

CURRICULUM BOOKLET

Important information and curriculum overview for parents and students of GRADE 7

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Our Vision for our students

At WSR, our Vision is to educate and empower our students to be self-directed progressive learners who are confident, compassionate and accomplished global citizens. Our aim is to ensure all student leave WSR proud of their achievements and contribution to school life having achieved their personal best.

This booklet has been created to help parents get an overview of the year ahead. As you scroll through, you will be introduced to all the important people in Grade 7, the Senior Leadership Team, Pastoral Leaders and Heads of Faculty; their expectations and aspirations for your children. This booklet will also serve as a guide and to provide individual subject curriculum information.

As a team, we hope to work in partnership with Parents and Students to ensure that each child receives the best in every aspect of their school life.



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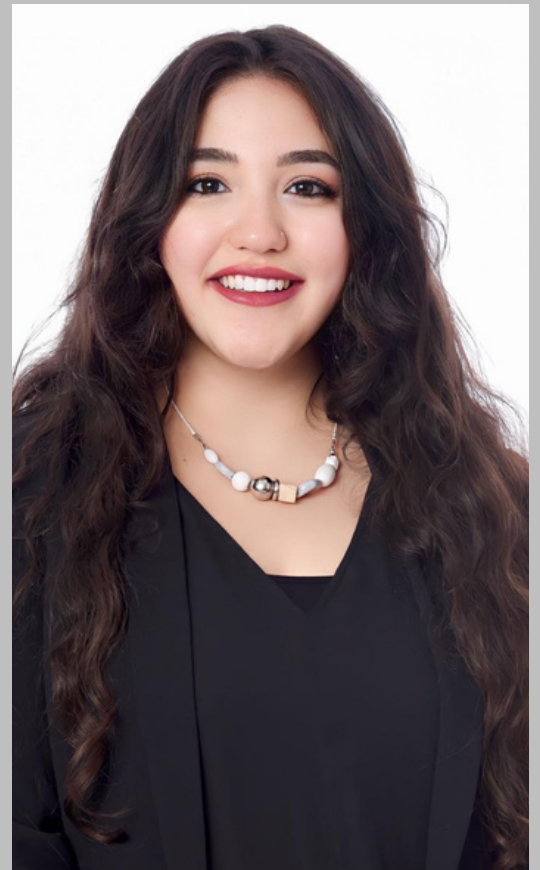
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We are here to help, but, as parents, you can:

- Provide a quiet work space
- Take an interest in your child's progress
- Give guidance with planning of work
- Monitor deadlines (use this booklet)
- Check the planner / weekly bulletin / emails
- Challenge the quality of work produced.
- Discuss any concerns with subject teachers, Head of Faculty or Head of Key Stage

Teaching and learning have always been my passion. I discovered the profound joy that comes from sharing knowledge and witnessing the growth of others. It's a journey where both the teacher and the learner evolve together. Being a Director of Learning for KS3 is a crucial role, as it carries significant importance for the academic and personal development of students transitioning from primary to secondary education. In the secondary department, we are dedicated to equipping our students with the essential skills that will empower them for the future.

Nourhane Ausman
**DIRECTOR OF LEARNING
KEY STAGE 3**



English (ESL and EFL)



I am looking forward to supporting progress for all the students. It is important we embed a passion for learning for English. When you have a good command of English it will allow you to have more opportunities in life. Reading and writing proficiently will open up a world of inspiration and creativity for all of our students. Our aim is to support our students through the development of creative and engaging lessons. We deliver the Oxford AQA specifications for both IGCSE and A Level. We have developed formative and summative assessment strategies that support our students progress and achievement within the Oxford AQA curriculum. I look forward to an exciting year ahead where all students will take responsibility for their own progress and will be eager to succeed in their English Language and Literature skills

- Fatema Masrie, KS3 Curriculum Leader - English 

Curriculum

English has a pre-eminent place in education and in society. A high-quality education in English will teach pupils to speak and write fluently so that they can communicate their ideas and emotions to others and through their reading and listening, others can communicate with them. Through reading, in particular, pupils have a chance to develop culturally, emotionally, intellectually, socially and spiritually. Literature, especially, plays a key role in such development.

The English Department at WSR focuses on improving students' listening, speaking, reading and writing skills because students, who do not learn to speak, read, write fluently and confidently are effectively disenfranchised. They should understand and use age-appropriate vocabulary, including linguistic and literary terminology, for discussing their reading, writing and spoken language. This involves consolidation, practice and discussion of language. Grade 10 students at WSR will follow the OxfordAQA course book and follow the OxfordAQA syllabus which will cater to all the four skills along with exam-style questions at the end of each unit. Our assessments have been designed to inspire and motivate students, providing appropriate stretch and challenge whilst ensuring that the assessment and texts are accessible to the full range of students. This specification gives teachers freedom of choice in approaches to teaching and learning, whilst providing a rigorous summative assessment of students' skills and abilities.

In English, students will focus on the skills required to access their learning in all subjects, as well as give them greater support in their reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. The lessons will follow a theme that allows the students to work on each of these areas.

The EFL course is designed for students who have a secure grasp of spoken English and are fairly able with academic English use. The lessons for these students will focus on the same skills being delivered to the other students, but at a deeper level. The lessons will also follow the same theme. Literature students at WSR will follow the Oxford AQA International GCSE in English. Literature which enable students to engage with and develop the ability to read, understand and respond to a wide range of literary texts from around the world.

Topics / Skills Coverage

Autumn

- 1A -
 - Persuasive writing.
 - Short story - The Landlady by Roald Dahl
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 - Identifying the parts of speech
- 1B-
 - Short story - The Landlady by Roald Dahl
 - Foreshadowing & incorporating advanced reading skills.
 - P.E.E writing

Spring

- 2A-
 - Frankenstein by Mary Shelley.
 - Model Verbs
 - Infinitives, Gerunds
- 2B-
 - Travel Writing
 - Types of adjectives and adverbs

Summer

- 3A-
 - Poetry
 - Poetic devices
 - Adverb
 - Subordinate Clauses
 - Progress Test revision
- 3B-
 - Narrative writing
 - PBL

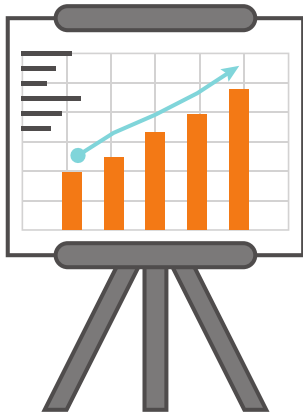
Homework

Students are assigned one piece of homework on a weekly basis as per a schedule. The following online tools will be used for the learning purpose:

- Achieve3000
- Phoenix Classroom
- SAM learning

Assessments

Assessment schedule for students will be:



Maximising potential

Recommended Reading List

English as a First Language

- **The River Singers**
A thrilling adventure with the timeless appeal of The Borrowers
- **Wendy Quill is Full Up of Wrong'**
I didn't actually mean to slightly squish someone!
- **Frozen in Time**
Heart-stopping adventure. Literally!

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Mathematics

"Welcome to the Mathematics Faculty at GEMS Westminster School RAK. There is no doubt that learning mathematics is important for all our students. Contrary to the widespread belief that ability is innate, we believe that everyone can be successful at mathematics and that mathematical ability can be fostered and developed in the classroom.



Mathematics is about creativity and making sense. We have developed a research-informed pedagogy designed to support our students in gaining deep understanding of mathematical concepts. We want our students to be fearless problem solvers and creative thinkers who open the doors of endless possibilities to their own futures.

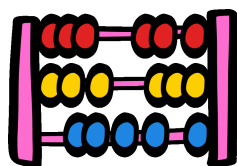
We understand that academic success is built on solid foundations. Therefore, our students will follow the globally recognised National Curriculum for England and prepare for the worldwide popular Pearson Edexcel IGCSE Mathematics and International A-level in Mathematics qualifications.

I look forward to an exciting year ahead where we will celebrate every milestone in the academic journey of our students.

May Sakr- Curriculum Leader - Maths

Curriculum

The National curriculum for England mathematics programme of study aims to ensure that all students become fluent in the fundamentals of mathematics, including through varied and frequent practice with increasingly complex problems over time, so that pupils develop conceptual understanding and the ability to recall and apply knowledge rapidly and accurately.



$$y = f(x)$$



Topics / Skills Coverage

Autumn

1A - Proportional Reasoning

- Ratio and scale
- Multiplicative change
- Multiplying and dividing fractions

1B- Representation

- Working in the Cartesian plane
- Representing data
- Probability

SKILLS

- understanding ratio and its link to multiplication
- using scale factors and direct proportion
- circumference of a circle

Spring

2A-Algebraic Techniques

- Brackets, equations and inequalities
- Sequences
- Indices

2B- Developing Number

- Fractions and percentages
- Standard index form
- Number sense

SKILLS

- fraction, decimal and percentage equivalence
- developing mental strategies
- estimation, including rounding to a given number of decimal places

Summer

3A- Developing Geometry and Reasoning with Data

- Angles in parallel lines and polygons
- Area of trapezia and circles
- Line symmetry and reflection
- The data handling cycle
- Measures of location and dispersion

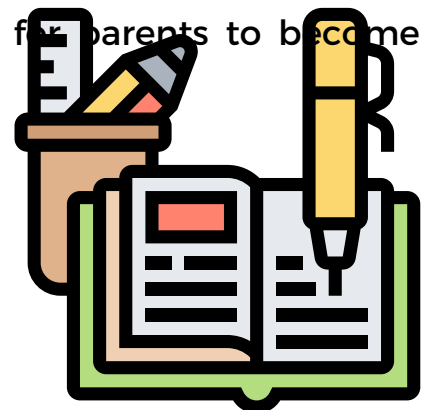
SKILLS

- area of compound shapes
- interpreting statistical diagrams
- collecting data

Homework

Students will experience a range of homework activities guided by the Subject Leader which may include, for example, personal investigations, research projects, preparation for presentations or specific learning tasks. Homework is given every week. Each piece of homework should take at least half an hour to complete. Homework may be set online via many online websites.

We feel that homework also provides the best opportunity for parents to become active partners in supporting the learning process.



Assessments

- Diagnostic test - this is done at the beginning of the academic year (Base-line test)
- Progress checks - these are smaller, low stakes assessments designed to inform the students of their progress through the study
- Summative assessments at the end of each term



Recommended Reading List

Our current textbook is Pearson Edexcel Maths Progress International - Year 8 (Grade 7). Students will need their own scientific calculator and a full geometry set for their lessons.

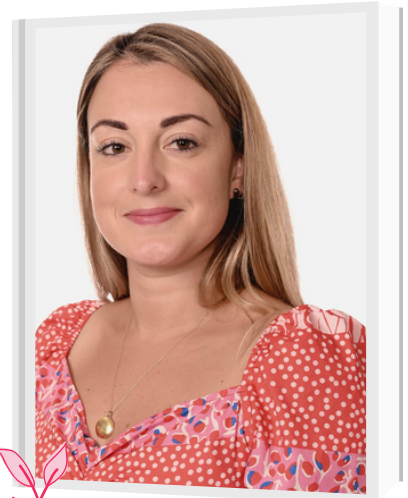
Useful websites:

www.whiterosemaths.com/homelearning

Science

"I became a science teacher because of my fascination for understanding the world around us and my desire to share that knowledge with young people. As the Curriculum Leader for Science I hope to ensure that as you discover more about each of the disciplines within science that you also become passionate about the natural world and its possibilities. You should expect to, throughout your studies in science, develop scientific knowledge and conceptual understanding, an understanding of the processes and methods of science that help you to answer questions about the world around you and become equipped with the scientific knowledge required to understand the uses and implications of science, today and for the future.."

- Emma Fox, Curriculum Leader - Science



Curriculum

Our KS3 curriculum aims to provide the foundations for understanding the world through the specific disciplines of Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Science has changed our lives and is vital to the world's future prosperity, and all students should be taught essential aspects of the knowledge, methods, processes and uses of Science. Through building up a body of key foundational knowledge and concepts, students should be encouraged to recognise the power of rational explanation and develop a sense of excitement and curiosity about natural phenomena. They should be encouraged to understand how science can be used to explain what is occurring in the world around them, predict how things will behave, and analyse causes.

Topic Coverage

Autumn

Topic: 8A Food and Nutrition

Topic: 8E Combustion

Topic: 8I Fluids

Topic 8B Plants and Reproduction

Spring

Topic: 8F The Periodic Table

Topic: 8J Light

Topic: 8C Breathing and Respiration

Topic: 8G Metals and Their Uses

Summer

Topic: 8K Energy Transfers

Topic: 8D Unicellular Organisms

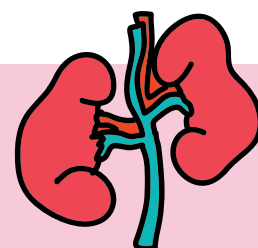
Topic: 8L Earth and Space

Working Scientifically Skills

Project Based Learning

Science Transferable Skills

- Mathematical skills
- Graphical skills
- Data analysis
- Critical thinking
- Problem solving
- Creativity
- Collaboration
- Innovation
- Investigative skills
- Communication and oracy
- Planning an investigation
- Evaluative skills
- Extended reading and comprehension
- Extended writing



Homework

Students should expect to be set a variety of engaging homework tasks that aim to develop their independent learning skills, these may include developing research skills or consolidation and application of class-based learning. They will be set one homework task per week for science which should take approximately 30-40 minutes to complete. Students will also have the option to extend their learning through completing termly learning menu activities.

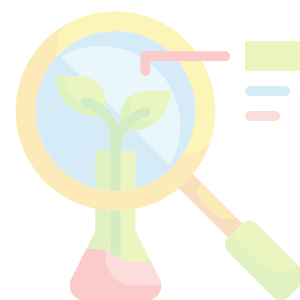
Assessments

- **Baseline Assessments**- conducted at the start of the term 1 as a diagnostic tool to monitor progress, set targets and inform planning.
- **Progress Checks** – conducted by class teachers every 2-3 weeks in order to regularly monitor student progress and to enable teachers to provide effective, personalised feedback and guidance.
- **Oracy Tasks** - conducted every 3-4 weeks students in order to assess students on their ability to talk clearly, fluently, confidently and with appropriate scientific vocabulary.
- **Summative Assessment** – more formal end of term examinations.

Recommended Reading List

Student's success in science can be amplified by the wider reading they conduct and consolidation of class-based learning. Students should be encouraged to read the course text book but also consult other sources of appropriate information and learning including:

- **BBC Bitesize:** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zcq2j6f>
- **Twinkl:** <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/keystage3-ks3/keystage3-ks3-science/keystage3-ks3-science-ks3>
- **MME:** <https://mathsmadeeasy.co.uk/ks3-revision/key-stage-3-science/>
- **CGP:** <https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/ks3/science>
- **Seneca Learning:** <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>



Geography



"Students explore different places at different scales from local to a global level, leading to a greater understanding of the physical and human world around them. Geography helps students to understand the interconnection of environments, economies and societies in the world. It engages similarity and diversity in human development.

Students will study an array of topics within human and environmental geography. Students will look at various issues around globalisation, migration and development from the viewpoint of multiple stakeholders. They will also use a range of case studies to study about how much of major events can impact on the social, economic, environmental and political aspect of a country."

- Reshma Ravindran, Curriculum Leader - Humanities.

Curriculum

The Curriculum for geography aims to ensure that all pupils:

- Develop contextual knowledge of the location of globally significant places – both terrestrial and marine – including their defining physical and human characteristics and how these provide a geographical context for understanding the actions of processes.
- Understand the processes that give rise to key physical and human geographical features of the world, how these are interdependent and how they bring about spatial variation and change over time are competent in the geographical skills needed to:
- Collect, analyse and communicate with a range of data gathered through experiences of fieldwork that deepen their understanding of geographical processes.
- Interpret a range of sources of geographical information, including maps, diagrams, globes, aerial photographs and Geographical Information Systems (GIS) Communicate geographical information in a variety of ways, including through maps, numerical and quantitative skills and writing at length.

Topics / Skills Coverage

Autumn

Environmental Geo

- Our Warming planet
- Global Warming
- Climate Change

Human Geography

- 2.Urbanisation
 - How Our towns and cities grew.
 - Why do people move to urban areas?

Physical Geography

- Coasts
 - Waves and tides
 - The Waves at work

Environmental Geography

- Weather And Climate
 - It's the Weather
 - Measuring the Weather
- Population
 - Our Numbers are growing
 - What does the Future hold?

Skills:

Applying critical thinking skills to organize, use, and evaluate information

Spring

Summer

Geographical Skills

- 1.Using GIS
 - Meet GIS
 - Other uses of GIS

Human Geography & Topographical Features

- 1.1.Asia PBL

Skills:

Geographic reasoning and use of geographic tools

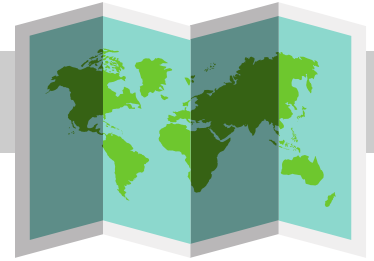
Homework

- This is set weekly for all students.
- Online platforms (SAM learning and Google classroom)
- Tasks using grids to recognize patterns and data.
- Presentation, data analysis, and conducting an investigation.



Assessments

- Diagnostic assessment - Base-line test
- Formative assessment- this is used to check the progress of students (In Each Lesson)
- Summative assessment (Mid-Term and End of a term)



Recommended Reading List

- Geog.2: geography for key stage 3, OXFORD
- Urbanization and the future of cities
- Effects of Urbanisation
- Overpopulation – The Human Explosion Explained
- All About Coasts
- Weather and climate
- What is GIS
- Asia Physical Features
- Tudor Kings and Queens | Who were the Tudors?
- The Dark Ages



History



A high-quality history education will help students gain a coherent knowledge and understanding of the past and how the modern world has come to take the shape it has. We aim to inspire students' curiosity to know more about the past, whilst equipping students to ask perceptive questions, think critically, weigh evidence, sift arguments, and develop perspective and judgement. History helps students to understand the complexity of people's lives, the process of change, the diversity of societies and relationships between different groups, as well as their own identity and the challenges of their time.

- Reshma Ravindran, Curriculum Leader - Humanities,

Curriculum

Oxford



Topics / Skills Coverage

Autumn

Spring

Summer

- Tudors
- World of Discovery
- Elizabethian Age
- The Awakening
- Dark Ages
- Renaissance
- Revolution

Skills:

- Analytical
- Teamwork and Communication
- Evaluating
- Gaining Coherent Knowledge - Comprehensive Using
- Terminology
- Ordering and Sequencing
- Identifying
- Describing
- Explaining
- Making Links and Comparisons
- Enquiry
- Deploying
- Selecting
- Creative Research

Homework

- This is set weekly for all students.
- Online platforms (SAM learning and Google classroom)
- Tasks using grids to recognize patterns and data
- Presentation, data analysis, and conducting an investigation.

Assessments

- Analytical type assessment.
- Identification and research type assessment.
- Evaluation type research.
- End of term assessment.



Recommended Reading List

Horrible Histories: Terrible Tudors by Terry Deary Publisher: Scholastic.

The English Civil Wars by Blane Worden- Publisher: Phoenix

Web:

<http://www.historynet.com/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zk26n39>

<http://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/>



ICT

"Dear Students,

My name is Evangeline and I am the HOD for ICT. I am glad that you have chosen to study ICT. I am sure that you must have known the importance of ICT as the current world is not functioning without computers. ICT is an exciting subject, enabling you to learn something new daily. I wish you all to be an Innovator and to have strong knowledge of technology. You can reach out to me if you have any concerns or queries regarding ICT."



- Evangeline John, Curriculum Leader - ICT



Curriculum

The syllabus combines theoretical and practical studies focusing on Problem-solving: algorithms, decomposition, and abstraction Programming and Development Data representation, Computers: hardware, processing, and software Communications and networks, Safe and responsible practice.



Topics / Skills Coverage

Autumn

Unit 5- Programming

- Algorithms and turtle programming.
- Sequencing and Iteration algorithms.
- Programming errors.
- Using list in a Python program.
- Use of selection in an algorithm.
- Creating a simple chatbot.
- Subprograms in an algorithm.
- Creating a missing word game.

Unit 2- Data on the web

- Bits, Bytes and nibbles.
- Storage capacity.
- Binary and Denary
- Internet Bandwidth
- Compression
- Creating a bandwidth calculator
- Run Length Encoding.
- End of unit Assessment

Spring

Unit 6: Software and communication

- Surveillance technology
- Surveillance ethics.
- Types of software
- Operating software
- Utility software
- Internet Hardware
- Wireless communication technology
- The Internet and the world wide web.

Unit 1: Binary and online graphics

- Vector graphics
- Creating a vector graphics
- Bitmaps
- Comparing vectors and bitmaps
- Binary and pixels
- Binary addition

Summer

Unit 3: Processing Data

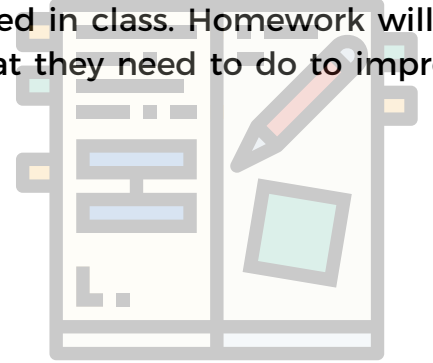
- Computer hardware
- Wearable technology
- Logo design
- Introduction to spreadsheets
- Spreadsheet formulas and function
- Spreadsheet modelling
- Environmental impact of technology
- Presenting data in an informative way

Unit 4: Analysis Data

- What makes a good spreadsheet?
- Knowledge, data and information
- Sorting and filtering a spreadsheet.
- What makes a good chart?
- Social media
- Design techniques for an online advertisement
- Designing an infographic

Homework

Homework is given on a weekly basis. Homework may be set online through Phoenix Classroom, SAM Learning, etc. It could also be in the form of the creation of a PowerPoint, Project, or research task. Homework will be designed to ensure that students have the opportunity to practice and consolidate the concepts developed in class. Homework will be discussed in class and students will be given feedback on what they need to do to improve their understanding of the topic and clarify any doubts.



Assessments

Assessment will take place at the end of each half term. Students are expected to have completed their work for that term. All students will have been given an opportunity to improve their work during the term. All work submitted will be marked and given appropriate feedback. Regular class work and homework will be provided to students. Students will need to submit them in time as classwork/homework will be assessed. Weekly classwork, Group Activity, Project work, and Practical will all be a part of the student's assessment.

Recommended Reading List

<https://www.ictlounge.com/>

<http://teach-ict.com/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zdqy7nb>



Arabic A

اللغة العربية هي هوية الأمة وهي لغة كرمها الله تعالى بأن أنزل بها القرآن الكريم ، لتبقى قادرة على مواكبة الحياة .
ولقد ضمنت المناهج الوزارية لدولة الإمارات تطوير مهارات القرن الواحد والعشرين والتفكير النقدي وحل المشكلات ضمن مناهج اللغة العربية التي تنقسم إلى ستة مجالات هي أساسيات القراءة وقراءة النص الأدبي وقراءة النص المعلوماتي والكتابة والاستماع والتحدث.



Curriculum

المنهج الوزاري :

تم تصميم المنهج الوزاري تصميمًا بسيطًا واضحًا ليساعد على تطوير المهارات اللغوية، من خلال التفاعل الواعي مع مضامين التّوصوص وأفكارها ، وتم تقسيمه إلى ثلاثة فصول بحسب فصول السنة الدّراسية وكل فصل يتضمّن مَهَارَات القراءة ، المحادثة ، الكتابة ، الاستماع ، المحادثة ، النحو ، البلاغة.

Topics / Skills Coverage

Autumn

- نص شعري (شباب بلادي)
- نص شعري (قوة العلم)
- قصة قصيرة (الضحك آخر الليل)
- نص معلوماتي (أسواق شعبية)
- الاستماع (قصة قمحة في حجم بيضة)
- النحو (علامات الإعراب الأصلية والفرعية)
- إعراب المثني وجمع المذكر السالم - الأسماء الخمسة)
- البلاغية (اساليب الإنشائية)
- الكتابة (النص التفسيري)

Spring

- نص شعري (حكم ومواعظ)
- نص شعري (قوة العلم)
- قصة قصيرة (إن غداً لناظره قريب)
- نص معلوماتي (مصاييح الكلام - برج خليفة))
- الاستماع: (أكلت يوم أكل الثور الأبيض)
- النحو (العدد والمعدود - المفعول له - المبني للمجهول ونائب الفاعل - ضمائر النصب المتصلة)
- الكتابة (مقارنة بين الشعوب - أمثال الشعوب)

Summer

- رواية (الولد الذي عاش مع النعام)

Homework

أوراق عمل من إعداد المعلمين والمعلمات لتعميق فهم الطلاب وقياس مدى تقدمهم الدراسي وزيادة تحصيلهم (Quiz - كاهوت) النماذج الالكترونية والمواقع التفاعلية.
منصة ألف للتعليم.
ACER IBT تدريبات الاختبارات الدولية--

Assessments

الكتب الثقافية والدينية - كتب الشعراء ةوالأدباء
التقييم من خلال أوراق العمل - والامتحانات المسح التشخيصي الفصل الأول، والفصل الثاني، والفصل الثالث
التقييم النهائي - والتقييم المستمر عن طريق القراءة والكتابة والإملاء

Recommended Reading List

كتب سير الأنبياء (قصة سيدنا محمد صلى الله عليه وسلم)
كتب سير الشعراء والأدباء (محمد بن راشد) (أبو العتاهية)

Web Resources

- 1.
2. المدرسة الإماراتية :منصة ألف -



Arabic B



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Curriculum

Ministerial curriculum

يدرس الطلاب المنهج الوزاري الكتاب السادس من سلسلة العربية تَجَمُّعًا يتم تصميم أنشطة تراعي الفروق الفردية للمساهمة في دعم الطلاب المبتدئين وتنمية مهاراتهم

Topics / Skills Coverage

Autumn

- العمل
- الجهاز المحمول

Spring

- التخييم
- البيت الدافئ
- قديمًا وحديثًا

Summer

- الظواهر الطبيعية
- الطعام والرياضة
- الأجهزة اللوحية

Homework

Work sheets (including all skills)

يتم تعيين الواجبات على منصة أرابتس
يتم إرسال المهام والتدريبات الالكترونية للطلاب على صفوف فينيكس أسبوعيا

Assessments

Base line – Mid Term – Final Exam

يتم اتباع نظام تقييم مستمر يتم من خلاله قياس تقدم الطلاب خلال الحصص وتطوير مهاراتهم في القراءة والتحدث والاستماع
كما يتقدم الطلاب لتقييم نهائي بنهاية كل فصل دراسي
IBT بالإضافة للتقييم الخارجي (اختبار القياس الدولي)

Recommended Reading List

أرمنصة أرابتس -العربية تجمعنا -أحب العربية- التكلم

www.at-takallum-eg.com



Islamic Studies A and B

"Islamic studies curriculum provides a comprehensive vision of Islam as a religion regulates human life in all sides and ritualistic, economic, social, political, and cultural aspects. We ensure that students will be able to develop a familiarity with the Islamic religion it's traditions and systems, and be able to implement it's teaching in daily life. Our main focus is to train students in all fields of life, to attain this vision we have a number of Curricular and Extra-Curricular activities where students have opportunity to Learn, Inspire, Lead and leave a good impact on their fellow students as a good role model. We have a variety of activities like Islamic assemblies, Ramadan, Prophet's Birthday, Islamic New Year and Heavenly trip, Islamic awareness week celebrations, Inter school and school competitions e.g. Qur'an Recitation, Hadith Memorization & Adhan Competition where students are leading all the events. We work on students' leadership skills and committed to provide them with platforms where they can showcase their skills. We have a student leadership platform, ISCR-Islamic Student Council Representative through which students can serve to promote greater understanding of Islamic values and cultural awareness. We welcome all parents to contribute in promoting the rich Islamic & UAE culture with us. Our dedicated and skilled Islamic faculty is committed to instilling life skills in our students. Looking forward to seeing you all in next academic session In-sha-Allah"

- Saima Naz, Curriculum Leader - Islamic Studies



Curriculum

MOE Prescribed Curriculum. (Same curriculum books for Arabs & Non-Arabs from 2018-19 academic session). For Arab students, the curriculum is in Arabic Language and for Non-Arab students curriculum is in English language with the same content.

Aim of Islamic Curriculum:

UAE Islamic curriculum is built on providing a comprehensive vision of Islam as a religion regulates the human life in all sides and ritualistic, economic, social, political, and cultural aspects. This curriculum seeks to formulate an Islamic personality: with mental understanding, sentimental sense, and behavioral belief of "the principles of Islam", as it must be aware of the historical movement represented in the experience of the Muslim in time and place.

3 Main objectives of Islamic Curriculum:

- The theoretical foundations of Islam are the Qur'an and Sunnah.
- The Biography of the Prophet, which represent good example, as well as the historical examples representing role models for imitation.
- The Elements of identity: language, culture, civilization, nation, and the local society.

Curriculum

Themes & Standards of the Islamic Education Curriculum:

- Divine Revelation (Qur'an & Hadith)
- Islamic Beliefs
- Islamic Ruling & Aims
- Islamic Values & Manners
- Biographies
- Identity & Contemporary Issues

Topics / Skills Coverage

Autumn

Reading, Listening & Memorization

- Divine Revelation
 - Surah Al Qaf
- 7 people will be in the shade

Writing, Application & Research

- Observing Allah SWT
- Full Ablution
- The Reliever the Forbearing

Spring

Reading, Listening & Memorization

- Divine Revelation
 - Surah Al Rehman
- Arab Islamic Civilization

Writing, Application & Research

- Repentance Moderate spending
- Imam Abu Hanifa
- Dry Ablution

Summer

Reading, Listening & Memorization

- Divine Revelation
 - Surah Al Mulk
- Thinking in Islam

Writing, Application & Research

- Taking care of orphans
- Voluntary Prayers
- Majlis & its Manners
- Coexistence among people

Homework

Homework is assigned on a weekly basis. Which is based on theme based tasks e.g. research based work, presentations, evaluation of the given topics etc.

Assessments

Three different criteria to check students' attainment and progress.

Baseline assessments

At the start of every academic year to check students' current level and to set targets for them.

Formative assessment

Continuous assessment based on students' efforts in class over the year.

Summative assessment

End of term assessments.

Recommended Reading List

<https://yassarnalquran.files.wordpress.com/2010/10/atlas-of-the-qur-an.pdf>

<https://quran.com/>

<https://yassarnalquran.files.wordpress.com/2011/03/islam-science.pdf>

[http://corpus.quran.com/qurandictionary.jsp?q=smw#\(1:1:1\)_](http://corpus.quran.com/qurandictionary.jsp?q=smw#(1:1:1)_)

<https://sunnah.com/> For Sunnah / Hadeeth Resources

http://quran.ksu.edu.sa/index.php?l=en#aya=2_6&m=hafs&qaree=husary&trans=en_sh King Saud University's Qur'an Learning Interface – Link for Hifdh/Memorization

<https://en.muqri.com/> Website for listening/understanding Qur'an

<http://tanzil.net/#1:1> Qur'an Website for Tajweed

<https://quranicaudio.com/> Quranic Audio <https://www.tvquran.com/en/> Quranic Audio

<https://quran.com/> For Recitation practice

<http://www.muslimheritage.com/> Muslim Heritage

<http://www.alminbar.net/> Friday Sermons from Islam's Three Holiest Mosques



Global Perspective

My name is Mukta Nair and I'm thrilled to be your MoE teacher this year. As a Head of MoE I am excited to embark the learning journey with all of you. Throughout my teaching career, I have had the opportunity to work with diverse groups of students and I strongly believe in creating an inclusive and supportive learning environment where every student can thrive.

In this class ,we will explore the fascinating world of Arab world and delve into its core concerns and apply them to real life situations. I am a firm believer in interactive and engaging teaching methods that encourage critical thinking, collaboration and creativity .

In WSR we aim to meet the needs of all children in its care by personalizing learning and providing outstanding care and provision; we aim for all our children to receive high quality teaching and become independent learners.

I look forward to working together with you as partners in your child's growth and development!!



-Curriculum Leader MoE subjects - Mukta Nair

Curriculum

Cambridge IGCSE Global Perspectives is a groundbreaking new course that is cross-curricular, stretching across traditional subject boundaries. It taps into the way students of today enjoy learning as well as including group work, seminars, projects, and working with other students around the world. The emphasis is on developing the ability to think critically about a range of global issues where there is always more than one point of view.

Cambridge IGCSE Global Perspectives candidates will have opportunities to acquire and apply a range of skills to support them in these challenges, including: researching, analysing and evaluating information developing and justifying a line of reasoning reflecting on processes and outcomes communicating information and reasoning collaborating to achieve a common outcome.

Candidates explore stimulating topics that have global significance. They learn to collaborate with others from another culture, community or country. They assess information critically and explore lines of reasoning. They learn to direct their own learning and develop an independence of thought.

Topics / Skills Coverage

Autumn

1A

- Family composition
- parent/child responsibilities with parents at home
- Care for elderly people
- Population changes linked to birth and death rates
- Personal use and perspectives of water
- Possible ways to reduce food waste
- The importance of particular foods in different cultures
- The global situation of food and water supplies

1B

- Different views about the purpose and benefits of education
- Own perspective and self-awareness about personal educational aspirations and goals
- Provision of education around the world
- Provision in the local area or the country for people with a specific type of disability
- Major health problems facing the world today
- Health care issues in my local community
- Reasons for and effects of unequal access to health care
- Types of communication
- Communication barriers

Spring

2A

- Different perspectives towards the relationships between animals and other species in my country/locality
- The issues surrounding humans and other species
- Perspectives on animal welfare
- Animal rights
- Technology from personal perspective
- The differences in access and use of technology across the globe
- The issues around unequal access to technology and propose actions that could reduce any differences
- Digital Divide

2B

- The nature of conflicts
- Creating effective relationships and resolving differences between individuals and small groups in everyday life.
- The nature of conflicts around the world
- The causes and effects of particular conflicts
- Attempts to resolve conflicts other than using violence
- Why laws are made and how they are made nationally and internationally
- The nature of Tradition, Culture and Identity
- Own and others perspectives of identity

Summer

3A

- Sustainable living
- Human rights
- Biodiversity and ecosystem loss
- Urbanisation
- Poverty and inequality
- Transport and Infrastructure
- Sport and recreation

Assessments

- Diagnostic Assessment – Baseline Test
- Formative Assessment – this is used to check the progress of students.
- FOTs – this is done to determine the progress of the students every two weeks period.
- Portfolio Assessment – this is used to gather the progress of students.

Resources

Each unit has a comprehensive list of online resources. Below is a list of some general websites that may be useful.

www.bbc.co.uk BBC news

www.cafod.org.uk CAFOD

www.cbd.int Convention on Biological Diversity

www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html Information about countries world-wide.

www.cites.org CITES Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora

www.cnn.com/ US news channel

www.conservation.org Conservation International

www.epa.gov USA Environmental Protection Agency

www.foei.org Friends of the Earth

www.fsc.org Forestry Stewardship Council

www.gapminder.org Data and maps on a range of global issues

www.geographypages.co.uk Provides links to many websites comparing countries

www.globaleducation.edu.au/redirection.html Global education website

www.greenpeace.org/international Greenpeace

www.icrc.org International Red Cross and Red Crescent

www.ipcc.ch/ The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

www.iucn.org World Conservation Union

www.makepovertyhistory.org/takeaction/ Make Poverty History campaign

www.newint.org/ New Internationalist

<http://uk.oneworld.net/guides> Guides to global issues, including conflict and peace

www.oxfam.org.uk Oxfam

<http://stats.oecd.org/oecdfactbook/> Interactive mapping and statistical information

www.un.org UN main website

www.undp.org UN Development Program

www.unfoundation.org/ UN Foundation

www.unicef.org/index.php Information on countries

www.un.org/en/globalissues/index.shtml

www.un.org/millenniumgoals/ UN Millennium Development Goals

www.worldbank.org The World Bank

www.who.int World Health Organization

www.worldwildlife.org World Wildlife Fund

UAE Social Studies A

Curriculum

الاستخدام المنهج الوزاري

Topics / Skills Coverage

Autumn

-: الدرس الأول
موقع شبة الجزيرة العربية وأهميته
:- الدرس الثاني
تضاريس شبة الجزيرة العربية
:- الدرس الثالث
مناخ شبة الجزيرة العربية
الدرس الرابع :- الأنشطة الإقتصادية

Spring

-: الدرس الأول
نظم المعلومات الجغرافية
:- الدرس الثاني
الاستشعار عن بعد
:- الدرس الثالث
نظام تحديد المواقع العالمي

Summer

-: الدرس الأول
النباتات المعمرة في دولة الإمارات
العربية المتحدة
:- الدرس الثاني
الإمارات وأمريكا الشمالية
:- الدرس الثالث
قارة استراليا

Homework

أوراق العمل والتطبيقات في الكتاب المدرسي والمتابعة على منصة ألف

Assessments

الكتب التراثية - كتب الهوية الوطنية - أوراق العمل - المسح التشخيصي - التقييم المستمر

Recommended Reading List

كتب عن الهوية الوطنية
- كتب عن الشيخ زايد - رحمه الله
موقع وزارة التربية والتعليم
منتديات تربوية

UAE Social Studies B

The MSC (Moral Social and Cultural Studies) covers four pillars of teaching and learning: Character and morality, the individual and the community, Civic studies and Cultural studies. The four pillars complement one another, using the lens of moral thinking and reasoning and building character. Underpinning the curriculum are the thinking, learning and communication skills relevant to the programme, which support development and progression through the 12 grades:

- Handling and understanding information – collating, synthesizing and managing information
- Thinking, solving problems and decision making – reasoning, predicting, hypothesizing and finding solutions
- Being creative – being curious, learning from mistakes, and developing new ideas and ways of thinking about the world
- Working with others – teamwork, leadership
- Managing oneself – working independently, self-motivation, setting own targets and goals, reflection and evaluation



-Curriculum Leader MOC subjects - Mukta Nair

Curriculum

United Arab Emirates Ministry of Education_ Grade 7

Topics / Skills Coverage

Autumn

- The Geography of East Asia
- Engineering And Civilization in Ancient China
- Culture Through Art in China in 1770
- Spreading Cultures in China and South East Asia
- Chinese Technology, Science and Medicine
- Korea's Renaissance

Spring

- The Geography of South Asia
- Ancient Civilization of South Asia
- Ancient India-Mauryan to Gupta Empire
- Arrival of Islamic Civilization in India and the Delhi Sultanate.
- Origins of Science in South Asia
- British In India
- Economy and Cities of South Asia
- Supplemental Lesson on National Heritage

Summer

- An Introduction to Central Asia
- Silk Road
- The Culture of Central Asia
- Kazakhstan
- Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan
- Russia, USSR, and the Cold War

Autumn

Skills:

- Demonstrate competency in gathering and evaluating source
- Critical reasoning,
- Analytical
- evaluating,
- comprehensive

Spring

Skills:

- Demonstrate competency in gathering and evaluating source
- Critical reasoning,
- Analytical
- evaluating,
- comprehensive

Summer

Skills:

- Demonstrate competency in gathering and evaluating source
- Critical reasoning,
- Analytical
- evaluating,
- comprehensive
- Locational knowledge
- Recognize landmarks

Homework

- Research work
- Project work
- Summary writing

Assessments

MCQs and Short answer Qs

Recommended Reading List

<https://universes.art/en/art-destinations/sharjah/archaeological-sites/jebel-faya-2>

<https://universes.art/en/art-destinations/sharjah/archaeological-sites/jebel-al-buhais>

Moral Education



Curriculum

The Moral Education Programme (MEP) covers four pillars of teaching and learning: Character and morality, The individual and the community, Civic studies and Cultural studies. The four pillars complement one another, using the lens of moral thinking and reasoning and building character (Table 1). Underpinning the curriculum are the thinking, learning and communication skills relevant to the programme, which support development and progression through the 12 grades:

- Handling and understanding information – collating, synthesising and managing information
- Thinking, solving problems and decision making – reasoning, predicting, hypothesising and finding solutions
- Being creative – being curious, learning from mistakes, and developing new ideas and ways of thinking about the world
- Working with others – teamwork, leadership
- Managing oneself – working independently, self-motivation, setting own targets and goals, reflection and evaluation.

Curriculum Leader MOE subjects – Mukta Nair

Topics / Skills Coverage

Autumn

- Unit 1
- 1. What is meant by duties & responsibilities?
2. Duties & responsibilities of parents towards their children.
3. Duties & responsibilities of sons and daughters.
4. Moral Rules
5. The Moral Imperative Rules Governing Behaviour

Spring

- Trade, Travel and Communications: the Uae is an Increasing Globalised and Interconnected World of Cultural Exchange (civic studies); Students understand globalisation and analyse its advantages and disadvantages in the global world.
- Human Needs (individual and community/ character and morality); Students learn to importance of basic needs, and value of human life. Students create a link between unmet needs and conflicts.

Summer

- Digital Challenges (individual and community): digital resources and site. privacy and electronic safety, electronic abuse.
- Digital Challenges (individual and community): smart selection of information and manipulation of individual and behaviour

Skills:-

- To work on the value based skills for personnel development.

Autumn

- Unit 2

1. Staying safe at Home and Outside
2. Responding to harmful situations
3. First Aid
4. Ways to protection against crimes
5. Thinking about Crime

Skills:-

- To work on the value based skills for personnel development..

Spring

Skills:-

- To work on the value based skills for personnel development.

Summer

Homework

Homework is set weekly for all students. Every other week homework will take the form of an online exercise (SAM learning) which is marked immediately and monitored by teachers. The type of written homework set is varied, and could take the form of an investigation, creation of a PowerPoint, creation of a bank of questions, though more often, homework will be designed to ensure that students have the opportunity to practice and consolidate the concepts developed in class. Homework is marked and graded, and students will be given feedback on what they need to do to improve their understanding of the topic.

Assessments

Assessment will take place at the end of term. Students are expected to have completed their task for that term. All students will have been given an opportunity to improve their skills during the lessons. Regular tasks will be provided to students. Students will need to perform during the lesson and it will be assessed. Individual, peer and group activity will all be a part of the student's assessment.

Physical Education



"I am delighted to be leading our fantastic Physical Education Department at Gems Westminster School RAK. Having been part of the WSR team for the last 9 years, I am passionate about ensuring every student at WSR has a positive experience of Physical Education. I am a firm believer in sport for all and want every student to develop their knowledge, skills and ability in a range of activities to enable them to go on and live a healthy lifestyle. Through competition and teamwork I believe students have a unique opportunity to learn strengths and weaknesses in themselves and others that they do not see in the classroom and thus supports development of the whole child.

We believe that sport and physical education is to be enjoyed and is valuable to all. Self-confidence, teamwork and a sense of achievement are qualities effortlessly transferable to other areas of our students' lives and all children are involved in sport at some level."

- Sujith Thankachan, Curriculum Leader - P.E.

Curriculum

"Physical Education is "to educate students through physical activities". It aims to develop the physical competence and knowledge of movement and safety, and their ability to use these to perform in a wide range of activities associated with the development of an active and healthy lifestyle. It also develops in students, both as individuals and in groups or teams, confidence and generic skills, especially those of collaboration, communication, creativity, critical thinking and aesthetic appreciation. These, together with the nurturing of positive values and attitudes in PE, are foundations for students' lifelong and life-wide learning to face the challenges of the 21st century.

Curriculum Aims:

PE aims to help students:

- To develop motor skills, acquire necessary knowledge through physical activities and cultivate positive values and attitudes for the development of an active and healthy lifestyle.
- To acquire good health, physical fitness and bodily coordination through participating regularly in physical activity.
- To promote desirable moral behaviours, cooperation in communal life, ability to make decisions, and the appreciation of aesthetic movement.
- To have basic competence and confidence to face different challenges.
- To create a passion for active recreation and sport.

Topics / Skills Coverage

Autumn

BOYS:

HEALTH, FITNESS TRAINING

Skills- components of fitness, Reason for fitness testing, Method of training

FOOTBALL

Skills- passing, trapping, shooting, dribbling, attacking, defending, goal keeping, scoring, Rules and regulations.

VOLLEYBALL

Skills- serving, passing, setting, spiking, blocking digging, scoring, rules and regulations.

Spring

ATHLETICS

Skills- speed, strength, endurance, flexibility and co-ordination(Sprint, middle distance, long distance, relay race, shotput high jump and long jump).

BASKETBALL

Skills- passing, dribbling, offense, defense, blocking, scoring, rules and regulations.

CRICKET

Skills-batting, bowling, catching, throwing, fielding, Wicket keeping, scoring, rules and regulations.

Summer

BADMINTON

Skills- Grip (forehand and back hand), serve, foot work, strokes, scoring, singles, doubles, points, rules and regulations

TABLE-TENNIS

Skills-serve, foot work, anticipation, Forehand/back hand, scoring, rules and regulations

SPORTS SCIENCE

Theory- Anatomy and physiology, Respiratory and circulatory system, Biomechanics.

Autumn

GIRLS:

HEALTH, FITNESS AND TRAINING

Skills- Components of fitness, Reason for fitness testing, Method of training

VOLLEYBALL

Skills- serving, passing, setting, spiking, blocking and digging, scoring, rules and regulations

BADMINTON

Skills- Grip (forehand and back hand), serve, foot work, strokes, scoring, singles, doubles, points, rules and regulations

Spring

ATHLETICS

Skills- speed, strength, endurance, flexibility and co-ordination(Sprint, middle distance, long distance, relay race, shotput high jump and long jump).

FOOTBALL

Skills- passing, trapping, shooting, dribbling. Attacking, defending, goal keeping, scoring, Rules and regulations.

HOCKEY

Skills-The Grip, receiving(trapping), Passing, Dribbling, Hitting, Tackling, Rules and regulations.

BASKETBALL

Skills- passing, dribbling, offense, defense, blocking, scoring, rules and regulations.

Summer

TABLE TENNIS

Skills-serve, foot work, anticipation, Fore hand/ Back hand, scoring, rules and regulations

SPORTS SCIENCE

Theory- Anatomy and physiology, Respiratory and circulatory system, Biomechanics.

Assessments

Assessment will take place at the end of the term. Students are expected to have completed their work for that term. All students will have been given an opportunity to improve their work during the lessons. Regular class work will be provided to students. Students will need to perform during the lesson and it will be assessed. Individual, peer and group activity will all be a part of the students Assessment.

Recommended Reading List

Sports articles and collections from school library for the game rules and regulations

www.teachpe.com

www.pecentral.org

www.pelinks4u.org

www.education.com

www.physicaleducationupdate.com

Art



"Dear Students,

A warm welcome from the Performing Arts department, the home of expressive arts in Fine Art, Digital Media Arts and Music. The PA team at WSR are highly experienced and passion driven educators. The team provide the tools for all our students to flourish and grow, which in turn enable all to succeed; as they journey toward becoming, not only creative citizens but, our future leaders.

Creative and expressive arts provide a platform to elevate every student in building confidence, enhance their creative skills output and a structured time to underpin a growth mind set approach; which fundamentally can accelerate students' academic study and levels of attainment.

- Temitope Olusayo, Curriculum Leader - Performing Arts.

Curriculum

Purpose of study

Art, craft and design embody some of the highest forms of human creativity. A high-quality art and design education should engage, inspire and challenge pupils, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to experiment invent and create their own works of art, craft and design. As pupils progress, they should be able to think critically and develop a more rigorous understanding of art and design. They should also know how art and design both reflect and shape our history, and contribute to the culture, creativity and wealth of our nation.

Aims:

The national curriculum for art and design aims to ensure that all pupils:

- Produce creative work, exploring their ideas and recording their experiences
- Become proficient in drawing, painting, sculpture and other art, craft and design techniques
- Evaluate and analyze creative works using the language of art, craft and design
- Know about great artists, craft makers and designers, and understand the historical and cultural development of their art forms.

Topics / Skills Coverage

Autumn

- Art
- Elements of arts
- Mandala
- Camouflage Painting
- Print making
- Constructions of old famous artists work
- Still life.

Skills:

- Understand
- Describe
- Observe
- Assembling
- Differentiate
- Drawing
- Designing applying the techniques
- Discuss
- Explain
- Understand
- Observe
- Compose
- Drawing
- Applying the techniques.

Spring

- Understanding of principles of design and its application.
- Painting techniques.
- Architecture and perspective
- Drawing of human figure/facial features
- Pop art
- Lino printing,

Skills:

- Judge
- Value
- Understanding,
- Observing
- Distinguish
- Composing
- Drawing
- Application of the techniques,
- Organize
- Relate
- Interpret.

Summer

- Line drawing
- Portrait pattern
- Pencil drawing (junk food advertisement).
- Macro packaging painting,
- Color wheel
- Recycling
- Monocolor paintings.

Skills:

- Implement
- Sketch
- Distinguish
- Understanding
- Observe
- Compose
- Drawing
- Applying the techniques.
- Execute
- Use
- Solve
- Observe
- Examine.

Homework

Homework is set weekly for all students. Every week homework will be designed to ensure that students have the opportunity to practice and consolidate the concepts developed in class. Homework is marked and graded, and students will be given feedback on what they need to do to improve their understanding of the topic.

Assessments

Assessments determine the success of art education and teaching method.

- Performance (drawing/painting)-based Assessments (classwork-homework).
- Standards-based Assessments (online – plickers/kahoot/Sam Learning/Mentimeter).
- Rubrics.

Recommended Reading List

- Elements of arts
- Principles of designs
- Color theory
- Color wheel
- Realistic and abstract art
- Famous artist Van Gogh/Leonardo da Vinci/Claude Monet
- Perspective drawing

Recommended Web:

http://papers.aast.edu/staffcourses/55_70645_NE465_2015_1_1_2_1_lecture%20I.pdf

<http://www2.oberlin.edu/amam/asia/sculpture/documents/vocabulary.pdf>

<https://www.nthurston.k12.wa.us/cms/lib/WA01001371/Centricity/Domain/2991/Elements%20of%20Art.pdf>

<https://www.anderson5.net/cms/lib02/SC01001931/Centricity/Domain/2143/Elements%20of%20Art%20and%20Principles%20of%20Design.pdf>

https://www.getty.edu/education/teachers/building_lessons/principles_design.pdf

<https://www.youtube.com/c/SaimaHaq-Art-Facilitator>

Music



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Curriculum

Music is a universal language that embodies one of the highest forms of creativity. A high quality music education should engage and inspire pupils to develop a love of music and their talent as musicians, and so increase their self-confidence, creativity and a sense of achievement. As pupils progress, they should develop a critical engagement with music, allowing them to compose, and to listen with discrimination to the best in the musical canon.

Music curriculum aims to ensure that all pupils:

- Perform, listen to, review and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions, including the works of the great composers and musicians
- Learn to sing and to use their voices, to create and compose music on their own and with others, have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument, use technology appropriately and have the opportunity to progress to the next level of musical excellence
- Understand and explore how music is created, produced and communicated, including through the inter-related dimensions: pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure and appropriate musical notations.

Topics / Skills Coverage

Autumn

Identify and use the inter-related dimensions of music expressively and with increasing sophistication, including use of tonalities, different types of scales and other musical devices

Spring

Listen with increasing discrimination to a wide range of music from great composers and musicians.

Summer

Develop a deepening understanding of the music that they perform and to which they listen, and its history.

Subject Content

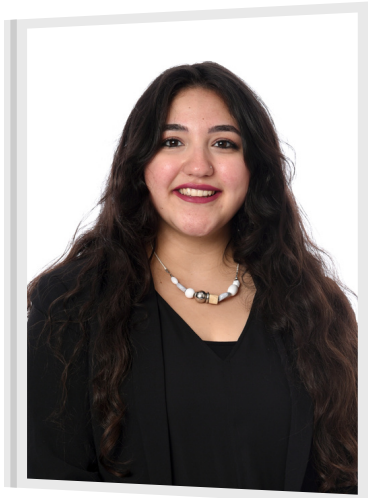
Pupils should build on their previous knowledge and skills through performing, composing and listening. They should develop their vocal and/or instrumental fluency, accuracy and expressiveness; and understand musical structures, styles, genres and traditions, identifying the expressive use of musical dimensions. They should listen with increasing discrimination and awareness to inform their practice as musicians. They should use technologies appropriately and appreciate and understand a wide range of musical contexts and styles.

Assessments

All pupils will work at a pace that is suitable to them to ensure everyone makes the maximum amount of progress during the year. Pupils have regular skill based assessments throughout the year and an end of year examination to monitor attainment and progress.

Progress is assessed by continuous teacher assessment plus a formal test at the end of each unit. These assessments provide evidence for student tracking and movement between ability groups. Summative assessments take place at the end of the term.

French



"Learning another language is not only learning different words for the same things but learning another way to think about things."

Dear students welcome to the French department! My name is Ms. Nourhane and I am passionate about languages, cultures, and civilisations. That's why I learned to speak 4 languages, so I can communicate with people from different backgrounds, and cultures.

In today's world, speaking one foreign language is not enough. Learning another language enriches the mind and opens up new horizons, both personal and professional. In the French department, we are focusing on developing the ability to use the language effectively for purposes of practical communication, offering insights into the culture and civilisation of the countries where the language is spoken, providing enjoyment and intellectual stimulation, and complementing other areas of study by encouraging skills of a more general application.

We looking forward to starting this French adventure with you!

- Nourhane Ausman, Curriculum Leader - French.



Curriculum

The French department, in keeping with the whole school ethos of embracing higher performance learning, aims to create and develop enthusiastic and independent learners. We are committed to establishing a learning environment that encourages students to feel confident about taking risks and developing informed opinions about the world around them. Ultimately, we want our students to have a love of languages and aim to achieve this by nurturing a linguistic curiosity and an intrinsic motivation to explore and respect other cultures and people.

Our curriculum aims to enable students to develop:

- Understanding and use of written forms of the French language, in a range of familiar and practical contexts, and for a variety of purposes
 - Understanding and use of the spoken forms of French, in a range of familiar and practical contexts, and for a variety of purposes
 - The ability to communicate effectively in French through the written word, using a range of vocabulary and structures
 - The ability to communicate effectively in the French language through speaking, using a range of vocabulary and structures
 - A knowledge and understanding of the French language grammar and its practical application
 - A knowledge and understanding of countries and communities where the French language is spoken
 - Positive attitudes towards modern foreign language learning
 - A suitable foundation for further study of French, or another language.

Topics / Skills Coverage

Autumn

Module 1 "T'es branché(e)?"
Unit 1: La télé
Unit 2: J'ai une passion pour le cinéma
Unit 3: La lecture
Unit 4 : Que fais-tu quand tu es connecté (e) ?

Spring

Module 2 "Paris, je t'adore!"
Unit 1: Paris touristique
Unit 2: Les jeunes Parisiens
Unit 3: Ça, c'est la question!

Summer

Module 2 "Paris, je t'adore!"
Unit 4: C'était comment?
Module 3 "Mon identité"
Unit 1: Mon caractère
Unit 2: Ma bande de copains
Unit 4: Mon style

Homework

Homework is set weekly for all students. Every week homework will be designed to ensure that students have the opportunity to practice and consolidate the concepts developed in class. Homework is marked and graded, and students will be given feedback on what they need to do to improve their understanding of the topic.

Assessments

The measurement of student learning through assessment is important because it provides useful feedback to both instructors and students about the extent to which students are successfully meeting course-learning objectives. Students have regular topic based assessments throughout the year and summative assessment at the end of the year to monitor attainment and progress.



External Assessments - CAT4

The Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT4) is an assessment that is designed to help students and their teachers understand how they learn and what their academic potential might be. It assesses how students think in areas that are known to make a difference to learning. This is conducted in the beginning of the year.

CAT4 is designed to give schools a much broader, more rounded view of each child, their potential and how they learn. Results help teachers decide about the pace of learning that is right for a student and whether additional support or challenge is needed.

Tasks involve thinking about shapes and patterns (Non-Verbal Reasoning), words (Verbal Reasoning), numbers (Quantitative Reasoning) and some questions are answered by mentally generating and transforming visual images (Spatial Ability).

Progress tests

Measuring attainment in English, maths and science, these assessments can be used at the end of the year to measure progress, and then year-on-year. Reports are set against national averages so you can reliably compare your results with those of schools across the country. This helps to

- Assesses pupils' knowledge, understanding and application in the core subjects
- Tracks progress at individual and cohort level
- Indicates possible gaps in learning
- Standardised on over 100,000 students, with benchmarks verified each year based on analysis of over half a million pupils.