

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 and why are 20 th Century narratives still relevant to readers and society today? Prose fiction exploring the importance of contexts as it affects critical readings of Of Mice and Men or Things Fall Apart	All 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	Probability Sets, 'Venns' and sample space diagrams	Exercise book; White Rose text book; Homework set on Dr Frost Maths	https://www.drfrostmaths.com https://corbettmaths.com https://www.mathsisfun.com
Science	Waves, EM Spectrum States of matter, separating substances, atomic structure and periodic table	All students have an exercise book to bring to each lesson. There will also be homework assignments set using Seneca. Useful revision guides available from CGP.	BBC Bitesize Seneca Learning (accessed through Hampstead.RMUnify.com) Physics and Maths Tutor

Drama	Fantasy and Reality; Students will learn how to put fantasy and reality onstage at the same time	In class practical tasks. Two in class written assessments. Homework set on teams	GCSE Drama - Edexcel - BBC Bitesize
Geography	Is globalisation good for the people and the planet? Who owns the river Nile?	Exercise book; Homework set on Microsoft Teams	Seneca Learning (accessed through Hampstead.RMUnify.com) BBC Bitesize: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zrw76sq
History	Empire of Mali Arab revolt Votes for women Holocaust Windrush Communism	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
Social Studies			

Music	Pop music; Students explore different genres of music and learn how to make and perform arrangements of popular songs	Booklet, one written assessment and one practical assessment	BBC Bitesize KS3 Music - BBC Bitesize
French	Holidays; Exploring different vocabulary related to holidays Preterite tense regular/irregular verbs Future tense, revisiting the near future	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	Holidays; Exploring different vocabulary related to holidays. Preterite tense regular/ irregular verbs. Future tense, revisiting the near future.	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 Advanced skill development Performance enhancing drugs	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)

Art (1st unit) *	<p>This is a project where students explore a range of techniques and processes using science as inspiration. We aim to widen the students' experience of art through a range of materials, techniques and processes including reduction lino prints. We aim to develop the idea of what it means to create a personal response to a theme.</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.</p> <p>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 run fantastic workshops for students HOME octgalleryeducation (octobergalleryeducation.com)</p>
Art (2nd unit) *	<p>'Where do mythical creatures come from?' Students explore how artists are able to create new creatures, characters and environments and what they use for their references. They build on their understanding of the formal elements and work towards creating a ceramic creature.</p>		
Design and Technology (1st Unit)*	<p>Students receive two rotations of Design and Technology in Y8, Electronics & Product Design and CAD/CAM.</p> <p>Students develop understanding of the topics and each unit is a stepping stone to GCSE Design & Technology. Much of the content covered can be applied in Science and IT lessons.</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 (2nd Unit)*			
Food Technology *	<p>Food from different cultures Students will extend their knowledge and understanding of food, diet and health. Students will extend food preparation and cooking techniques.</p> <p>Students will extend their knowledge of food provenance and consumer information.</p> <p>Students will extend and apply their knowledge of consumer food and drink choice.</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>Text book Exploring Food and Nutrition for Key stage 3</p>	<p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zdn9jhw</p>

	<p>Students will secure the creative, technical and practical expertise needed to perform everyday tasks confidently.</p> <p>Students will build and apply an expanding repertoire of knowledge, understanding and skills in order to create and make high quality dishes for a wide range of people.</p>		
Computing	Python programming essentials – looking at sequencing, selection & iteration	<p>Teacher resources and power points on Teams</p> <p>Live demos in class where students will be talked through new concepts by teacher – all on Teams</p>	<p>Seneca Learning – Python Programming</p> <p>Online website to learn the basics of Python: https://snakify.org/en/</p> <p>Basics of Python: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kqtD5dpm9C8</p>

*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 15 th January 2024	Reports sent home
Thursday 18 th January 2024	Year 9 Parents' Consultation Evening
	Choices Evening

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