

Dear Parents and carers,

We thought it would be useful for you to be able to see the topics being covered in each curriculum area in school.

If you have any questions regarding a particular subject, please direct them to the relevant Head of Faculty in the first instance (email addresses below).

Subject	Focus	Core Materials	Useful Websites
English	<p>How do stories have the power to terrify or heal us?</p> <p>Prose fiction - exploring how writers use imaginative methods to help readers understand reality in Coraline or A Monster Calls</p>	<p>Students must bring their exercise book and reading book of choice to every lesson. Home learning will be set on Teams. Key Challenge assessments happen every 2 – 3 weeks and are kept in progress folders.</p>	<p>Seneca Learning (accessed through Hampstead.RMUnify.com)</p>
Mathematics	<p>Area and circumference of circle</p> <p>Standard form</p> <p>Venn diagrams</p> <p>3D shapes</p>	<p>Classwork book, homework book.</p> <p>Must bring a scientific calculator (available via ParentPay) and other equipment to every lesson.</p> <p>Home learning set every Wednesday on Sparx Maths.</p> <p>Independent learning to be done on Sparx Maths as well.</p>	<p>https://www.sparxmaths.uk/</p> <p>https://sparxmathscurriculum.com/overview</p> <p>https://corbettmaths.com/</p>
Science	<p>Continue Rotation 3: Genetics*, Materials*, Waves*</p> <p>British Science Week Celebrations</p>	<p>All students have an exercise book to bring to each lesson. There will also be homework assignments set on Microsoft Teams using Microsoft Forms and Seneca Learning.</p> <p>Useful KS3 revision guides available from CGP</p>	<p>Seneca Learning (accessed through Hampstead.RMUnify.com)</p> <p>BBC Bitesize: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zng4d2p</p>
Drama	<p>Comedy: How do we create and effective piece of comedy?</p> <p>Students spend this half term exploring Commedia Dell'Arte, focusing on how to create physical and exaggerated comedy.</p>	<p>Practical tasks completed every lesson. One written assessment completed in class. Home learning set on teams.</p>	<p>GCSE Drama - Edexcel - BBC Bitesize</p>
Geography	<p>Forests</p>	<p>Exercise book; Homework set on Microsoft Teams</p>	<p>Seneca Learning (accessed through Hampstead.RMUnify.com)</p> <p>BBC Bitesize: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zrw76sg</p>
History	<p>The Slave Trade</p>	<p>Exercise book; One knowledge organiser per topic; Homework set on Microsoft Teams</p>	<p>Seneca Learning (accessed through Hampstead.RMUnify.com)</p> <p>BBC Bitesize: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zk26n39</p>

Music	Students study music written for Video Games from early soundtracks through the development of technology to now. Students create their own soundtrack for a Video Game.	Booklet, one written and one practical assessment	BBC Bitesize: KS3 Music - BBC Bitesize
French	Talking about clothes and give opinions on styles. Discussing sustainability and recycling/reusing garments. Talk about the weather and what you wear on different occasions. Using different tenses	Exercise book; one knowledge organiser at the start of each term Homework set on Microsoft Teams	www.linguascope.com - Login details provided by class teacher Seneca Learning (accessed through Hampstead.RMUnify.com)
Spanish	Talking about clothes and give opinions on styles. Discussing sustainability and recycling/reusing garments. Talk about the weather and what you wear on different occasions. Using different tenses	Exercise book; one knowledge organiser at the start of each term Homework set on Microsoft Teams	www.linguascope.com - Login details provided by class teacher Seneca Learning (accessed through Hampstead.RMUnify.com)
PE	Football Basketball Badminton Dance Intermediate skill development Types of competition Peer Assessment Inter-Form	PE kit Water bottle Homework set on Microsoft Teams	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zdhs34j https://www.pecentral.org/ https://www.peresourcesbank.co.uk/ Seneca Learning (accessed through Hampstead.RMUnify.com)
Independent Learning	Independent reading, research and revision Home Learning for all students is to complete one book every fortnight	A reading book of the appropriate level and length, chosen by your child either from the library or from home.	Book levels can be checked at: www.arbookfind.co.uk To view your child's progress please visit: https://ukhosted24.renlearn.co.uk/1893165/HomeConnect/
Art (short Unit)*	"What role can art play in raising awareness of climate change?" Students build on their knowledge of the formal elements of art, developing skills with a range of media including pencil, pen, watercolour and oil pastel. To develop analytical skills, they study the artist Marianne North.	Students are given a sketchbook which they must bring to every lesson. Home learning is set every other week on Teams. All home learning tasks for the project will be stuck in the back of their sketchbooks and include an optional extension task.	Additional online lessons can be found here: Art & Design lessons for Key Stage 3 students - Oak National Academy (thenational.academy) Among many excellent galleries, the October Gallery runs fantastic workshops for students: HOME octgalleryeducation (octobergalleryeducation.com)
Art (long unit) *	Students look at the cross over between art and design in regard to costume design. Taking animals as their inspiration, students build on their understanding of the formal elements and learn how to create 3D animal heads out of strips of cardboard. They look at	Students are required to bring a pencil, rubber and pencil sharpener to every lesson.	

	the costume designers of War Horse and The Lion King to give a context for this work.		
Design and Technology - Resistant Materials	Students complete a design & make task with a focus on Metals.	Students must come prepared with a full pencil case and if possible, a 30cm ruler. Home learning will be set on Microsoft Teams.	www.julieboyd.co.uk BBC Bite size www.technologystudent.com
Design and Technology - Textiles	Students complete a textiles design & make task with a focus on assembly and decoration techniques.		
Food Technology *	<p>Students will deepen their knowledge and understanding of food and nutrition and focus on Staple foods and cereals.</p> <p>Students will deepen their knowledge of food provenance.</p> <p>Students will further develop their food skills and techniques.</p> <p>Students will further develop and demonstrate the principles of food hygiene and safety.</p> <p>Students will deepen and apply their knowledge of consumer food and drink choice.</p> <p>Students will develop the creative, technical and practical expertise needed to perform everyday tasks confidently.</p>	Students must come prepared with a full pencil case and if possible, a 30cm ruler. Home learning will be set on Microsoft Teams.	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z8rqw6f/revision/1 https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zdn9jvhv
Computing *	Game design and development on GameMaker	Teacher resources and PowerPoint on Teams Practise activities delivered by teacher, all available on Teams	Online tutorials to support students learning GameMaker: https://gamemaker.io/en/tutorials
Social Studies	Punishments - are prisons effective?	Exercise book; Homework set on Microsoft Teams	BBC Bitesize

*Studied on rotation, please check with your child or their teacher if you are unsure what they are studying at present

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If you have any questions about how further to support your child, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

I thought it may also be useful to have some key dates for your diary:

Term dates are here: <https://www.hampsteadschool.org.uk/term-dates>

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