



YEAR 7 FOCUS INFORMATION

In Year 7, the curriculum is highly ambitious and promotes the development of pupils academically and personally through the advancement of their knowledge, underpinned by our Catholic values. Curriculum design ensures that powerful knowledge is embedded and this empowers our young people to participate fully in society. The curriculum is carefully designed and sequenced to continue pupil understanding from primary school and access challenging knowledge from the outset. Please see below for the outline of Autumn Term's curriculum plan for individual subjects.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Creation and Covenant:

- The Creation Story
- God, creation and humans
- Catholic Social Teaching: Stewardship and Laudato Si
- Global and Fair Trade (CAFOD)

Prophecy and Promise:

- The authorship of the Bible
- The Magisterium
- How Catholics use the Bible in worship
- Mass
- The importance of the art of the Ethiopian Illuminated Garima and Amhara Gospels

ENGLISH

- Heroes, Myths and Legends – Ovid, The Odyssey, Beowulf
- A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare
- Analytical essay writing skills – analysing character

MATHEMATICS

- Number sense and calculations
- Expressions and equations
- Measures

SCIENCE

- Cell Biology
- Matter
- Energy Transfers

ART

Self Portrait Project

- The Formal Elements of Art
- Leonardo Da Vinci – anatomical drawings and proportion
- Proportions of the face
- Self-portrait
- Colour theory and symbolism
- Pablo Picasso (Blue Period)
- Edvard Munch (Expressionism)

COMPUTING

- Introduction to the school network
- Microsoft office skills
- E-safety
- Computational thinking
- Algorithmic thinking

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

STEM Race to the Line – CO₂ Powered Car Challenge:

- STEM introduction and forces
- Kit and team roles
- 2D CAD
- 3D modelling
- Final design and materials
- Manufacture
- Testing and modifying
- Programming timing gate
- Final testing
- Race and reflect

Design Funky Forms:

- Art Movements: Memphis, Bauhaus, and Art Deco
- Design ideas using geometric shapes
- Card modelling techniques
- Construction of 3D models
- 3D drawing

Food:

- Food safety and hygiene
- The 4Cs
- Safe food handling



Serve



Pray



Achieve



Respect

- Cleaning techniques
- Cooking and nutrition – Fruit salad
- Eatwell plate – Food groups
- Healthy eating and healthy snacks
- Pizza project – Ingredients, sensory analysis, and taste testing
- Diagram of the senses
- Where our food comes from – Grown, reared, caught
- Cress growing project
- Pasta salad – Cooking, flavour, and presentation
- Food labelling
- Brownie baking – Measuring, mixing, and oven safety

Textiles and Materials

Lantern:

- Materials, cotton and plywood
- Research into African patterns
- Batik
- Painting and setting designs
- Lantern construction
- LED soldering
- Finishing touches and evaluation

This subject is delivered on a rotational basis, therefore pupils will study one of the above disciplines during the Autumn Term.

DRAMA

- Basic Drama Elements
- Teambuilding
- Physical Skills
- Storytelling
- Roleplay
- Characterisation
- The study of Martin Luther King and Black History Month

GEOGRAPHY

- Map distance
- Map relief
- Grid references
- Tourism issues
- Sustainable tourism



Serve



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Achieve



Respect

HISTORY

Who were the Romans and in what ways did they change the British Isles?

- The origins of Rome and the Romans
- The changing government of Rome
- Entertainment
- The growth of the Roman Empire
- Differing experiences of life in the Roman Empire
- Roman invasion of the British Isles
- The impact of the Roman invasion

MODERN LANGUAGES

- Greetings
- Alphabet
- Numbers and age
- Family
- Pets, numbers and colours
- Day of the Dead
- Stationary
- Personality
- Physical descriptions self and others
- Verb 'to have'

MUSIC

- Elements of Music
- Rhythm
- Musical notation
- Metre
- Time signatures
- The Piano Keyboard
- The Treble Clef

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Boys:

- Football
- Gymnastics and Dance
- Team Building
- Table Tennis

Girls:

- Netball
- Dance
- Gymnastics
- Football

Throughout all sports, pupils will develop three character strands to become, and have:

1. Highly Skilful
2. Effective Thinkers
3. Empowered Character

PSHCE

- Managing transition
- Friendship
- Oral and dental health
- Puberty and emotions
- Personal hygiene

UPCOMING DATES



- **Y7 Review Days** - 2nd-6th November
- **Big Tests** - 11th-15th January 2027
- **Parents' Evening** - 29th April 2027