

Spring Term 1

Year 9

Please use this route through to find out what students are learning in the classroom and beyond.

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	Assessment	Home Learning
How should I plan my time?	<p>Students think hard and answer lots of questions every lesson.</p> <p>Students practice and get feedback on their work.</p> <p>Exams: Mid-year exams this half term.</p>	<p>Due every Thursday at 4pm:</p> <p>1 hour Sparx Maths</p> <p>1 hour Sparx English</p> <p>Due every Friday at 4pm:</p> <p>1 hour Sparx Science</p>
Subject	What are students learning in lessons?	What could students do to extend their learning and develop their character?
Art	Natural forms colour and painting: focus flowers and plants.	Be proactive: research more artists that you could use to inspire your own, more personal, design ideas.
Computer Science	Python programming: applying core programming concepts and creating python programs.	Be curious: Research who created python and why it was created.
Drama	Macbeth: develop an understanding of the plot, its themes and the characters through practical exploration.	Be determined: create an online profile for Macbeth detailing everything we know about him.
English	Shakespearean Tragedy: Romeo and Juliet: an exploration and analysis of character, themes, historical, cultural and social context linked to Shakespeare's intentions and impact.	Be curious: explore the Elizabethan era. Develop your understanding of life for men and women during Shakespeare's era.
Food Technology	<p>Pasta as a staple starchy carbohydrate: gluten formation and savoury dishes.</p> <p>Researching ingredients: scientifically analysing ingredients to support nutritional and functional decisions.</p>	Be creative: adapt traditional pasta dishes such as carbonara and bolognese to include high protein and low fat ingredients.
French	The World around us: environmental issues in a French speaking town, children's rights around the world, fair trade and volunteering.	Be independent: research the environmental impact of coffee production in Ivory Coast. Or find an eco-volunteering program in Madagascar you could join.

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Geography	Life in a Newly Emerging Economy: opportunities and challenges of economic development in Nigeria. Energy: non renewables, renewables, varied consumption, factors affecting the price of energy, energy future.	Be curious: work out your carbon footprint using the "WWF carbon footprint calculator" and reflect on what you can do to reduce it.
History	The Russian Revolution: the causes of the Russian Revolution. The Rise of the Dictators: the rise of Hitler and Mussolini. WWII turning points: Dunkirk, the Battle of Britain, Stalingrad, D-Day.	Be independent: learn about Mulberry Harbour, Bognor Regis. Research, with parents / carers whether you could safely visit.
Maths	Forming expressions. Substitution. Direct and inverse proportion. Probability 1.	Be independent: make a formula sheet for all the formulae you use in Science and Maths.
Music	Intermediate Guitar skills and performing as an ensemble	Be curious: listen to a new genre of music. How does it compare to your favourite genre of music?
Physical Education	Each set will study one of the following sports: basketball, table tennis, netball, handball, trampolining, football, hockey, OAA or fitness. For each sport students learn: preparation, execution, follow through for skills, basic rules of the sport, competitive gameplay.	Be Curious: Are you excited to watch or track the Winter Olympics? See if you can catch any of it between Feb 6th - Feb 22nd.
PSHCE	Intimate relationships: build on the relationships and sex education curriculum from year 7 and year 8, including a focus on 'harmful sexual behaviour', 'grooming' and consent.	Be curious: research what 'Childline' offers including who they help and when their services are available.
Religious Studies	Equality: religion and racism, and contrasting religious views on the role of women, and homosexual relationships.	Be curious: research the lives of Martin Luther King and Malcolm X and their involvement in the Civil Rights Movement.
Science	Matter: states of matter, pressure, Brownian motion and pressure. Revision: revise all units and prepare for the Science midyear exams.	Be resilient: make a revision time table and stick to it! Learn the science question and answers for each topic.
Spanish	The World around us: environmental issues in a Spanish speaking town, children's rights around the world, fair trade and volunteering.	Be independent: research the environmental cost of avocado farming in Latin America. Or find an eco-volunteering program in Costa Rica you would like to join.