

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	HT1 Writing unit: How do writers take readers on a journey? Students will explore a range of short stories and write their own. HT2 Poetry unit: How do poets raise and challenge issues in society? Students will explore and analyse a range of protest poems. They will also critique and practice poetry performance.	All students have an exercise book to bring to each lesson. They should also bring a reading book of their own choice to every lesson. Home Learning will be set on TEAMS.	Seneca Learning (accessed through Hampstead.RMUnify.com) www.educationquizzes.com/ks3/english
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fraction, decimal and percentages• Approximations and error intervals• Simplifying expressions• Multiply and divide expressions• Expanding and factorising• Truncating	Classwork book. Must bring a scientific calculator (available via ParentPay) and other equipment to every lesson. Home learning set every Wednesday on Sparx Maths (accessed via hampstead.rmunify.com). Independent learning to be done on Sparx Maths as well.	https://www.sparxmaths.uk/ https://corbettmaths.com/
Science	Pure and Impure Nutrition and Health Electricity Respiration and circulation	All students have an exercise book to bring to each lesson. There will also be homework assignments set using TEAMS. Useful revision guides available from CGP.	Seneca Learning (accessed through Hampstead.RMUnify.com)

Drama	<p>HT1 : What is genre and style of storytelling and how can I perform in different genres and styles?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students identify the difference between genres and style Genre a category and style how we do it. Students will explore the different genres of world theatre Students will perform the genre it's in style such Greek theatre , style chorus, West African theatre style physical theatre <p>HT2: What is protest theatre and verbatim theatre?</p> <p>Students will develop skills of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spoken word Verbatim theatre Performing in unison and as an ensemble Creating their own Protest speech as a group 	<p>Students are provided with an 'Actor's Journal' exercise book, to log their development and key features of the unit. Students are also provided with scripts. Homework set on teams.</p>	<p>Genre and styles https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z4c28xs/revision/2</p> <p>Protest Speech https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B3C-DO9FyEo</p>
Geography	<p>Why are some places more developed than others?</p> <p>Was Ethiopia Right to build the Grand Renaissance Dam?</p>	<p>Exercise book; Homework set on Microsoft Teams</p>	<p>Seneca Learning (accessed through Hampstead.RMUnify.com) BBC Bitesize: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zrw76sg</p>
History	<p>Why should we remember Arabic Science?</p> <p>Why should we remember Leonardo Da Vinci?</p>	<p>Exercise book; One knowledge organiser per topic; Homework set on Microsoft Teams</p>	<p>Seneca Learning (accessed through Hampstead.RMUnify.com) BBC Bitesize: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zk26n39</p>

Music	<p>Blues Music: Students will learn to compose and perform their own blues song by looking at traditional structures and features</p>	<p>Booklet, one written and one practical assessment</p>	<p>BBC Bitesize: KS3 Music - BBC Bitesize</p>
French	<p>Looking at the topics of Free time, Leisure, Hobbies</p> <p>Learning how to describe others; personality/physical appearance.</p> <p>Cultural celebrations</p> <p>Use of third person</p> <p>Near future tense</p>	<p>Exercise book; one knowledge organiser at the start of each term</p> <p>Homework set on Microsoft Teams</p>	<p>www.linguascope.com - Login details provided by class teacher</p> <p>Seneca Learning (accessed through Hampstead.RMUnify.com)</p>
Spanish	<p>Looking at the topics of free time, leisure and hobbies</p> <p>Learning how to describe others; personality/physical appearance.</p> <p>Cultural celebrations</p> <p>Use of third person</p> <p>Near future tense</p>	<p>Exercise book; one knowledge organiser at the start of each term</p> <p>Homework set on Microsoft Teams</p>	<p>www.linguascope.com - Login details provided by class teacher</p> <p>Seneca Learning (accessed through Hampstead.RMUnify.com)</p>

PE	<p>Refine intermediate skill development, knowledge & application (consistency & accuracy).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Football • Basketball • Badminton • Dance <p>Major sporting events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One –off - Regular - Regular & reoccurring <p>National Governing Bodies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aims - Initiatives - Examples 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hampstead School PE kit - Water bottle - Homework set on Microsoft Teams 	<p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zdhs34j https://www.pecentral.org/ https://www.peresourcesbank.co.uk/</p> <p>Seneca Learning (accessed through Hampstead.RMUnify.com)</p>
Art	<p>Students look at how global artists respond to the built environment around them. 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. They learn how to draw from one and two point perspective and develop analytical skills by studying the creative process of artist Stephen Wiltshire and photographer Liam Wong.</p>	<p>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. Students are required to bring a pencil, rubber and pencil sharpener to every lesson.</p>	<p>Additional online lessons can be found here: Art & Design lessons for Key Stage 3 students - Oak National Academy (thenational.academy)</p> <p>Among many excellent galleries, the October Gallery runs fantastic workshops for students: HOME octgalleryeducation octobergalleryeducation.com</p>
Design and Technology - Resistant Materials	<p>Students complete a design & make task with a focus on Metals and electronic components</p>	<p>Students must come prepared with a full pencil case and if possible, a 30cm ruler. Home learning will be set on Microsoft Teams.</p>	<p>www.julieboyd.co.uk BBC Bite size www.technologystudent.com</p>

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/zdn9jvh
Computing	<p>Students will be developing skills in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating a website using HTML • Fundamentals in Python programming 	All materials are posted on Teams, where students can access these.	<p>BBC Bitesize - https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zvc9q6f</p> <p>Seneca Learning (access through RM Unify)</p> <p>Snakify – www.snakify.org</p>
Social Studies	<p>Are criminals born or made?</p> <p>Crime and punishment</p>	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>

Other dates:

Date	Event
Thursday 12 February 2026	Year 8 Progress Conversation Evening and Reports sent home

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