

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 stories have the power to terrify or heal us? Prose fiction - exploring how writers use imaginative methods to help readers understand reality in 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	Number system Sequences Forming and solving equations and inequalities	Exercise book; White Rose text book; Homework set on Dr Frost Maths	https://www.drfrostmaths.com https://corbettmaths.com https://www.mathsisfun.com
Science	Pure and Impure* Nutrition and Health* Electricity*	All students have an exercise book to bring to each lesson. There will also be homework assignments set using Microsoft Forms. Useful revision guides available from CGP.	Seneca Learning (accessed through Hampstead.RMUnify.com)

Drama	Students are learning how to create tension onstage	Practical tasks completed every lesson. Two written assessments completed in class. Home learning set on teams.	GCSE Drama - Edexcel - BBC Bitesize
Geography	Why are some places more developed than others? Why are some volcanoes and earthquakes more deadly than others?	Exercise book; Homework set on Microsoft Teams	Seneca Learning (accessed through Hampstead.RMUnify.com) BBC Bitesize: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zrw76sg
History	Golden age of Arabic scientists Renaissance Reformation French Revolution Haitian Revolution East India Company	Exercise book; One knowledge organiser per topic; Homework set on Microsoft Teams	Seneca Learning (accessed through Hampstead.RMUnify.com) BBC Bitesize: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zk26n39
Music	Blues Music: Students will learn to compose and perform their own blues song by looking at traditional structures and features	Booklet, one written and one practical assessment	BBC Bitesize: KS3 Music - BBC Bitesize
French	Looking at the topics of Free time, Leisure, Hobbies Near future tense	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	Looking at the topics of free time, leisure and hobbies Near future tense	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)
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 Horse and The Lion King to give a context for this work.	Students are required to bring a pencil, rubber and pencil sharpener to every lesson.	Among many excellent galleries, the October Gallery runs fantastic workshops for students: HOME octgalleryeducation octobergalleryeducation.com

Design and Technology - Resistant Materials	<p>Students complete a design & make task with a focus on Metals.</p>		
Design and Technology - Textiles	<p>Students complete a textiles design & make task with a focus on assembly and decoration techniques.</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>
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>	<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>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z8rqw6f/revision/1 https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zdn9jhv</p>
Computing *	<p>Game design and development on GameMaker</p>	<p>Teacher resources and PowerPoint on Teams</p> <p>Practise activities delivered by teacher, all available on Teams</p>	<p>Online tutorials to support students learning GameMaker: https://gamemaker.io/en/tutorials</p>

Social Studies			
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*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
w/b 19 th February 2024	Reports sent home
Thursday 22 nd February 2024	Year 8 Parents' Consultation Evening

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