

ENGLISH

Subject	Head of Department
English	Ms C. Coe
Students will be assessed for writing, reading and speaking & listening.	
Students will participate in a writing workshop once a fortnight, which will focus on vocabulary	
acquisition, creative writing skills, and Accelerated Reader progress.	
The units of work are:	
Stories of Literature (including The Epic of Gilg	amesh, Beowulf and The Canterbury Tales)
Introduction to Shakespeare (Othello)	
Introduction to the Gothic	
Modern Drama (<i>Journey's End</i>)	
21st Century British Fiction (Boys Don't Cry)	
Recommended additional reading materials:	
Read as much as possible. This could include n	on-fiction texts, such as newspapers, as well as
fiction. We recommend your student begins by finding non-fiction they are interested in, e.g.	
the Guardian's football section on their website, games journalism. Reading and developing	
vocabulary acquisition will be important for all subjects, not just English.	
Additional subject support available:	
Check the WCGS Learning Drive on Google. Students are also advised to reread texts studied in	
class, as this will help with knowledge retention and understanding of whole texts.	

MATHS

Subject	Head of Department
Maths	Miss G. Bird

The Year 7 and 8 Scheme of Work covers the National Curriculum for Key Stage 3 within two years. The end of year tests include SATS-style questions and questions which form a good transition to the new GCSE 9-1 grades.

The department pioneers an investigative and problem-solving approach to the study of mathematics, aiming to inspire and support students to develop mathematical confidence, initiative and creativity.

We will be monitoring student progress using the new GCSE 9-1 grades.

Year 7 Scheme of Work main contents:

Number: Decimals, fractions, percentages, properties of whole numbers, factors, indices, negative numbers, BIDMAS, Proportion, Prime factor form, squares, cubes and higher powers, fractional arithmetic, written calculations, rounding.

Algebra: Sequences, rules of algebra, straight line graphs, forming and solving linear equations, substituting in values, sequences and the nth term, formulas and expressions.

Geometry: Area and perimeter, metric and imperial units, angles, transformations, symmetry, constructing triangles, area and perimeter of circles, compound shapes; angles in triangles and geometrical reasoning, area of parallelograms and trapezia, volume of prisms.

Statistics: Averages and range, probability, displaying data, data handling, averages, measures of spread, frequency tables, stem & leaf diagrams, scatter graphs, and writing statistical investigations.

Course text books

Students will be provided with the following textbooks:

Essential Maths 7H, 8H and 9H textbooks by David Rayner, Elmwood Press.

7H ISBN 9781902214733: <u>http://astore.amazon.co.uk/wallcoungrams-21/detail/1902214730</u> 8H ISBN 9781902214764: <u>http://astore.amazon.co.uk/wallcoungrams-21/detail/1902214765</u> 9H ISBN 9781902214795: <u>http://astore.amazon.co.uk/wallcoungrams-21/detail/1902214798</u>

Recommended additional reading materials

The school subscribes to, and makes extensive use of <u>www.mymaths.co.uk</u> and

<u>www.drfrostmaths.com</u>. Students should ask their teachers for their individual logins to these websites.

To stretch themselves, students should explore the problems & puzzles at <u>www.nrich.maths.org</u> All students take the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge in April. Information and resources for this competition can be found here:

http://www.ukmt.org.uk/individual-competitions/junior-challenge/

Additional subject support available

All students are welcome to see teachers at any time if they need help, so long as the teacher is not busy. They may ask any maths teacher for help or advice, not just their own teacher. They may also ask a Sixth Former to help them.

There is a lot of information on the course, including previous SATS papers, on the Maths pages of the school's Google Learning Drive.

Additional information

Students need to bring to every Maths lesson the following essential equipment: their own scientific calculator (marked/engraved with the student's name), protractor, ruler and compass.

The calculator that we recommend that will take students all the way through from Key Stage 3 to A Level, is the 'Casio FX-991EX ClassWiz Advanced Scientific Calculator' (this will be available to buy through Parent Pay).

BIOLOGY

Subject	Subject Leader
Biology	Mr Smith
Introduction	

In KS3 Biology students undertake a course of study that teaches skills and knowledge in an exciting and interesting way to promote discovery and exploration. Themed units set the scientific content in relevant contexts, which brings Biology to life!

Assessment

Students undertake tasks based on the units of study. These tasks can be projects, investigations or foundation level GCSE questions, but all of them allow students to see exactly what they need to do to achieve the grade they are aiming for and to chart their progress and areas for improvement against a structured success criteria.

Units

Communicating as a Scientist - How do we communicate as scientists?
Cells & Organisation - What are organisms made of?
Human Reproduction - What organelles are involved in human reproduction?
Digestion - How do humans digest their food?
Movement - Investigating locomotion in humans- how do we move?
Variation - How do organisms differ within and between species?
Ecosystems & Interdependence - How are animals adapted to their environment? A visit to London Zoo!

Individual Investigative skills Assignment (IISA): How do scientists carry out investigations?

CHEMISTRY

Subject	Subject Leader
Chemistry	Mr D. Cole

Introduction

In Year 7 we start to prepare students for their GCSE course by developing their practical skills and fundamental chemistry knowledge. This will give them an excellent grounding for key stage 4 and provide them with an understanding of the world around them.

Assessment

Assessments will be based on foundation level GCSE questions on the topics covered.

Students will study the following topics:

Safety in the Lab: Students start by learning how to be safe scientists in the lab.

The Bunsen Burner: How to use a Bunsen burner effectively and safely.

Elements, Compounds and Mixtures: an introduction to the particle model and the way that particles interact with each other. We look at the different states of matter and the movement of the particles in these different states.

Separating Substances: the students learn various experimental techniques for separating substances, linking together the practical and theoretical elements of Chemistry.

Types of Chemical reaction: the students are introduced to all the different kinds of chemical reactions that they will come across over key stage 3 and 4.

Acids and Alkalis: the students learn about what acids and alkalis are, and how they behave.

Subject	Subject Leader	
Physics	Mr J. Croft	
Introduction At Key Stage 3, students study fundamental concepts of Physics in preparation for		
their GCSE course. There is a focus on developing pupils' practical skills.		
Assessment In Year 7 students are assessed to	pic by topic throughout the year using written	
exams.		
Students will study the following topics:		
Forces & Motion		
Energy		
Space		
Additional Resources		
Physics for you textbook (any edition)		
CGP Key Stage 3 Physics Higher level Study & Question book (ISBN 978 1 98294 112 5)		
CGP Key Stage 3 Physics Higher level The Work	book (ISBN 978 1 84146 439 8)	

FRENCH

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SPANISH

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Spanish	Mrs A. Gabriele (Faculty Leader of MFL)	
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the start of their language learning experience.		
GEOGRAPHY		
Subject	Subject Leader	
Geography	Mrs N Evans	

KS3 Geography

The study of Geography at WCGS involves exploring a wide range of topics and learning a broad range of new skills to become an expert Geographer throughout your time as a student here. In Year 7 you will learn about many different places, cultures, processes and interactions.

Geographers will also have the opportunity to develop their skills in ICT, GIS, map reading, data presentation, analysis and evaluation.

We recommend that all students have access to an atlas to support their independent work.

Assessment

Assessment in Geography takes many different forms e.g. decision making tasks, multiple choice and longer answer tests, all of which are explained thoroughly and give students the opportunity to show originality and creativity whilst practicing essential written skills.

Topics of Study

Coasts Map skills

Subject	Subject Leader
History	Dr K. Meek
 why events happen and what effects they have over time and what the significance of events a We learn skills of analysis and evaluation. We learn build robust historical arguments. We learn how skilful use of reason and evidence. We also lead opinions and formulate judgements. In Year 7 from 1066-1750. We learn about: The invaders and invasions of early Br and Normans; The development of power and conflic specifically at competition between: t the King and his people; and conflict & Life in the Middle Ages and in the Earl time 	ritain, including the Romans, Anglo-Saxons, Vikings fect in Medieval and Early Modern Britain, looking the King and the Church; the King and his Barons; between nations and religions. ly Modern Britain, and how this changed over
 Some of the great events that affected the Great Fire of 1666. 	d people in London itself, including the Plague and
or source-based tasks. In class, there will be a s	alk through their ideas and debate. We also seek o-thinking questions, and additional reading essments will regularly be peer- and ne with the whole-school approach to

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Subject	Subject Leader	
Religious Studies	Mr A Philippou	
Identity		
What gives us our identity? How are shared	identities helpful? How can they be dangerous, and	
how can we manage these risks?		
Hinduism		
Are you more than just your physical body? Should we follow a plan for our lives? Can humans		
understand and experience the divine?		
Ultimate Questions		
Why is there something rather than nothing	g? Does the world show it had a designer? Where do	
our moral principles, religious experiences of	or miracles come from? Why would a loving God	
allow evil and suffering?		
Spirited Arts		
How can art be used to explore questions w	here logic struggles?	

LATIN

Subject	Subject Leader
Latin	Ms Z. Boland

In Year 7 students will begin their study of Latin using the Cambridge Latin Course (book 1). They will be introduced to the fundamentals of the language by means of stories set in Roman Pompeii. They will begin to understand the intricacies of Latin language and grammar, develop confidence in reading and understanding the language, and form an appreciation of Roman civilisation and culture.

Verbs

1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th conjugation (eg. porto, doceo, traho, audio) Present, imperfect, and perfect tense

Nouns

1st, 2nd, and 3rd declension (puella, servus, mercator, leo) Nominative, accusative, and dative case

Vocabulary All words from stage 1-12 vocabulary lists

Culture and Civilisation

Topics include: public and domestic architecture, trade and the economy, theatre, social hierarchy, gladiatorial games, Roman baths, rhetoric and politics, Pompey and the eruption of Vesuvius.

Textbooks

Cambridge Latin Course: Book 1 (Provided in hard copy by Ms Boland and also available online)

CLASSICS

Subject	Subject Leader
Classics	Ms Z. Boland

Each student in Year 7 will have a fortnightly Classics lesson with our headmaster, Mr. Bean. The aim of this programme is to introduce pupils to the foundational myths of Western culture, which they will encounter time and again in all humanities subjects. The emphasis is on a close reading of ancient sources on a new theme each lesson.

Topics

Topics include: the roles of the gods, creation myths, the underworld, the relationship between gods and mortals, mythology and architecture, and heroism.

Textbooks

Greek Mythology Source Pack (Provided by Mr Bean)

MUSIC

Subject	Subject Leader
Music	Mrs J. Martin

Introduction

In Year 7 students develop performance, composition, listening and notation skills through study of a variety of styles of music. Most lessons feature a high proportion of practical work with a particular emphasis on keyboard skills as these help students access all the other areas of the subject more readily and in a more meaningful way.

Assessment

Their work is assessed and levelled either weekly or at the end of the unit. The assessed work can be performances, compositions or occasionally written research tasks or evaluations. Students are given booklets that show them what they need to learn to achieve each level. We also inform them of what level they should be aiming for in each project. During the exam week students will do a short listening exam that is based on the topics learned during the year.

Units

Rhythm – Students learn how to read, write and perform rhythms.

Keyboard skills – Students learn the basic technique of how to play the keyboard and read music notation

Western Classical Music – Students learn about three famous classical composers and also how to play one piece in this style on the keyboard. Students will also develop ensemble skills in this unit.

Melody Composition – Students learn how to compose their own melodies using computer software called *Sibelius*.

Vocal Music – Students learn about different styles of singing, and the history of vocal music, covering opera and musical theatre.

On top of the curriculum we also offer music clubs, for example a music technology club, choir and instrumental group. We are also offering 1-to-1 instrumental lessons, please email <u>imartin129.319@wcgs.foliotrust.uk</u> if you are interested. We also have annual concerts and House Music events which we encourage everyone to take part in.

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Subject	Subject Leader
Computer Science	Mr J Barwick
Introduction	
In Year 7, students are introduced to Computer	r Science and programming. They will develop
their basic understanding of the structure of co	oding and learn how to construct a program in
different languages.	
Assessment	
Their work is assessed at the end of the unit. T	he assessed work can be a practical assessment
based on the student's coding skills, a written a	assessment on theoretical understanding or
occasionally research tasks or evaluations.	
Units	
Flowgorithm	
The core programming constructs and algorith	ms using Flowgorithm
Cyber Security	
	he vulnerability of a computer system and what
can be put in place to help	
BBC MIcrobits Word Processor	
The core programming constructs and program	iming skills in Java
Word Processor	
Learn functional skills using Google Docs	
Learn functional skins using Google Docs	
Code.org	
The core programming constructs and programming skills in Python	
The core programming constructs and programming skins in Fythom	
Spreadsheets and Mail merge	
Learn functional skills using Google Sheets	
ART	

Subject	Subject Leader
Art	Ms L Musselbrook
Curriculum	
Pupils are taught for one hour each week and are given homework tasks normally once a	
fortnight unless the pupils are asked to bring in resources or research information.	
Introduction	
When pupils start Art & Design in year 7 they are given an art journal to record some classwork	
and most of their homework. Pupils are encouraged to purchase an art pack with a range of	
equipment – drawing pencils, quality coloured pencils, fine line pens, watercolour paints,	
brushes, pastels – to enable them to make more progress and produce quality homework.	

Course Content

Autumn Term - 'Modern Narratives' – Key Techniques: Observational drawing / Research / Graphic Design / Photography / Collage

Spring Term – 'Portraiture' – Key Techniques: Drawing / Painting / Photography / Digital Summer Term – 'Masks' - Key Techniques: Collage / Painting / Printmaking / Digital

Assessment

Pupils are assessed for key tasks over the course of a project. Typically these will take place three times a term and will concentrate on one or more of the key skill areas: Artists / Experiment / Record / Outcome - these are the same skills that will be assessed at GCSE and A Level.

Extension

We encourage personal visits to galleries/museums and places of interest to inspire our pupils and extend their knowledge and appreciation of the many aspects of art, craft and design. The following London galleries are suggested:- Tate Modern, Tate Britain, National Gallery & National Portrait gallery, British Museum, Royal Academy of Art and the Victoria & Albert museum. These institutions also have excellent digital resources.

DRAMA

Subject	Subject Leader
Drama	Mr P. Grace
 the history of world theatre, including the world of dramatic skills, including: working individually and collaboratively work, which maintains the attention of extending their spoken repertoire by exdramatic contexts; using explorative strategies to discover reflecting on and evaluating their own p exploring and developing ideas, issues a developing the dramatic skills that enable 	perimenting with language in different roles and more about a variety of situations and texts; presentations and the work of others; and relationships through work in role; ble them to create and sustain a variety of roles; eir initial response to a task and encourage
World Theatre	
Pantomime	
Puppetry A Midsummer Night's Droom	

• A Midsummer Night's Dream

- Greek Theatre
- Designing for Theatre
- Lord of the Flies (Written exam)

Lessons are designed to encourage students to develop specific performance skills, including vocal clarity and effective movement. We endeavour to embed skills that build the emotional intelligence of our students such as resilience, self-management, team-working and creative thinking.

Year 7 students are strongly encouraged to join a Drama club and to participate in House Drama each year. They will also take part in a whole-day "Play in a Day" challenge which requires them, working in their House teams, to devise, rehearse and perform a short play to an invited audience at the end of the day. WCGS also provides the opportunity for students to participate in LAMDA sessions, run by an external LAMDA teacher.

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Subject	Subject Leader
Food Technology	Mrs D. Mason-Mullings

Introduction

Pupils are taught for one hour each fortnight. Pupils will learn a variety of cooking skills and techniques in addition to understanding the principles of healthy eating, food safety and hygiene, product analysis, sustainability and organic foods. Pupils will take part in a practical lesson on a monthly basis (every other fortnight) and will be called upon to use the techniques and skills they have learned previously. Pupils will be encouraged to source their own ingredients for practical lessons and to seek innovative ways of adapting the standard recipe they will be given.

Assessment

Pupils will not be tested formally in Year 7, however, they are regularly assessed on class work (including practical tasks) and homework. At the start of the academic year, pupils are given a target level to aim towards and are encouraged to improve and develop aspects of their work during the year.

Assessments include self- assessment, peer assessment and class assessment which will allow pupils to assess what they need to do to achieve their target level.

Topics and skills

Topics covered include:

- Health & Safety
- Healthy Eating
- Sensory analysis
- Foods from different countries and cultures
- Organic farming and foods
- Sustainable foods
- Food Miles
- Fair Trade foods
- Function of Ingredients

A range of cooking techniques and methods will be taught, including:

• becoming familiar with the cooking area;

- learning the safe use of a knife;
- using basic kitchen equipment;
- using the cooker safely (grill, hob, oven);
- preparing a range of fresh ingredients, e.g. peeling, grating;
- weighing and measuring ingredients.

WELLBEING

Subjec	t	Subject Leader	
Wellbe		Ms Adams	
HEALT	H AND WELLBEING		
1.	1. how to manage transition		
2.	2. how to maintain physical, mental and emotional health and wellbeing;		
3.	8. how to make informed choices about health and wellbeing matters including drugs,		
	alcohol and tobacco; maintaining a balanced diet; physical activity		
	mental and emotional health and wellbeing.		
	5. how to assess and manage risks to health; and to keep themselves and others safe		
	how to identify and access help, advi		
	7. how to respond in an emergency, including administering first aid		
	the role and influence of the media of	on lifestyle	
	IONSHIPS		
1.	1. how to develop and maintain a variety of healthy relationships within a range of		
	social/cultural contexts and to develop parenting skills		
	2. how to recognise and manage emotions within a range of relationships		
3.	3. how to deal with risky or negative relationships including all forms of bullying (including		
		ne bullying) and abuse and other violence and online	
	encounters	vietu of contouto	
	about the concept of consent in a var about managing loss including berea		
	to respect equality and be a producti	· ·	
7.	how to identify and access appropria		
	6 IN THE WIDER WORLD		
-	1. our rights and responsibilities as members of diverse communities, as active citizens and		
	participants in the local and national		
2.	how to make informed choices and b	•	
		working and leadership skills and develop flexibility	
_	and resilience		
4.	about the economic and business en	vironment	
5.	how personal financial choices can af	ffect oneself and others and about rights and	
	responsibilities as consumers		
Assess	ment:		
There is no final exam or qualification achieved. The aim of the Wellbeing curriculum is to work			
alongside the academic subjects supporting the Wellbeing of students to enable them to achieve			
their best. Wellbeing provides a platform for students to air concerns and discuss the issues			
	affecting them, in a safe and supportive environment. Assessment in Wellbeing is informal,		
based	based on the level of understanding of the following key concepts:		

Personal Wellbeing: 1.1 Personal identity; 1.2 Healthy Lifestyles; 1.3 Risk; 1.4 Relationships; 1.5 Diversity

Economic Wellbeing: 1.1 Career; 1.2 Capability; 1.3 Risk; 1.4 Economic Understanding

P.E.

Subject	Subject Leader
P.E.	Mr D. Johnson
The programme of study is as follows:	
Term 1 - Rugby skills and Basketball	
Term 2 – Table Tennis and Gymnastics	
Term 3 - Athletics, Cricket, Rounders and Softball	
In September two lessons are spent doing fitness and skills tests - Sit ups (Muscular Endurance);	
Standing Broad jump (Power); Alternate ball toss (Coordination); T-Test (agility); 20m Sprint	
(speed); the 12 minute Cooper run (cardiovascular endurance); Basketball throw test; Football	
dribble test and a rugby passing test.	

These tests are completed yearly to track progress and improvement in fitness levels.

GAMES

Subject	Subject Leader
Games	Mr D. Johnson
The programme of study is as follows:	
Term 1 - Rugby	
Term 2 - Rugby / Football / Badminton / Table Tennis	
Summer Term - Athletics / Cricket / Rounders / Softball / Tennis / Basketball / Volleyball / Table	
Tennis	
There are several house events during the year - Rugby, Football, Table Tennis, Sports Day and	
Cricket as well as House cross country.	
Yr7 also compete in the Assault course during games to try and win the Manor Trophy.	
There are also a number of extra-curricular c	lubs run outside of PE and games lessons

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Subject	Head of Department
Design & Technology	Mr S. Weston
We believe that Design Technology should be a to encourage pupils to foster an independent a work, thus raising their self-esteem, self-discip technology on their lives. Learning:	

- To develop creativity using a range of communication and making skills that are central to designing and making.
- To be able to tackle increasingly complex tasks, where a proper balance is maintained between open ended capability tasks and structured resource tasks, working individually and collaboratively.
- To foster learning that is guided by discovery. Pupils will be encouraged to research, experiment and find things out for themselves bearing in mind safety requirements at all times.
- As the pupils progress through the school they should be given more and more freedom to express themselves. In the senior school the pupils should be able to clearly identify a need for their product, i.e. identify their own problems, develop ideas, and independently produce a solution.

Teaching:

- To deliver Design and Technology in the National Curriculum for KS3 and KS4 pupils and to help each pupil to achieve as high a level as possible at each key stage.
- To foster awareness, understanding, and expertise in areas of creative thinking, that can be expressed and developed through Designing and Making.
- To promote an autonomous approach through the development of enquiry, initiative, resourcefulness, discrimination and application.
- To teach pupils to recognise and practice the necessary safety requirements when involved in all D&T activities.
- To provide an enjoyable experience up to the end of KS4, that encourages pupils to develop and continue their Design and Technology studies through to AS and A2 levels.
- To provide effective and efficient teaching to cover the wealth of knowledge and educational experience in a five year course.
- To make available to all students, over a Key Stage, the full range of contexts and materials described in the National Curriculum.

Assessment:

Pupils will follow the iterative Process of Designing to design & make quality products:

