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Welcome to the Curriculum Experience for Year 9!

In this Curriculum Experience you can look at everything you'll be studying this academic year: all the brilliant topics you'll be learning about and the knowledge and skills you will gain. You can also see what assessments are going to be set each half term in each subject, so you can plan your revision and prepare yourself for your assessments. Our teachers have also included information for you on what extra-curricular opportunities you can pursue in order to study subjects and topics in more depth – from books, to websites, to documentaries, to places to visit.

If you have any questions about anything in this document, you can ask your subject teacher, your form tutor or your Head of Year.

Year 9 English Curriculum Overview:

Students will solidify their knowledge of key concepts of power, identity, and hierarchy as they move into Year 9. Students study increasingly challenging texts which invite a critical understanding of 19th Century Literature and Shakespearean plays. Again, they revisit the study of poetry, developing their analytical skills regarding: structure, form; and language. Furthermore, across an anthology of poems students will build in a comparative element to their analysis. Students also study modern short stories, building on the breadth and diversity of text choices throughout KS3. Their study of African and diasporic literature at the end of the year facilitates rich discussions around race, gender and identity, further developing their criticality as they move into KS4.

Year 9 HT1	Unit Title: The Picture of Dorian Gray This challenging 19 th century text introduces students to the context of Victorian London. They also study how psychology has influenced literature and begin to consider authorial intent behind the text; encouraging them to understand the motives and intentions of others. Students will learn about The context of Victorian London Developing theses and arguments about a text Constructing threads of analysis across a novel.	Formative assessment: Essay on either theme or character based on an extract. Summative Assessment: Essay on either theme or character based on an extract.	Watch: BBC documentary series 'Victorian Sensations'. Wider reading: further 19 th century literature is available from the school library. Creative Writing Club
Year 9 HT2	 Unit Title: Othello Students further their study of Shakespeare through the challenging play 'Othello'. Students consolidate their study of building links between context and text through the exploration of Shakespearian contexts. They consider how contemporary power dynamics affect literature, and critically engage with the study of alternative interpretations and readerships. Students will learn about: The dual context of Elizabethan England and 16th century Venice. Alternative interpretations: considering both contemporary and modern readings of the play. Constructing clear arguments in an essay. 	Formative assessment: Thematic essay on an extract Summative assessment: Thematic essay on an extract	Visit: Shakespeare's Globe Theatre Watch: English Touring Theatre's documentary on the making of their production of Othello
Year 9 HT3	Unit Title: Identity and Relationships Poetry The study of an anthology of poems allows students to explore symbolism across a common theme. Students continue to draw lines of comparison across texts and begin to develop their analytical skills of comparison. Supported by a range of non-fiction	Mid-Year Exam: Reading: Students write an essay on either a character of theme from 'Othello'	Non-fiction articles available from The Day.

	articles, students are encouraged to critically engage with the themes of identity and relationships. Students will learn about: • Analysing a theme across poetry of different contexts and time periods. • An introduction to analytical comparison. • Making links between literature and the world around them.	Writing: Fiction Writing. Students write a descriptive/narrative story Formative Assessment: Thematic essay on one poem from the anthology. Summative Assessment: Thematic essay on a different poem from the anthology.	Further reading around the themes of identity and relationships are available from the school library.
Year 9 HT4	Unit Title: Non-Fiction Writing Students are introduced to non-fiction writing through speech and article writing. Following a clear set of principles around constructing arguments, students use non-fiction articles and speeches as the basis for their own writing. Students are encouraged to articulate their own opinions and use these to convincingly build arguments. Students will learn about: • Writing to argue or persuade • Structuring non-fiction writing • Developing their use of ambitious vocabulary	Formative Assessment: Write a persuasive speech or article responding to a statement. Summative Assessment: Write a persuasive speech or article responding to a statement.	Young Writer's 'Empowered' Poetry competition Newspaper Club
Year 9 HT5	Unit Title: African and Diasporic short stories Students study Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's short stories, and examine themes of identity, family and race set against the context of African and Diasporic literature. Studying two stories from a wider anthology, the rich basis of discussion encourages students to have depth and freedom in their analysis of texts. Students will learn about: Tracking character progression throughout a story. Situating analysis within context and readership. Analysing structural features of a short story.	Formative Assessment: Essay on a character or theme from one story in the anthology. Summative Assessment: Essay on a character or theme from one story in the anthology	Further African and Diasporic literature is available from the school library
Year 9 HT6	Unit Title: Community Writing – Writing to our MP	End of Year Exams	Listen: BBC Sounds – Four Speeches that Shook the World

This unit gives students the platform to become more articulate, fluent and confident in conveying their own views. Students study letter writing to allow them to understand the value of formal writing for a genuine purpose, developing their life skills and engage with the world around them. Students will learn about:

- Form, audience, and purpose in non-fiction writing
- Adapting their register for formal writing and forming clear arguments
- Developing skills of planning, editing, and re-drafting

Reading: Students write an essay on either a character of theme on a story from the African and Diasporic literature anthology

Writing: Fiction Writing. Students write a persuasive speech or article responding to a statement.

Newspaper Club

Term	MATHS Curriculum Content	Assessment(s)	Extra-Curricular Options (Places to visit; videos, wider reading; clubs to join)

Year 9 Maths Curriculum Overview: Year 9 is a critical year as it helps bridge the gap between KS3 and KS4. Students will further develop their mathematical skills from Year 7 and Year 8 and will learn new skills by studying the topics listed below.

Year 9 HT1	Students will study: Decimal Manipulation Estimation & Limits of Accuracy Related calculations HCF and LCM of large numbers Fraction Calculations	End of topic tests – duration 30 mins Assessment Week 1-5	 Pupils encouraged to work on XP section of Sparx and explore the topics taught in greater depth. Maths games on Sparx
Year 9 HT2	Students will study:		 Watch following films The theory of Everything Imitation game A beautiful mind The Man who knew about infinity Hidden figures
Year 9 HT3	Students will study: Forming expressions and substitution Direct and Inverse Proportion Probability 1		UKMT clubs for selected pupils
Year 9 HT4	Students will study: Solving equations 2 Inequalities 1 Sequences Pythagoras		Visit Bank of England Science Museum V&A Museum Bletchley Park
Year 9 HT5	Students will study: Interior and Exterior Angles Vectors 1 Transformations 1		

	Students will study:	
Year 9	Plans and Elevations	
HT6	Arcs and Sectors	
	Surface Area	

Term	SCIENCE Curriculum Content	Assessment(s)	Extra-Curricular Options (Places to visit; videos, wider reading; clubs to join)
Year 9 Scie	ence Curriculum Overview:		
In Year 9 s	students continue to go through the KS3 schemes of work, now building upon	n their knowledge and concepts from the previous 2 v	ears and further deepening their

summer term. By the end of KS3 our students are expected to have developed their application skills and understanding of the key concepts in science in order to build upon

understanding of science in the world. Students continue to develop their experimental and investigative skills. Students also prepare to begin KS4 content during the

them even more at KS4.
The topics studied in Year 9 are:

- Reactivity
- Plants and Photosynthesis
- Energetics and Rates
- Biological Systems and processes
- Sound
- C1: Atomic Structure and the Periodic Table
- C2: Structure and Bonding

	9CR Reactivity		
	We will begin a recap of basic atomic structure and electron configuration and then move		
	onto neutron numbers, atomic mass and formula mass. The skills introduced include		
	writing ionic formulae, RFM, balancing equations along with practical work.		
	The lessons in this unit are as follows:		
Year 9	1. Atomic Structure	9CR TOPIC TEST	STEM Club
HT1	2. Reactions and bonding		
111	3. Ar, Mr and balancing equations	KPIs	The Day
	4. Metals and acids		
	5. Metal oxides and acids		New Scientist
	6. Metal Carbonates and acids		
	7. Acids and Alkalis		Science Museum
	8. Salt preparation		

	9. Reactivity series		
	10. Extraction of metal		Natural History Museum
	11. Displacement reactions		
	9BP Plants + Photosynthesis		London Transport Museum
	The unit starts with exploring the structure and function of roots, with emphasis on its		
	adaptations. Pupils then progress on to the process of photosynthesis and its importance.		
	The lessons in this unit are as follows:		
		9BP TOPIC TEST	
Year 9	1. Plant roots		
HT2	2. Photosynthesis	KPIs	
	3. Uses of sugar		
	4. Rate of photosynthesis		
	5. Leaf adaptations		
	6. Transport in plants		
	9CE Energetics + Rates		1
	This topic will introduce the idea of rates and factors that affect rates for the first time.		
	The ideas of surface area and catalysts are introduced.		
	The lessons in this unit are as follows:		
		MID-YEAR PPE – 60 MINS	
Year 9	Measuring rates and particle theory		
нт3	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	9CE TOPIC TEST	
	3. Surface area		
	4. Catalysts	KPIs	
	5. Endothermic and Exothermic		
	6. Combustion		
	7. Thermal combustion		
	9BB Biological Systems and Processes		1
	This unit of work begins with a recap of organisational hierarchy, with students recalling		
	the function of different organ systems. Students will then focus on the skeletal and		
V0	muscular systems, considering how these two interact to produce movement and	9BB TOPIC TEST	
Year 9 HT4	locomotion.		
H14	The lessons in this unit are as follows:	KPIs	
	Recap of levels of organisational		
	2. Skeletal system		

	3. Muscles	
	4. Respiratory system	
	5. Breathing and Lung volume	
	6. Aerobic and anaerobic respiration	
	7. The effects of exercise	
	8. Smoking	
	9. The effect of drugs and alcohols	
	10. Discovery of DNA	
	11. Building a DNA model	
	12. Inheritance	
	9PS Sound	
	The unit begins with introducing waves in matter and water and sound waves are used as	
	examples of this. The unit then looks at the speed of sound in different media and is a	
	chance to revisit accurate language around particle theory.	
	The lessons in this unit are as follows:	
Year 9		9PS TOPIC TEST
HT5	1. Types of waves	
5	· ·	KPIs
	3. Reflection of waves	
	4. Sound in different media	
	5. Hearing	
	6. Ultrasound and its uses	
	7. Microphones and speakers	
	GCSE Cell Biology + Periodic table + Energy	
	Students will begin their GCSE journey with the first three sciences:	
	Cells are the basic unit of all forms of life. In this section we explore how structural	
	differences between types of cells enables them to perform specific functions within the	BIO 1 TEST – 45 MINS
	organism. These differences in cells are controlled by genes in the nucleus and explore	BIO 1 1E31 – 45 WIINS
Year 9	how an organism grows by mitosis. Students will study how cells transfer key chemicals	
HT6	across membranes for respiration and photosynthesis. Finally they will look at the impact	TAID OF VEAD DDE CO MINIC
	of stem cell technology and how cells develop from key structures.	END OF YEAR PPE - 60 MINS
	 Develop an understanding of size and scale in relation to cells, tissues, 	END OF YEAR PPE – 60 MINS
	organs and systems.	
	The periodic table provides chemists with a structured organisation of the known	
	chemical elements from which they can make sense of their physical and chemical	
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properties. The historical development of the periodic table and models of atomic structure provide good examples of how scientific ideas and explanations develop over time as new evidence emerges. The arrangement of elements in the modern periodic table can be explained in terms of atomic structure which provides evidence for the model of a nuclear atom with electrons in energy levels.

- Writing formulae and balanced symbol equations
- Evaluating the use of models
- Understanding the periodic table

The concept of energy emerged in the 19th century. The idea was used to explain the work output of steam engines and then generalised to understand other heat engines. It also became a key tool for understanding chemical reactions and biological systems. Limits to the use of fossil fuels and global warming are critical problems for this century. Physicists and engineers are working hard to identify ways to reduce our energy usage.

- Explore the link between work done (energy transfer) and current flow in a circuit is covered in Work done and energy transfer.
- Students should be able to recall, apply and manipulate equations.
- Investigate the transfer of energy from a gravitational potential energy store to a kinetic energy store.
- Investigate thermal conductivity using rods of different materials

Year 9 RE Curriculum Overview:

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Now equipped with not only skills in critical thinking, text analysis and an understanding doctrine, year 9 students are able to parlay these skills and knowledge into empathetic and evaluative critique of ethical matters which arise in society, be it abortion or the environment. They will be able to tackle these challenging concepts in a nuanced way. Students will study religious, philosophical and ethical arguments pertaining to religion and life, human rights and social justice and relationships and families. Students will explore contrasting perspectives in contemporary British society and be able to explain them with reference to Christianity and Islam. The aim is to grab their interest, by teaching them content which is not only relevant and relatable to their past, current day and futures, but to inspire critical thinking through analysis and evaluation to foster informed citizens who are able to thoughtfully participate in society.

Year 9 HT1-2	Unit Title: Life and Death Year 9 starts with a unit on the Life and Death. Students study religious teachings, and religious, philosophical and ethical arguments, relating to the issues such as the quality of life, death etc, and their impact and influence in the modern world. Students explore contrasting perspectives in contemporary British society on all these issues. Students will also be able to explain contrasting beliefs on the following issues: • Ethics and moral decision making. • Abortion.	Formative assessment 5-10 mark small stakes retrieval quiz in each lesson Summative assessment Feature a multiple choice 1 mark question,	REOnline Festivals calendar https://www.reonline.org.uk/festival- calendar/ REOnline - Subject knowledge https://www.reonline.org.uk/subject- knowledge/
	 Abortion. Euthanasia. Capital punishment. Animal rights. 	2, 4, 5 and 12 mark question which steadily increases in complexity of skill.	Email a believer (REonline) http://pof.reonline.org.uk/ Guardian online - Religion https://www.theguardian.com/world/
Year 9 HT3	Unit Title: Religion Revisit Developing their revision skills to more effectively recall past learning. So far students have amassed knowledge and skills which are integral for their future as citizens and future GCSE students. The revision will be applied to some GCSE based assessments. Within this unit students will revisit key learning from the following topics: • Key beliefs in Islam and Christianity.	Formative assessment 5-10 mark small stakes retrieval quiz in each lesson Summative assessment	religion BBC Bitesize GCSE https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subje cts/zb48q6f
5	 Key practices in Islam and Christianity. The existence of God. Issues of life and death. 	Feature a multiple choice 1 mark question, 2, 4, 5 and 12 mark question which steadily	Most BBC RE clips https://drive.google.com/open?id=17V MuMqZ7JZXFnz- k2M0FEgxQqJbF9A1hUL8igC5eNF

	Students will understand that the learning they have gained is not to be discarded once a topic has finished, but is vital for their entire progress through Walthamstow Academy.	increases in complexity of skill.	Seneca https://www.senecalearning.com/
Year 9 HT4 - 5	Unit Title: Issues of Equality Students study religious teachings, and religious, philosophical and ethical arguments, relating to the issues such as human rights, poverty and discrimination etc, and their impact and influence in the modern world. Students explore contrasting perspectives in contemporary British society on all these issues. Students will also be able to explain beliefs on the following issues: Racism Sexism and misogyny LGBTQ+phobia Ableism	Formative assessment 5-10 mark small stakes retrieval quiz in each lesson End of year assessment Feature 3 multiple choice 1 mark question, 2, 4, 5 and 12 mark question which steadily increases in complexity of skill.	Quizlet https://quizlet.com/en-gb MrMcMillanREvis https://www.youtube.com/user/MrM cMillanREvis/playlists BBC - podcasts & programmes - Ethical theories https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/t opics/Ethical_theories?fbclid=lwAR1bo wymJUmq1stCD343tPB8f4vaoS857CO9 Si4E0b8CM2yXzL6iuqyBuSU
Year 9 HT 6	Unit Title: Preparing for GCSE Developing their revision and assessment skills in order to up-skill students to be prepared for GCSE. Students will learn how to apply what they have learnt in KS3 to GCSE style questions. Within this unit students will be taught: • How to develop their explanatory and descriptive skills. • How to impactfully criticise ideas and beliefs. • How to draw judgements and conclusions from available evidence. Within this unit students will revisit key learning from the following topics: • Key beliefs in Islam and Christianity. • Key practices in Islam and Christianity. • The existence of God. • Issues of life and death. • Issues of equality.	Formative assessment 5-10 mark small stakes retrieval quiz in each lesson End of year assessment Feature 3 multiple choice 1 mark question, 2, 4, 5 and 12 mark question which steadily increases in complexity of skill.	University of Oxford podcasts - Theology & religion https://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/uni/facult y-theology-and-religion University of Oxford podcasts - Philosophy https://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/units/facult y-philosophy BBC - podcasts & programmes - Ethics https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/t opics/Ethics?fbclid=IwAR3BGqxtWZwO jTxeNER4ZFi2KtSAFCpXIQJPEF3gKhlGzn 2hS87som_N_us Religious sites to visit in London

Students will understand that the learning they have gained is not to be discarded once		os://www.inspirock.com/united-
a topic has finished, but is vital for their entire progress through Walthamstow Academy.	KII	ngdom/religious-sites-in-london
Academy.		Religion museums in London
		s://www.museumslondon.org/cat
	2334	egory/13/religion

Term	ART, DT and Food Curriculum Content	Assessment(s)	Extra-Curricular Options (Places to visit; videos, wider reading; clubs to join)
Year 9 Art and DT Curriculum Overview: In year 9 we shift our delivery of lessons to give students insight into the KS4 curriculum style; students develop and extend imagery			
and ideas f	rom primary imagery.		
Year 9 Art Cycle 1 (Sept-Jan)	Unit Title: Public art: the fourth plinth. This project allows students to explore the world of meaningful sculpture: sculptures that have been designed with a purpose, significance and activism in mind. Art which has something to say! We investigate the artists that have been commissioned through the global competition to create artwork for the fourth plinth in Trafalgar Square, London. Students will learn different sculptural techniques in preparation to design their own meaningful public art.	In class practical exam based around student independent application of our curriculum principles (investigate, record, experiment, respond) as students plan an artwork in response to the title "The 4 th plinth". All tasks are marked against a rubric.	The British Museum, London. https://www.britishmuseum.o rg/ The John Sloane Museum https://www.soane.org/
Year 9 Art Cycle 2 (Feb-July)	Unit Title: Image and text. In year 9 we shift our delivery of lessons to give students insight into the KS4 curriculum process; students develop and extend imagery and ideas from	Multiple choice digital test paper of art history elements taught this term including image	Victoria and Albert Museum, London. (V&A) https://www.vam.ac.uk/

	primary imagery. Applying art and design to a brief: typology, graphic design, we explore how art meets text and has done so throughout history.	analysis appropriate selection, tools, materials and processes.	
Year 9 DT (Cycle 1)	Lanterns brief: Students move towards the complexity of GCSE projects. In this unit students design and manufacture small batches of identical lanterns and add an electronic component to make it a fully functional. • Model making • CAD/CAM to manufacture a prototype • scales of production • communication of design ideas using CAD • evaluating products.	January 2024	
Year 9 DT (Cycle 2)	Jewellery brief: Students use research to develop designs to create decorative jewellery that minimises waste. • 6Rs of sustainability • Tessellation • Entrepreneurship / branding • Design movements • Metals	June 2024	
Year 9 Food Cycle 1 (Sept-Jan)	Unit Title: Healthy Eating Health and Safety: Students learn to use a range of basic equipment and learn how to use them safely in the food room. They will also develop their subject knowledge in the following areas: Good Hygiene Standards Handling and Storing Food Safely Cross Contamination Eatwell Guide: Students are being introduced to the eatwell guide and how they can maintain a balanced diet through a series of food practicals. They will also be introduced to a range of equipment and develop confidence in using them independently.	January 2024 Subject Knowledge Assessment. Identifying equipment in Food Technology Eatwell Guide	Research the Eatwell Guide online. Watch health and fitness videos such as Joe Wicks.

V 0	Unit Title: Cultural Dishes		
Year 9 Food	This term we will be learning about foods and dishes from around the world.	June 2024	
Cycle 1	Students will practise a range of practical skills and develop an understanding of diverse	Planning, Designing and Making	
(Feb-Jun)	cultures and foods that unite as a community.	their own cultural dish.	
(* 2.2 2 3)	Students will be working towards designing and making their own cultural dish to	their own carear araisin.	
	celebrate the diversity in London.		

Term	COMPUTING Curriculum Content	Assessment(s) (assessment title, duration and approx date)
In Year 9 s	tudents continue to go through the KS3 schemes of work, now building upon their knowledge and concepts from the previous 2 y ding of computers, networks and coding. Students now are able to develop algorithms and create mini games using code prepari Unit Title: Cybersecurity Students will be taken on a journey of discovery of techniques that cybercriminals use to steal data, disrupt systems, and infiltrate networks. The Students will start by considering the value their data holds and what organisations might use it for. They will then learn about social engineering and other common cybercrimes, and finally look at methods to protect against these attacks. 1. You and your data 2. Social engineering 3. Script kiddies 4. Rise of the bots 5. There's no place like 127.0.0.1 6. Under attack	
Year 9 HT2	Unit Title: Data science Students will be introduced to data science, and by the end of the unit they will be empowered by knowing how to use data to investigate problems and make changes to the world around them. Students will be exposed to both global and local data sets and gain an understanding of how visualising data can help with the process of identifying patterns and trends. 1. Delving into data science 2. Global data 3. Statistical state of mind 4. Data for action 5. Clean it up	Summative assessment – Data science – Y9 20 minutes Week 12

	6. Make a change	
Year 9 HT3	Unit Title: Media – Animations Students will learn how films, television, computer games, advertising, and architecture have been revolutionised by computer-based 3D modelling and animation. In this unit Students will discover how professionals create 3D animations using the industry-standard software package, Blender. 1. Move, rotate, scale, colour 2. Animation, names, parenting 3. Complex models and colours 4. Organic modelling 5. Lights, camera, render 6. Project	Project 1 hour Week 18
Year 9 HT4	Unit Title: Physical computing Students will apply and enhance their programming skills in a new engaging context: physical computing, using the BBC micro:bit. 1. Hello physical world 2. Bare bones 3. Connections 4. Dream it up 5. Build it up 6. Wrap it up	Summative assessment – Physical computing – Y9 45 minutes Week 24
Year 9 HT5	Unit Title: Python programming with sequences of data Students will learn how data can be represented and processed in sequences, such as lists and strings. 1. Warm up 2. Playlist 3. In a while, crocodile 4. The famous for 5. Make a thing 6. Wrap up	Summative assessment – Python programming with sequences of data – Y9 25 minutes Week 30
Year 9 HT6	Unit Title: Representations – going audio-visual Students will develop skills of making digital media such as images and sounds, and discover how media is stored as binary code. 1. Binary mosaic 2. A splash of colour	Summative assessment – Representations – going audiovisual – Y9 40 minutes

3. Collage	
4. Good vibrations	Week 36
5. Sonic playground	
6. Always another way	

Term DRAMA Curriculum Content

Assessment(s)

Extra-Curricular Options (Places to visit; videos, wider reading; clubs to join)

Year 9 Curriculum Overview:

In year 9, students continue to build and refine their knowledge of practical drama and their analytical and evaluative skills. There is a strong focus on texts and devising in preparation for the component1, 2 and 3 exams in KS4, through the exploration of 3 contrasting texts from playwrights from diverse backgrounds. The core performance and devising skills continue to be built upon through these schemes of work with students being pushed to take bigger risks to meet the needs of each text. Students build on their knowledge of practitioners by studying and experimenting with Stanislavski's methods in the form of naturalism. Time is also given to oracy and public speaking as well as team work. They will also get a taste of the written element at GCSE when they will watch the Live Theatre production of 'Crime of the Century' by Chicken Shed and write a live theatre review based upon their experience. Year 9 concludes with a devised performance from a stimulus of War. They will be able to accumulate all their knowledge and skills from the whole of KS3 and celebrate their confidence by performing live to a year 8 class.

Drama intent

By the end of Year 9 students:

- Will have been exposed to moral, political and social environments through historical and situational context
- Will be able to use Drama skills to a high standard in order to enhance devised performance and show understanding of where the use of learned skills can be applied in order to gain maximum impact on an audience
- Will be able to confidently address the class with ideas and strategies to develop Drama and character to a developing / securing and mastering standard
- Will have learned to communicate, debate and refine ideas in a group setting allowing for ideas and growth of others.
- Will have developed Confidence and Oracy skills
- Will be able to evaluate in both verbal and written form their successes and areas for improvement using full Drama language to a Developing, securing mastering standard
- Will have completed a live Theatre review of a stage production for their end of KS3 assessment

• Key to terms – **C1** – Component one of GCSE specification, **C2** – Component two of GCSE specification, **C3** – Component 3 of the KS4 drama curriculum.

IMPLEME	NTATION		
Year 9 HT1	Unit title - C1 practice- Responding using a stimulus: Forum Theatre and MAKING A STAND Exploring 'true stories' Responding to a stimulus Exploring a range of practitioners/styles/genres Developing empathy/considering impact on the audience Historical, social and cultural context Structuring a performance Voice and physical skills	Practical assessment	Open Evening and Black History Month, Ks3 club Mondays and Fridays after school
Year 9 HT2	C3- live theatre Crime of the Century Responding to live performance Production elements including design Analytical and evaluative skills	Written assessment	
Year 9 HT3	Unit title - C3- exploring a play Bouncers -Script exploration -Monologue exploration -Design exploration Page to stage Use of stage space Interpreting character Exploration of design elements Voice and physical skills	Practical assessment	
Year 9 HT4	Unit title C3- exploring a play Bouncers -Script exploration -Monologue exploration -Design exploration Page to stage Use of stage space Interpreting character Exploration of design elements Voice and physical skills	Practical and written assessment	

Year 9 HT5	Unit title - C1 practice- Devising using a stimulus: War Responding to a stimulus Exploring a historical context Structuring a performance Developing character Use of stage space Voice and physical skills	Practical assessment	
Year 9 HT6	Unit title C1 practice- Devising using a stimulus: War Responding to a stimulus Exploring a historical context Structuring a performance Developing character Use of stage space Voice and physical skills	Practical and written assessment	

Term FRENCH/ SPANISH Curriculum Content Assessmen	nt(s) (Places to visit; wider reading; videos, clubs to join)
Year 9 Curriculum Overview: In year 9 our Curriculum aims at inspiring young teenagers while consolidating and extending their language on with their language into GCSE. Therefore, it includes cultural topics, a wide representation of the Spanis of songs, short films and literature, as well as consolidating practice on phonics, expanding vocabular understanding and knowledge of key grammar. Unit Title: Relationships The first unit in year 9 combines revision of previously learnt language with the introduction of a wider range of vocabulary, allowing for a more mature and	sh speaking world and it encourages the exploration ary knowledge (breadth and depth) and increasing Song "Mi otra mitad" by Tisuby (Venezuela)
sophisticated way of describing people, personal relationships and future wishes. Pupils also extend their ability to express preferences, future plans and to narrate events in the past, including a range of past tenses. It is recommended that songs are used to further pupils' practice of the phonics, vocabulary and grammar relevant to this unit of work and to increase cultural awareness (see below). Students will cover the following: Describing family relationships (reflexive verbs) Romantic relationships Describing past events (imperfect tense)	family). Song "50 cosas sobre mí", by David Rees speaking Song "Corazón sin cara" by Prince
Unit Title: Festivals This is a predominantly cultural unit aimed at expanding knowledge of other countries' traditions and to establish comparisons with their own culture. In this unit pupils further develop their ability to express future plans and narrate events in the past combining various tenses. New specific vocabulary is introduced and sound-symbols correspondences covered since year 7 are revisited. Year 9 HT2 Students will learn about: Food French/Spanish-speaking cultural events Comparisons Photo card practice	Video recipe and activities • Auténtica tortilla de patatas (Spain) : video recipe and activities

Formative assessment:

Vocabulary quizzes

Unit Title: My City

In this unit pupils further develop their knowledge about and ability to compare

different countries and cultures. They extend their knowledge about the Hispanic

Year 9

HT3

Test de cultura (including videos

and photos)

• Argentina

	world or an area of a Spanish speaking country by learning about particular cities/countries/areas. This unit provides ample scope for adapting to suit individual department's knowledge, expertise or interest. Students will learn about: Revisiting town vocabulary (covered in Y7) Comparisons between present and past		ColombiaMexico
	Tourist informationLife in French/Spanish speaking cities		
Year 9 HT4	Unit Title: The World Around Us This is the last unit in our KS3 curriculum and could provide a bridge between KS3 and KS4. Pupils have the opportunity to extend their knowledge about world-wide issues through Spanish, using knowledge they might have acquired via other areas of the curriculum such as Geography or PSHE. The environment Children's rights Helping others – voluntary work in the community	Vocahulary quizzos	
Year 9 HT5	Unit Title: Revision Students revise all core content from previous units and lessons are based on developing key language skills to allow them to success in their PPEs.	End of Year Exams	
Year 9 HT6	Unit Title: Planning a trip To end the year, students complete a unit of work that is based around practical skills such to allow travel to a French/Spanish-speaking country. This allows those students who are not continuing to study a language to leave KS3 with some useful vocabulary; whilst preparing those who are taking a languages GCSE with key skills such as role play and photo card descriptions. Students will learn about: What to pack (vocabulary) How to travel Problems in a restaurant/hotel	Formative Assessment: A travel brochure on their chosen destination	Film: Voces Innocentes – exploring the plight of child soldiers in El Salvador.

Term	GEOGRAPHY Curriculum Content	Assessment(s) (assessment title, duration and approx date)	Extra-Curricular Options (Places to visit; wider reading; clubs to join)
Students st industrialis causes and	tract with the 'Life in an Emerging Country' topic. Here, pupils will study the world's emerging action, urbanisation and economic growth. Next, pupils study climate change where they low the impacts and solutions. Life in an emerging country leads on from Development and Poupils for GCSE where pupils study Challenge of an Urbanising World. Unit Title: Life in an Emerging Economy Students will extend their locational knowledge and deepen their spatial awareness of the world's countries using atlas maps to focus on the location of the countries classified as emerging. One of the key outcomes should be that pupils understand the characteristics and features of emerging countries. Pupils will investigate, using a range of geographical data, the reasons why rural to urban migration is a key feature within these countries. This will lead pupils to consider the opportunities and challenges faced due to rapid urbanisation. The unit also provides an opportunity for pupils to evaluate the impacts of TNCs on the quality of life and economic development of a host country. This unit further develops pupil understanding of development and interdependence. • The location and features of emerging countries. • Development indicators in emerging countries. • Development structure change. • China's economic success. • Rural to urban migration in emerging countries. • Where is Brazil and what is it like? • Opportunities and challenges in Rio. • South Korea and economic miracle. • Where is Nigeria and why is it important? • TNCs in Nigeria. • Russia DME.	ok at the natural and human	Colombia with Simon Reeve - https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer /episode/b08n5flh/colombia- with-simon-reeve
Year 9 HT3 and 4	Unit Title: Climate Change In this unit pupils will investigate the challenge of a changing climate, it's causes (both human and physical), the consequences of changing temperatures and what, if anything, we can do to prevent it. This element of the unit builds on their understanding of river and coastal flooding studied in Y7 and 8, as well as the weather	Climate change assessment – 1 hour	Climate Change: The Facts - https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer /episode/m00049b1/climate- change-the-facts

	and climate unit. Pupils will study climate change through a range of geographical locations and understand the importance of international co-operation in achieving a positive outcome for the planet. Pupils will also consider their individual role and contribution to climate change and how they can reduce their carbon footprint. Pupils will explore the slogan to 'act local, think global', and consider approaches to sustainable development. • Evidence for climate change. • Natural causes of climate change. • The greenhouse effect • The effects of climate change in Bangladesh. • The climate change dilemma. • Adaptation vs mitigation.		
HT 5 & 6	Unit Title: Energy This unit concludes KS3. The unit focusses on the topical issue of energy, with an opportunity for pupils to consider how the energy mix is changing and how this will continue to diversify in the future. Pupils will investigate the factors behind the uneven consumption of energy worldwide and how this is influenced, to some extent, by a countries level of development. Pupil's will link their learning to the 'Climate Change' unit, showing an understanding of the possible impacts, on a global scale, of continuing to use non-renewable energy sources. At the same time, they will appreciate that there are still limitations regarding renewable/ alternative energies. Pupils will conclude the unit by focusing on energy production in a country, assessing the impacts of this production socially, economically and environmentally. • Energy distribution, consumption and poverty • The changing energy mix • Non-renewables • Renewable energy. • Extended writing – renewable vs non-renewables. • Decision making exercise • Fracking case study • Fracking – extended writing.	June PPE: Climate change and NEE (1 hr)	

Year 9 Curriculum Overview:

HISTORY Curriculum Content

Students begin year 9 which focuses on the modern period of British and world history beginning with the First World War which develops students' understanding of the controversial causes of the war, and transformational impact of the war on the world and the beginning of the end of British Empire. Students learn how the British Empire ends in Africa and India with catastrophic effects on the formal colonies which is a legacy of the Empire. Students from year7 to year 9 developing a high level and critical understanding of the British Empire and the legacy for the country they live in. Making this ks3 curriculum very much a diverse and inclusive history curriculum for WA students. There is also a depth study of the Holocaust in year 9 in which students can receive a deep understanding of the significance of the Holocaust which is taught during the period of Holocaust Memorial week so that they can also make links with PSHE lessons and other events taking place in the community, nationally and internationally. There is also an opportunity to develop students' understanding of other diverse histories including the women's suffrage movement and the civil rights movement in Britain and the USA and Britain's imperial past.

Year 9 HT1	 Unit Title: Causes of the First World War Students will cover the following: Who were the world's 'Great Powers'? What were the short-term causes of World War One? (Sarajevo and subsequent events). What were the long-term causes of World War one? (MAIN) What were the conditions in the trenches on the Western Front Key Skills: Explain why the war broke out when it did. How to identify the message of a range of sources, a focus is on satire, and to infer and explain their usefulness. How to use interpretations from the German perspective to appreciate different perspectives and views from the period. 	Formative assessment: - Key questions and hinge questions designed into all lessons - Source analysis tasks - Interpretation tasks - Teacher questioning Summative assessment: Q: Explain the 3 main causes of WWI (12)	Imperial War Museum: https://www.iwm.org.uk/
Year 9 HT2	 Unit Title: The Suffragettes (WSPU) Students will cover the following: Why was suffrage desired by 19th century women and working-class men? Which group was most effective in increasing the impact of the campaign for women's suffrage? How far did WW1 help the campaign for universal suffrage? Why did women gain the vote in 1918? Key Skills: 	Formative assessment: - Key questions and hinge questions designed into all lessons - Source analysis tasks - Interpretation tasks - Teacher questioning	Museum of London Suffragettes Exhibition: https://www.museumoflondon .org.uk/discover/suffragettes Suffragette the Movie: https://www.channel4.com/pr ogrammes/suffragette

	 Analysing sources to identify the content and provenance and being able to link this to utility. Analysing interpretations to identify the differences between them, and which interpretation they agree with most. 	Summative assessment: Q: How useful are Sources A and B for an enquiry about the protest methods of the WSPU. (8)	
Year 9 HT3	 Unit Title: The Holocaust Students will cover the following: How did life change for Jews under the Nazi regime? 1933-39. How did WWII effect European Jews? How were the Nazis able to implement the Final Solution? How far was Hitler responsible for the Final Solution? Key Skills: Analysing sources to identify the content and provenance and being able to link this to utility. Analysing interpretations to identify the differences between them, and which interpretation they agree with most. Using evidence to humanise Jewish people and develop an appreciation of their diversity. 	Formative assessment: - Key questions and hinge questions designed into all lessons - Source analysis tasks - Interpretation tasks - Teacher questioning Summative assessment: Q: UL Common Assessment	Anne Frank's Diary: https://www.annefrank.org/en /anne-frank/diary/ The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas: Novel by John Boyne The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas: Novel by John Boyne: Film https://rakuten.tv/uk/movies/ the-boy-in-the-striped-pajamas
Year 9 HT4	Unit Title: End of the British Empire Students will cover the following:	Formative assessment: - Key questions and hinge questions designed into all lessons - Source analysis tasks - Interpretation tasks - Teacher questioning Summative assessment: Na	Gandhi – directed by Richard Attenborough. Available on a range of streaming networks. https://www.amazon.co.uk/Ga ndhi-Ben- Kingsley/dp/B00FYN72PO

Year 9 HT5	Unit Title: UL EOY Common Assessment Students will cover the following: Core units: Causes of WWI, Suffragettes, the Holocaust Key Skills: Explain and evaluate the main causes of WWI (Alliances, Arms Race, Imperial Rivalries) Analysing sources to identify the content and provenance and being able to link this to utility. Analysing interpretations to identify the differences between them, and which interpretation they agree with most.	Formative assessment: - Key questions and hinge questions designed into all lessons - Source analysis tasks - Interpretation tasks - Teacher questioning Summative assessment: - UL Common Assessment	
Year 9 HT6	 Unit Title: Civil Rights: Britain and USA Students will cover the following: What should Doctor Harold Moody be remembered for? Was there a typical post-war Black Migrant experience in Britain? How much progress did Black campaigns make in the sixties? What was the role of women in the British Black Power movement? The Jim Crow Laws and segregation in the South. The emergence and significance of Martin Luther King Key Skills: Historical significance of Harold Moody Analysing sources to identify the content and provenance and being able to link this to utility. Evaluation of the role of women in the British Black Power Movement Significance of Martin Luther King and the civil rights movement in the USA 	Formative assessment: - Key questions and hinge questions designed into all lessons - Source analysis tasks - Interpretation tasks - Teacher questioning - Summative assessment: na	'Eyes on the Prize'. Award winning PBS documentary about the US Civil rights Movement. A must watch documentary for anyone interested in the development of the US Civil Rights Movement. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ts10IVzUDVw

		Assessment(s)	Extra-Curricular Options
Term	MUSIC Curriculum Content		(Places to visit; videos, wider
			reading; clubs to join)

Year 9 Curriculum Overview: During year 9 students deep dive into the wold of professional producers, composers and musicians building on the instrumental skills and concepts in years 7 and 8 they now start to experience how extended ideas are developed and utilise linear arranging of ideas in DAW software. They can adapt their learning at various points to gain speciliasm in singing, playing and muic production through project work. Compositional devices are explored through a range of genres and students study how ideas that have been around for centuries are found even in the most up to date music. They gain the opportunity to explore personal expression in their music.

Year 9 HT1	Unit Title: What makes a good song – 'The Beat' Students will cover the following: Concepts in: Arranging drum parts for live and electronic music Notating through: Reading Rhythm using varied patterns Instrumental Skills: Body Percussion / Stick Control / Percussion / Drum Programming in DAW Outcomes: Mini composition project scoring parts for drums and programming in DAW – handwritten score and mp3 of work	HT1 assessment week – Listening & Appraising + Knowledge test	Listen to favourite songs, identify the structure of the song
Year 9 HT2	Unit Title: What makes a good song? - Sampling and Remixing Students will cover the following: Concepts in: Harmony - Diatonic chords, Texture, Looping, Sampling, Mixing Notating through: Reading Lead sheets / chord symbols / diagrams Instrumental Skills: Keyboard / DAW Outcomes: A live mix session of remixes created during the term	HT2 assessment week – Listening & Appraising + Knowledge test In - Class performance recording	Listen to favourite song, analyse what aspects of the song make it attractive. Opportunities to perform in Winter concert events Sign-up opens for extra curricula groups
Year 9 HT3	Unit Title: Music for Film & Video Game (1) Students will cover the following: Concepts in: Arranging for Orchestra, Compositional Devices, Dissonance Notating Through: Full Score / Parts / Diagrams and Rhythm Notation	HT3 assessment week – Listening & Appraising + Knowledge test	Rewatch favourite film paying particular attention on how the music enhances the scene / support certain character.

	 Instrumental Skills: Band Instruments / Outcomes: Mini Orchestral Score set to film, Live improvised performance to Film 	In - Class performance recording	
Year 9 HT4	Unit Title: Music for Film & Video Game (2) Students will cover the following: Concepts in: Adaptive Music, Immersive Sound, Compositional Devices Notating Through: Timeline / Graphic scores / Full Score Instrumental Skills: Keyboard / Midi Controllers / DAW Outcomes: Video Game composition set to gameplay footage – journal outlining process	HT4 assessment week – Listening & Appraising + Knowledge test In - Class performance recording	Analyse the elements of sound and music found in video game of your choice
Year 9 HT5	Unit Title: Social Justice in Music Students will cover the following:	HT5 assessment week – Listening & Appraising + Knowledge test In - Class composition recording	Sign-up opens for extra curricula groups
Year 9 HT6	Unit Title: Festival Students will cover the following: Concepts in: Music for occasion / ensemble rehearsal and/or production Notating through: Staff notation / TABS / Diagrams Instrumental Skills: Band instruments / Voice / DAW Outcomes: Ensemble performance and/or recorded music	End of year Listening and Appraisal Exam In – Class performance / recording	Opportunities to perform in summer concert events

Term	PE Curriculum Content	Assessment(s)	Extra-Curricular Options (Places to visit; videos, wider reading; clubs to join)
	Curriculum Overview: will continue to build on practical skills developed in Year 7 and Year 8 but will also spen	nd time in the classroom learning PE theol	ry.
Year 9 HT1	Students will learn about/ develop skills of: Multi-skills Trampoline Basketball Cross Country	Component of Fitness - Baseline assessment, two hours, w/b 12 September	 Boys and girls football Girls netball Table Tennis team Cross Country squad
Year 9 HT2	Students will learn about/ develop skills of: Rugby Table Tennis Fitness PE Theory	Component of Fitness - Baseline assessment, two hours, w/b 11 November	 Boys and girls football Girls netball Boys and girls basketball Indoor athletics Badminton squad Indoor girls cricket Boys and girls Handball
Year 9 HT3	Students will learn about/ develop skills of: Rugby Football Handball PE Theory	Component of Fitness - Baseline assessment, two hours, w/b 30 January PE Theory – End of topic exam, one hour exam (50 marks)	 Boys and girls basketball Indoor athletics Boys and girls Handball Trampoline squad
Year 9 HT4	Students will learn about/ develop skills of: Rugby Football Handball	Component of Fitness - Baseline assessment, two hours, w/b 27 March	Boys and girlsfootballGirls netballIndoor athletics
Year 9 HT5	Students will learn about/ develop skills of: • Athletics		Boys and girls athletics league (outdoor)Boys Cricket

Year 9 HT6	Students will learn about/ develop skills of:	 Boys' and girls' athletics league (outdoor) Boys Cricket Girls' Kwik cricket Girls' rounders Beach Volleyball
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