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Our year 7 curriculum



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English

- During years 7 and 8, students will cover exciting English topics including:
 - Childhood
 - Identity
 - Islands and isolation
 - Crime
 - Villains
- Students will discover great works of literature linked to the above topics, such as:
 - 'Oliver Twist' by Charles Dickens
 - 'Noughts and Crosses' by Malorie Blackman
 - 'The Tempest' by William Shakespeare
 - 'Macbeth' by William Shakespeare
- The curriculum ensures students focus on key reading, writing and spoken language skills, building on prior knowledge and revisiting skills



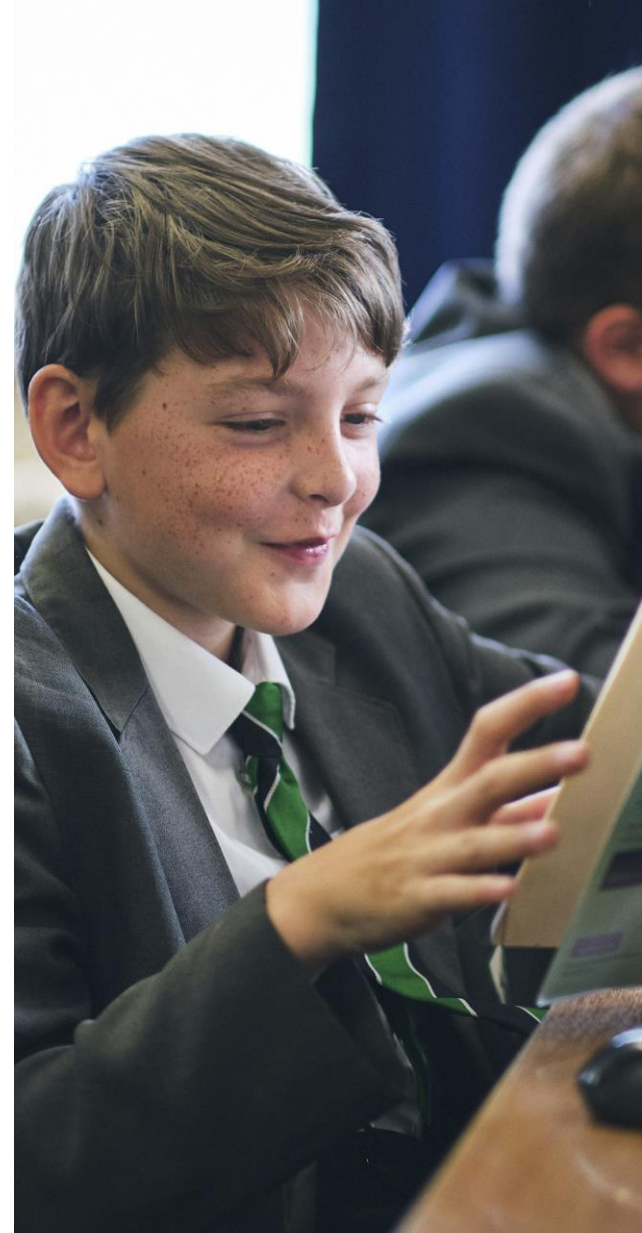
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English (continued)

- Year 7 and 8 students have one timetabled library lesson a week.
- Students are encouraged to read for 20 minutes five-times a week at home. Progress is tracked with the STAR reading program and Accelerated Reader
- There are lots of opportunities for students to get involved beyond the classroom including:
 - Competitions and quizzes
 - World Book Day
 - The Great Holgate Spelling Bee
 - Opportunities to have work published



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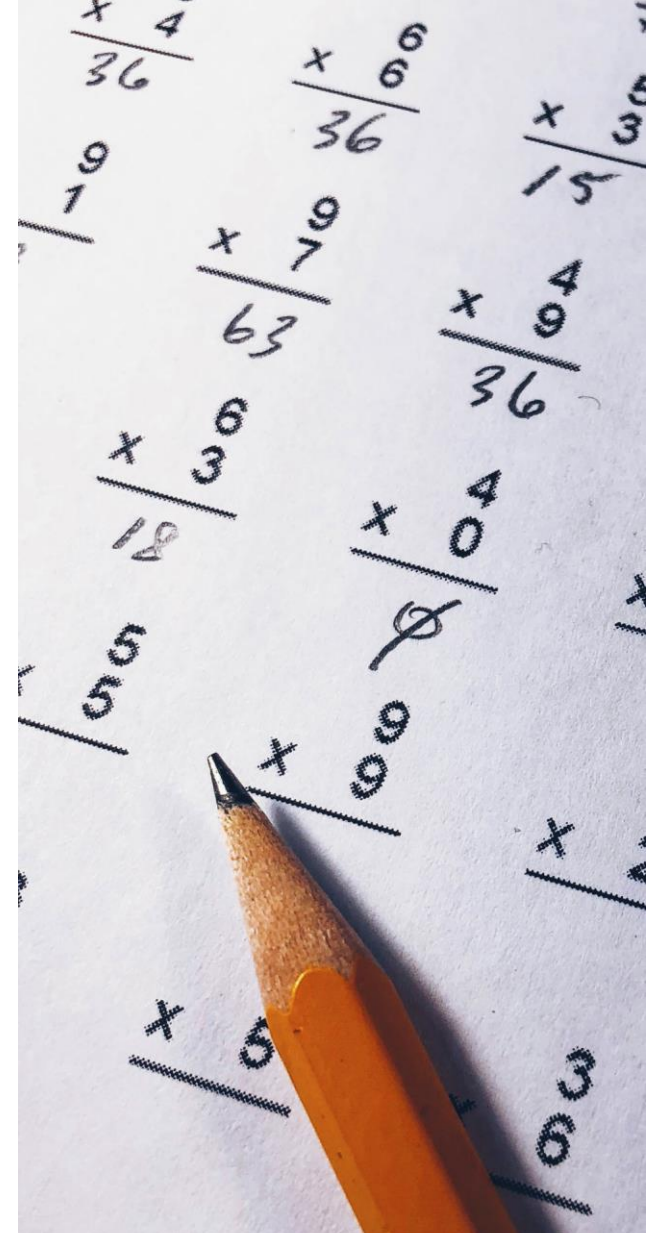
Mathematics

- In year 7, students continue with the mastery style of maths that they have been studying at primary school.
- The foundations are embedded to allow for more interesting areas of mathematics to be explored, such as algebra and geometry.
- Year 7 students have five maths lessons each week and enjoy a variety of different tasks, including investigations, problem solving, jigsaws, mysteries and many more.
- They learn how to use scientific calculators effectively.



Mathematics (continued)

- Each student will have their own personal login for two online maths platforms to help develop their skills. These include MyMaths and MathsWatch.
- Topics in year 7 include:
 - Place value, addition and subtraction
 - Multiplication and division
 - Fractions
 - Percentages
 - Algebra
 - Geometry



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Science

- All students will study a combination and range of biology, chemistry and physics topics - we're confident they will find something that sparks their interest!
- Students develop their science knowledge and their practical skills through year 7 and beyond.
- The curriculum is carefully sequenced to ensure students develop a firm knowledge foundation that they will continue to build upon.



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Science (continued)

- Students will learn how an individual cell functions and how these cells work together to give us an entire organism. They will learn what an atom is made of and how this links to stars in our universe.
- The science faculty also run a number of extra-curricular activities, where students can work towards CREST awards and compete in regional and national competitions.



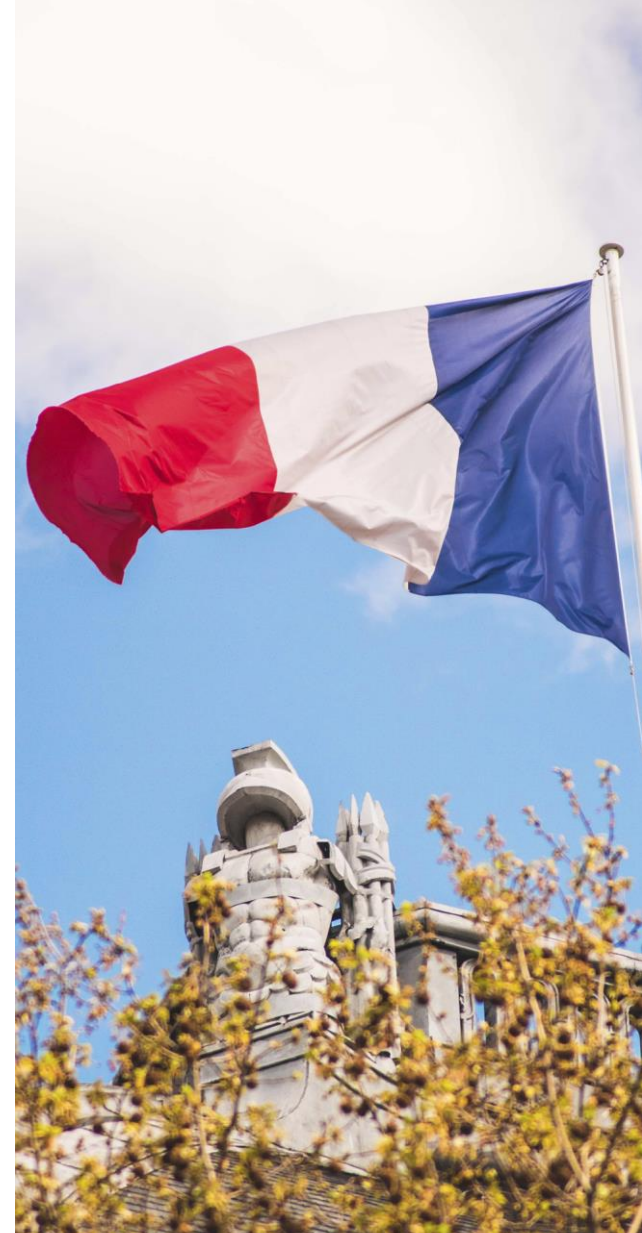
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Languages

- In years 7 and 8 we aim to cover solid foundations to facilitate success in French at GCSE and A Level.
- We cover four core skills:
 - Listening
 - Speaking
 - Reading and writing (including translation from and to the target language)
 - Transcription
- Students are assessed at the end of each unit with an added element from the previous unit.
- Technology is encouraged out of lessons to support acquisition of vocabulary



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Languages (continued)

- Topics in year 7 include:

Personal information , physical appearance, favourite objects

Introduce yourself

Describe yourself and other people

Describe your favourite object

French-speaking regions

School, home and animals

Talk about school and where you live

Talk about leisure activities and personal possessions

Describe animals

Food

Say what you eat and drink at different mealtimes

Give opinions on food and drinks

Say where you like to eat out; order food in a café

Use quantities and understand recipes

Talk about food specialities and art

Personality, family, school subjects, friends

Describe your personality

Talk about family members and friends

Give opinions of school subjects

Home and family life; compare yourself now with how you used to be

Local area

Describe a town

Say what you can do at different places

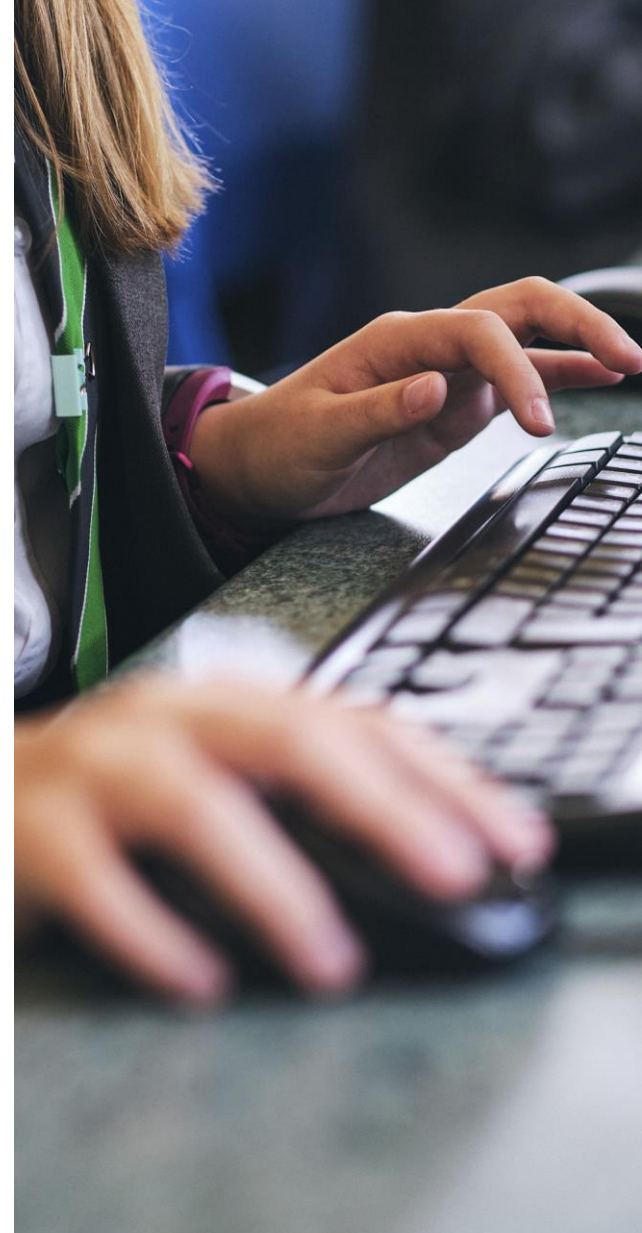
Ask for and give directions

Arrange to go out and where to meet



Information technology

- Students are taught in our six dedicated ICT suites, with access to industry standard software packages.
- In year 7 we cover a range of topics including:
 - Introduction to Office and word processing,
 - e-Safety and online protection
 - Introduction to games design
 - Video editing
 - Introduction to programming
- We extend this learning in years 8 to 9 with programming, web design, databases and much more!
- Students can opt to study courses in creative iMedia and computer science after year 9



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Personal development

- All students have one lesson per week following a personal development programme, including:
 - Citizenship
 - Relationships and sex education
 - Religious education
 - Financial education
 - PSHEE
 - Careers
- Careers support is available to all students in all years
- Work experience programme in years 10 and 12
- We work closely with colleges and universities to provide opportunities for development



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Personal development (cont'd)

- Students will have the opportunity to take part in events such as:
 - Restart a heart
 - Road safety week
 - National Careers Week
 - Enterprise activities
 - University visits
 - Diversity week and LGBTQ+ history month
 - Black history month
 - ...plus invited guests and speakers



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Physical education

- You will participate in a variety of activities during the year, including:
 - Football
 - Netball
 - Rugby
 - Trampolining and dance
 - Athletics
 - Table Tennis
 - Rounders
 - Fitness programmes and tests
- Lunchtime and after-school clubs extend our curriculum and engage students further
- Opportunities to represent the academy in competitions and matches



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SEND

- Our expert SEND team provide supportive and specialised intervention for children
- Our aim is for all our students to achieve and feel happy throughout their education
- We specialise in supporting students with:
 - Cognition and learning
 - Communication
 - Interaction
 - Social and emotional development
 - Sensory and physical needs
- Dedicated space to support students transitioning into year 7, known as the Accelerate Learning rooms



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SEND (continued)

- The team offer a variety of specialisms and interventions including:
 - Catch-up literacy and numeracy
 - Social groups
 - Start-well and end-well sessions
 - Forest schools
 - LAC support groups
 - Art therapy
 - ASD/ ADHD support groups
 - Lego therapy
 - SAFE - anxiety support classroom
 - Accelerated learning rooms for years 7, 8 and 9
 - COPE/ AIM awards
 - Functional skills - maths and English
 - Progress centre



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