

Key Stage 3 Curriculum Plan

Support

Equip students with key skills to allow them to flourish in their independent adult lives

Nurture

Enable them to make progress in their learning with well-informed planning and by using a variety of appropriate teaching strategies

Inspire

Challenge students to reach their full potential as learners and inspire them to develop a growth mind-set

Empower

Access to further education through nationally recognised qualifications and accreditations – where applicable individual subject qualifications will contribute to a wider qualification such as BTEC Certificate/Award/Diploma.

Develop confidence and resilience

Aims of KS 3 curriculum

- Broad and balanced – providing opportunities for accreditation in both academic and vocational subjects
Building a foundation for progression to further study at GCSE and BTEC
- Meet the needs of each individual student – socially, emotionally and academically
- Providing development of social and emotional skills through Thrive and enrichment activities with an SMSC focus

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KS3 English	Reading and comprehension skills Reading a variety of non-fiction texts Writing in formal contexts letter/email	Exploring techniques in fiction Reading a 'seasonal' text e.g. A Christmas Carol Reading comprehension of extracts	Explore literature from other cultures Study myths, fairy tales Creative writing of myths	Explore conventions within different genres of film Explore structure of film reviews Write a film review	Exploring techniques in poetry Creative writing	Explore language and themes in a Shakespeare play Write, perform, record a play based upon themes in Shakespeare
KS 3 Mathematics	The properties of number Ordering numbers including directed number Mental and written calculations	Four operations Calculations with whole numbers using mental and written methods	Ratio Understanding equality and basic fractions Money Calculations involving units of money including using calculators Calculations for everyday situations	The Calendar and time Reading analogue and digital clocks Understanding and converting between 12 and 24 hour times Understanding about days, weeks, months and years Calculations involving time	Measures Measurements using standard and non-standard units Reading scales Comparing temperature values Geometry 2D and 3D shapes and their basic properties Investigating symmetry	Statistics Understanding and interpreting a range of statistical diagrams Conducting and analysing simple surveys Sorting information to given criteria
KS 3 Literacy	Matching tone and style for a particular purpose or audience Formal and informal styles of writing Using a range of sentence length with correct grammar and punctuation	Developing confidence in using ambitious vocabulary Accuracy in spelling commonly misspelt words Classification of nouns	Creative writing techniques Use of strong verbs, adverbial phrases, similes, metaphors and rhetorical devices using still images as stimulus	Creative writing techniques Use of strong verbs, adverbial phrases, similes, metaphors and rhetorical devices using moving images as stimulus	<i>The KS 3 Literacy programme is being redeveloped and will be updated in due course</i>	

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KS 3 Science	Biology – The Human Body Different systems within the body including respiratory, digestive and nervous systems	Chemistry – Elements The Periodic Table An introduction to reactions and chemical equations	Physics – Electricity Types of energy, energy transfer, environmental issues relating to energy production	Chemistry – Chemistry in our world Reactions involving household chemicals Fossil fuels and their impact on the atmosphere Making water safe to drink	Biology – Environment, evolution and inheritance An introduction to evolution by natural selection Food webs and connected eco-systems	Physics – The Earth, The Solar System and Space Names, positions and properties of the sun and planets
KS 3 IT	Computer basics Knowing the equipment Word processing basics (AQA Unit awards, Digital Skills award BCS)	Online basics Introduction to the internet, searching for information, secure websites and using email (AQA Unit awards, Digital Skills award BCS)	Digital music Digital music devices, transferring and purchasing music Playlists and backing up music (AQA Unit awards, Digital Skills award BCS)	Digital Media Managing, storing and organising digital media Wireless communication and sharing media (AQA Unit awards, Digital Skills award BCS)	Word Processing software Producing a variety of documents using word processing software Developing skills with editing tools (AQA Unit awards, Digital Skills award BCS)	Presentation software Producing a variety of presentations Developing skills with editing and presentation tools (AQA Unit awards, Digital Skills award BCS)
KS 3 Design & Technology	<i>The KS 3 Design & Technology programme is being redeveloped and will be updated in due course</i>		Designing, making and evaluating a wooden coaster or coaster set Researching and planning a bug house	Designing and making plaques using wood burning techniques	<i>The KS 3 Design & Technology programme is being redeveloped and will be updated in due course</i>	
KS 3 Home Cooking Skills	<i>The KS 3 Design & Technology programme is being redeveloped and will be updated in due course</i>		Healthy eating Planning a healthy diet Practical Baking skills	<i>The KS 3 Design & Technology programme is being redeveloped and will be updated in due course</i>		
KS 3 Creative Art	Drawing skills Using pencils, charcoals Still life or self-portrait Studying the art of Stephen Wiltshire	Introduction to painting Colour theory and exploring how the abstract artist Wassily Kandinsky uses colour	Research Vincent Van Gogh and explore his techniques and style Using chalks to create images in the style of the Vincent Van Gogh	Explore techniques of ceramic art & working in 3D with clay Explore styles from other cultures e.g. African masks	Exploration of sequential art including cave paintings, comic strips and graphic novels	Exploring techniques in urban art including murals Producing large scale art

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KS3 Citizenship	The rule of law (AQA Unit 110767)	Personal liberty (AQA Unit 110768)	Tolerance (AQA Unit 110769)	Identity and discrimination (AQA Unit 30328)	Understanding the effects of crime on victims (AQA Unit 105563)	Introduction to the 'Prevent' strategy (AQA Unit 1 11069)
KS 3 Life Skills	AQA units around mental health	AQA units around mental wellbeing	AQA units how to support friends and family with mental health difficulties.	AQA units how to support friends and family with mental health difficulties.	AQA units know about support for mental ill-health.	Revise, consolidate, take a test
KS 3 Sport & Leisure	A rolling programme of sport and leisure activities to promote a healthy lifestyle and develop social skills, including nature walks and sporting activities Use is made of local sports and leisure facilities to allow opportunities for bowling, pool, golf, football, basketball and rounders					
KS 3 Careers	Career Action Plan Review achievements, skills and qualities Explore gender stereotypes and work	Research different career paths including home-working and self-employment Match personal skills and qualities to workplace attributes	Online research of jobs Investigate career family trees	Goal-setting Develop profile of strengths and weaknesses Identify people who can support good education and training	Identify transferable skills Develop understanding of the benefits of paid and unpaid work	Develop an understanding of changes in the labour market
KS 3 THRIVE	A programme for developing emotional and social wellbeing delivered through a range of activities Weekly visits to a community therapeutic farm – nurture and care for animals large and small (feeding, mucking out, training), maintenance and construction tasks for general upkeep of farm buildings and structures, craft activities including woodwork, painting, seasonal crafts Individualised programmes of walks and visits allowing development of social skills and independence; providing cultural opportunities					