



Year 7

What we are learning in the Autumn Term 2026

The following shows the topics we are teaching in school over this term and some links that students may find useful in supporting their learning.

Home Learning will be listed in [Classcharts](#) and Science are supported by e-Textbooks on [Kerboodle](#).

Subject	Topics students are learning in the summer term	Useful links
English	Magic, Fantasy and the Supernatural - we start with creative thinking and writing skills exploring a range of short stories and looking at <i>The Mystery of Harris Burdick</i>, using images to prompt our narrative writing. Students will participate in a reading, comprehension and grammar CTA early on in the Autumn Term to help us to bridge the gap between KS2 and KS3 learning and ensure students are getting the support they need in English. After half term we will study a modern fantasy-novel '<i>The House with Chicken Legs</i>', developing comprehension and critical reading skills. Reading for pleasure - library time focused on the importance of reading - students choose their own reading books with support from our librarians linking to students' home learning.	More info on The Mysteries of Harris Burdick More info on the research behind 'faster read' method UKLA - book recommendations and literacy support Book Trust - supporting young readers Books for Topics - book lists to inspire Y7 readers.
Maths	Application of Number: Revision and next steps of place value and core skills. Averages, two way tables and stem and leaf diagrams. Using Four Operations: Multiples, multiplication, division, fractions of amounts and factors. Number Properties: squares, cubes, roots, primes.	Maths Genie Corbettmaths

Science	B1 Cells and Organisation. This covers: Animal and Plant cells, Specialised cells, organs and organ systems. C1 Particle Model. This covers: States of matter, changes of state, solubility, and separating techniques (filtration, evaporation, distillation and chromatography).	Cells Particles
Art	Elements of Art Introduction to tone and pattern looking at still life drawings Learning about colour and colour theory. Developing understanding on mixing colours in various media. Gaining an insight into how artists use colour in their artwork.	BBC Bitesize - Elements of Art: Colour
Design Technology	In year 7 students will study the theory and practical skills for the following practical projects depending on their rotation. Good Vibes Clock Sea Creature Keyring Working with sustainable Timber and reclaimed Plastic Polymers, how to cut, shape and fix together objects made from different materials. Working with Textiles, hand sewing and embellishing using embroidery, sequins etc.	https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/design-and-technology-ks3-explain-this/zhwdjvhv
Creative Design	A new branch of Design Technology. In Yr 7 students will learn about plastic pollution and Sustainability, creating a design for their own reusable and recyclable aluminium water bottle and packaging. They will print their own bottle and take it home when finished.	
Drama	Characterisation 1. Darkwood Manor 2. Commedia Dell'Arte Learning Character e.g. grit, self-control with others Drama techniques e.g. freeze-frame, mime, narration Performance skills - Physical, Vocal, Spatial Evaluation of own & others' work Theatrical genres e.g. Commedia dell'Arte Devising & performing drama Directing	

Food Preparation and Nutrition.	- Theory - Introduction to hazards and hygiene in the kitchen - Practical - Introducing foundation practical skills, use of equipment and appliances, knife skills and following a recipe independently.	https://illuminate.digital/edu/gasfood/
French	You will be able to -Learn about French Language and countries where it is spoken -Explore culture, customs and current affairs -Use greetings and polite expressions -Practise memorisation skills, phonics, vocabulary and grammar - Describe yourself and other people -Describe your school environment -Express opinions -Talk about free time activities	Oak National Academy https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/year-7-unit-1-a482 https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/year-7-unit-2-0ebb
Geography	Our Island Home Population Skills revision	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zm38q6f https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zxv4cmn#z8jwjsjg https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zm38q6f
History	- What is history? - Pre 1066 Britain - Battle of Hastings - Normans	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zshtyrd/articles/z9mw8hv
Music	- Rhythm and singing project learning about the key elements of music through a variety of short in lesson projects. This will include key word learning and musical reading - Keyboard skills learning how to play melodies and chords on keyboards.	
PE	In Key Stage 3 students will build on and embed the physical development and previous skills learned, become more competent and confident in their techniques, and apply them across different sports and physical activities. This term, pupils will focus mainly on invasion games such as netball, handball, rugby and football, developing their knowledge and understanding on rules and basic skills involved	

	within each sport covered. Pupils will also understand the principles behind an efficient warm up and cool down and will lead their own.	
RE	What is religion? Christianity	Christianity
Spanish	You will be able to -Learn about Spanish Language and countries where it is spoken -Explore culture, customs and current affairs -Use greetings and polite expressions -Practise memorisation skills, phonics, vocabulary and grammar - Describe yourself and other people including family and friends -Express opinions -Talk about your area	Oak National Academy https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/year-7-unit-1-33b9 https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/year-7-unit-2-0b0b
Computer Science	Working with Computers Key Skills & Knowledge ● Logins / Passwords ● School IT Systems (Google Classroom, class charts) ● TextHelp ● E-mail ● Google & Internet Searching ● Word/Google Docs ● PPT/Google Sheets	Oak National Academy https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-year/year-7/subjects/computing