

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	<p>Drama unit: How does Shakespeare explore features of villainy through dramatic characters?</p> <p>Students will explore a range of characters through text extracts. Building on their Year 7 study of dramatic conventions and Shakespeare's style, they will compare and critique dramatic characterisation.</p>	<p>All students have an exercise book to bring to each lesson. They should also bring a reading book of their own choice to every lesson. Home Learning will be set on TEAMS.</p>	<p>Seneca Learning (accessed through Hampstead.RMUnify.com)</p> <p>www.educationquizzes.com/ks3/english</p>
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinates • Area and circumference • Standard form 	<p>Classwork book, homework book.</p> <p>Must bring a scientific calculator (available via ParentPay) and other equipment to every lesson.</p> <p>Home learning set every Wednesday on Sparx Maths (accessed via hampstead.rmunify.com).</p> <p>Independent learning to be done on Sparx Maths as well.</p>	<p>https://www.sparxmaths.uk/</p> <p>https://sparxmathscurriculum.com/overview</p> <p>https://corbettmaths.com/</p>
Science	<p>Earth and Atmosphere Waves Materials Genetics</p> <p>British Science Week Celebrations</p>	<p>All students have an exercise book to bring to each lesson. There will also be homework assignments set on Microsoft Teams using Seneca Learning.</p> <p>Useful KS3 revision guides available from CGP</p>	<p>Seneca Learning (accessed through Hampstead.RMUnify.com)</p> <p>BBC Bitesize: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zng4d2p</p>
Drama	<p>How do we create and effective piece of comedy? Commedia Dell'Arte, focusing on how to create visual, exaggerated and slapstick comedy. After half term students will explore modern comedy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status, timing, exaggeration and physical comedy • Commedia Del' Arte 	<p>All students have an actor journal to write in. Homework set on Microsoft Teams</p>	<p>Commedia dell'arte - Using your body - GCSE Drama Revision - WJEC - BBC Bitesize</p>
Geography	<p>The Grand Renaissance Dam Forests</p>	<p>Exercise book; Homework set on Microsoft Teams</p>	<p>Seneca Learning (accessed through Hampstead.RMUnify.com)</p> <p>BBC Bitesize: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zrw76sg</p>

History	<p>How important were Martin Luther's ideas to unleashing the Reformation?</p> <p>What can we learn about the Transatlantic Slave Trade from the experiences of enslaved people?</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>
Music	<p>What can you make with a chord? Students will develop their knowledge of staff notation by learning how to play the ukulele. They will also learn how to make major and minor chords and how to use them with a melody.</p>	<p>Booklet, one written and one practical assessment</p>	<p>BBC Bitesize: KS3 Music - BBC Bitesize</p>
French	<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. Talking about clothes and give opinions on styles. Discussing sustainability and recycling/reusing garments. Talk about the weather and what you wear on different occasions.</p> <p>Using different tenses</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	<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. Talking about clothes and give opinions on styles. Discussing sustainability and recycling/reusing garments. Talk about the weather and what you wear on different occasions.</p> <p>Using different tenses</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>
PE	<p>Refine intermediate skill development, knowledge & application (consistency & accuracy).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Football • Basketball • Badminton • Dance <p>Popularity of Sports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Numbers participating - Provision of facilities - Environment 	<p>- Hampstead School PE kit - Water bottle - Homework set on Microsoft Teams</p>	<p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zdhs34j https://www.pecentral.org/ https://www.peresourcesbank.co.uk/</p> <p>Seneca Learning (accessed through Hampstead.RMUnify.com)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spectator opportunities - Media coverage - Role models - Social acceptability - Emerging sports <p>Barriers to participation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - User groups - Barriers - Solutions 		
Independent Learning	<p>Independent reading, research and revision</p> <p>Home Learning for all students is to complete one book every fortnight</p>	A reading book of the appropriate level and length, chosen by your child either from the library or from home.	<p>Book levels can be checked at: www.arbookfind.co.uk</p> <p>To view your child's progress please visit: https://ukhosted24.renlearn.co.uk/1893165/HomeConnect/</p>
Art (short Unit)*	Students look at how artists respond to the built environment around them. 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. They learn how to draw from one and two point perspective and develop analytical skills by studying Grayson Perry and Romare Beardon.	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. Students are required to bring a pencil, rubber and pencil sharpener to every lesson.	<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 runs fantastic workshops for students: HOME octgalleryeducation (octobergalleryeducation.com)</p>
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.		
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.	<p>www.julieboyd.co.uk</p> <p>BBC Bite size www.technologystudent.com</p>
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>	Students must come prepared with a full pencil case and if possible, a 30cm ruler. Home learning will be set on Microsoft Teams.	<p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z8rqw6f/revision/1</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zdn9jhv</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>		
Computing	<p>Students will be looking at Internet Security, focusing on how to identify if a website is legitimate, who owns the internet and its content and how to identify if emails/texts are legitimate and what to do with them if not.</p> <p>Students will then move onto looking at data handling, looking at spreadsheets and different formulas within these, how businesses use spreadsheets and how to create graphs based on the data within these.</p>	All materials are posted on Teams, where students can access these.	<p>BBC Bitesize - https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zvc9q6f</p> <p>Seneca Learning (access through RM Unify)</p> <p>Teach-ICT - https://www.teach-ict.com/ (username – nw23rt, password – gateway6)</p> <p>Snakify – www.snakify.org</p>
Social Studies	<p>Morality</p> <p>Does religion help people be good?</p>	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	Event
Thursday 13th February 2025	Reports sent home
	Year 8 Parents' Consultation Evening

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