

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	How do writers use magical devices help us understand our reality? Prose fiction study – Coraline or A Monster Calls	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.	Seneca Learning (accessed through Hampstead.RMUnify.com)
Mathematics	Rounding to significant figures Coordinates and midpoints Area of parallelogram and trapezium Area and circumference of circle	Classwork book, homework book. Must bring a scientific calculator (available via ParentPay) and other equipment to every lesson. Home learning set every Wednesday on Sparx Maths. Independent learning to be done on Sparx Maths as well.	https://www.sparxmaths.uk/ https://sparxmathscurriculum.com/overview https://corbettmaths.com/
Science	Complete Rotation 2: Respiration and Circulation*, Earth and the Atmosphere* Start Rotation 3: Genetics*, Materials*, Waves* There will be a mid-year assessment on Rotations 1 and 2 and some Year 7 content for review.	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. Useful KS3 revision guides available from CGP.	Seneca Learning (accessed through Hampstead.RMUnify.com) BBC Bitesize: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zng4d2p

<p>Drama</p>	<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>
<p>Geography</p>	<p>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>
<p>History</p>	<p>How important were Martin Luther's ideas to unleashing the Reformation?</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>
<p>Music</p>	<p>Neil or Louis Armstrong?</p> <p>Students learn about Music which has been written specifically for space, from Star Wars to Holst's Planet Suite to Hans Zimmer's Planet Earth. Students create their own work using the stimulus of a planet.</p>	<p>Booklet, one written and one practical assessment</p>	<p>BBC Bitesize: KS3 Music - BBC Bitesize</p>
<p>French</p>	<p>Exploring topics relating to food/drink and ordering. Say what you eat and drink at mealtimes. Say where you like to eat out. To explore some of the associated cultural aspects.</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 Seneca Learning (accessed through Hampstead.RMUnify.com)</p>

Spanish	Exploring topics relating to food/drink and ordering. Say what you eat and drink at mealtimes. Say where you like to eat out. To explore some of the associated cultural aspects.	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 Leadership qualities	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 the costume designers of War	Students are required to bring a pencil, rubber and pencil sharpener to every lesson.	

	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/revison/1 https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zdn9jhw

Computing *	Students will develop their fundamental skills in Computing & IT. They will develop digital literacy skills, learn about online safety & look at basis of a computer system.	All work will be completed using a computer and should be uploaded to Teams at the end of each lessons, where all lesson materials can be found.	BBC Bitesize Teach-ICT
Social Studies	Nature vs. Nurture - Criminal behaviour.	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

w/c 19 February 2024

Thursday 22 February 2024

Event

Reports sent home

Year 8 Parents' Consultation Evening

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