

MTP Curriculum Notes

Year 7 - Summer 2016

English:

Year 7 will enhance their creative and analytical skills through a variety of written tasks with the main focus on vivid, descriptive composition along with accurate and perceptive textual analysis. The boys will conclude their work on the 'Kite Rider' with a thematic study of *loyalty and betrayal*. 'The Birds' and other short stories by Daphne du Maurier will be evaluated and used as a stimulus for written work including radio play scripts. The boys will focus on using rich vocabulary, a variety of sentence construction and engaging descriptive content. They will be expected to refine their text marking technique, both when assessing their own composition and when analysing a text within comprehension exercises. The boys will gain experience of comprehension and composition practice in the style used within 13+ entrance examinations. A broad reading experience and continued progress in the Accelerated Reader Programme will be expected. Interview skills will also feature in the term's work. Extra reading comprehension sessions will take place between 8.00 and 8.30 on Thursday mornings; all Year 7 boys are welcome.

Mathematics:

This term will start with the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge (JMC). We will further deepen our understanding of algebraic equations. Later in the term we will look at aspects of shape and space, including geometry, area and perimeter. In order to prepare for the summer exams and the 13+ exams, throughout the term we will constantly work to develop problem solving skills and will continue to deepen our understanding of topics that have already been covered.

Science:

The boys will cover Electricity and Magnetism and Forces and Motion this term. Living things in their environment will also be covered, as well as a quick look at inheritance and plants and photosynthesis. Practical work for this last topic will be done on their field trip in Wales. They will be developing their examination technique for the summer exams as well as for their mock and 13+ exams. Any boy who would like additional help with a topic is very welcome to arrange a lunch time or break time session with me, or attend extension sessions on a Tuesday after school or Wednesday before school.

French:

In French, we shall complete the remaining topics in Studio 2, extend pupils' knowledge of present, past and future tenses and explore 13+ questions and techniques in preparation for school examinations. The skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing will all be revised and refined as well as an increased focus on extended writing. In addition, pupils will have the opportunity of small group oral work later in the term.

Geography:

In Geography, this term, we shall continue our study of industry and economic activity. Following this, we will prepare for the Geography Field Trip and work on our approach to the field study.

History:

In History, the boys will be continuing with their Key Stage 3 studies, focusing especially on the Peasants' Revolt and the Wars of the Roses, culminating with the story of the Princes in the Tower. We will also be developing evidence evaluation skills and examining the complex ways in which causation can be expressed.

Classics:

In Classics, Y7* will first complete their Greek studies for this year. At the same time, the other two sets will complete their revision of the grammar required for CEE Level 2 Latin. Afterwards all three sets will study the grammar required for CEE Level 3 Latin.

Religious Studies:

In RS, the boys will study the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. After the exams, they will learn about the growth and persecution of the early Church.

IT:

In ICT, the boys will be developing their Spreadsheet skills. Each of them will develop their programming skills. They then be given a BBC Micro bit and they will be using Microsoft Touch developing to program it.

DT: Year 7 will be designing and building an automaton using cams. The design will be constructed using woodwork, metal work and plastics and will require both precision and imagination.

Music: The term in Music, Year 7 will be continuing to learn about music notation whilst learning to play an instrument of their choosing in class band.

Drama: This term the remaining cohort of boys will receive individual tutorials in preparation for their LAMDA Level 1 Grade 3 Communication examinations in The Speaking of Verse and Prose. Exams will take place on Wednesday 6th July followed by 'An Evening of Poetry and Prose' in The New Barn Theatre. All welcome.

Physical Education: In Physical Education, the boys will be given the opportunity to improve on the skills which they learned in Year 6. We will be basing our athletics programme on a combination of the English Schools Athletics Award and the National PE and School Sport Programme (TOPS). Students will build on techniques previously introduced in both Track and Field events. After Sports Day the boys will be introduced to the exciting sport of Ultimate Frisbee for the final weeks.

Games: The boys will be given the opportunity to improve their skills and tactical understanding of cricket by participating in a variety of games-based skills practices and small-sided games.