p>	<p><i>Slavery in the Empire</i></p> <p><i>The structure of Roman society</i></p> <p><i>Roman citizenship</i></p> <p><i>Spartacus</i></p>	<p><i>Roma caput mundi</i></p>	<p><i>Ancient models for modern Empire</i></p>	<p>REVISION</p>	

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Science	<p>Photosynthesis and the carbon cycle, reactants, adaptations of leaves, the role of root hairs</p> <p>Cells and organisation revision</p> <p>Shackleton: the carbon cycle and carbon dating</p> <p>Climate change theory</p> <p>Environmental awareness during the Industrial Revolution</p>	<p>Light waves Traveling light, mirrors and reflections, refraction, energy and colour</p> <p>Sound, mediums of sound travel, the speed of sound in air, water and solids, reflection and absorption vibrations</p> <p>Space physics Seasons, positions of the planets, gravity, the use of satellites</p> <p>Einstein's contribution to astronomy</p> <p>The Big Bang Theory</p>	<p>Pure and impure substances, conservation of mass, separation techniques</p> <p>James Chadwick (1932) and the discovery of the neutron</p> <p>Dorothy Hodgkin (1910-1994)</p>	Revision of CE syllabus	Revision of CE syllabus	POST CE PROGRAMME

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<p>Geography The Modern Year – agricultural and industrial revolutions, the development of the theory of plate tectonics</p>		
<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>Theory of plate tectonics, plate boundaries, Case studies – the Haiti earthquake / Eyjafjallajokul volcano</p> <p>Completion of coursework</p>	<p>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