



Curriculum Information
Autumn 2018-19
Year 7

Non Mihi, Non Tibi, Sed Nobis

English (Mr Chris Terry/Mrs Karlie Walsh and Ms Leanne Evans)

Students are currently studying Non Fiction texts, specifically focusing on advertisements. They will be developing their analytical skills by analysing the effects of language and presentational devices in two advertisements studied in class. This will be their first introduction to the point, evidence and analysis structure (PEA) which is critical to success at IGCSE. In addition, they will be learning about the language used in marketing and promotion and they will create their own product to promote.

Then we will be reading and analysing a fiction novel 'Other Side of Truth'. The students will be analysing the theme, characters, setting, the plot and the language. They will be utilising the ICEBURG paragraph structure to analyse the language used to portray the characters.

Mathematics (Ms. Loh Lay Goay)

This term, the students will be learning about two main components: Number and calculation and Expression. These contents are all underpinned by problem solving questions which provide a comprehensive structure for the application of mathematical skills. Besides that, mental strategies are also a key part of the Numbers topic. The students will also be exposed to actual Cambridge Checkpoint exam-typed questions as part of their continuous preparation for the exam when they reach Year 9.

Science (Mr. John Foo Yook Hon/ Mrs. Nellie Wong Su Chee)

Biology. At the beginning of the term, students will be learning about plants, the positions and the functions of the major organs of flowering plants. They will be studying the characteristics common to all living things, and their importance to survival of the organism. Students will be learning about cells, the structure of typical cells, how cells are adapted to their function, how cells are organised into tissues, organs and organ systems to efficiently carry out the functions of life. Finally, students will be exposed to micro-organisms and their roles in the breakdown of organic matter, food production and disease, including the work of Louis Pasteur.

Chemistry: Students will be developing further on the knowledge of the particle theory of matter and to explain the properties of solids, liquids and gases, including changes of state. They will be learning to identify and differentiate between metals and non-metals, everyday materials and their physical properties.

Physics: Students will be building on their previous knowledge of pushes and pulls to develop further their knowledge concerning the effects of forces on movement, including friction and air resistance, and the effects of gravity on objects.

Business Studies (Mrs Maryam Wallace / Mrs Rabiahtul Bazariah)

In the Autumn term students will learn about basic business trading. They will investigate how individuals and groups attempt to satisfy basic needs and wants by utilizing scarce resources. Students will also be able to describe characteristics and skills associated with successful entrepreneurs and demonstrate understanding of their contributions to global businesses. They will then have the opportunity to demonstrate their creativity and business knowledge by producing a board game.

ICT (Mrs. Haniza Hussin)

During this term, students will learn two main topics, 'Refining resources', and 'Introduction to Web designing'. For the Refining Resources topic they will get to focus more on case studies involving fake information published on websites, and in turn, evaluate them. They will be asked to identify the validity and reliability of resources mainly from commercial websites. They will also learn how to export and import data from other Microsoft applications.





History (Mr David Geary)

Year 7 kick off the year by learning about life in medieval England. Their first unit will explore why William of Normandy was ultimately victorious over King Harold at the Battle of Hastings. After this they will learn about the feudal system and social, economic and political upheaval unleashed in the wake of the Black Death. Finally they will discover how the Black Death among other factors led to the Peasants Revolt. Through these topics, our pupils will be introduced to PEEL paragraph writing, and how to construct balanced arguments in essays.

Advanced Mandarin (Mrs. Pang Sook Yee)

This term students will study a variety of topics including school life, lifestyle and family relationships. Students will begin by learning the inverted pyramid writing method, moderation method and narrative skills. They will have an opportunity to write and present these methods and skills in their writings. The students will improve their Chinese vocabulary by doing weekly spelling tests. Students will also look at the conventions of the genre and the different types of texts that exist within it, including instructional texts, recount texts and evaluative texts. They will be asked to read those texts in this unit and will need to write their own texts. In addition, they will also explore Chinese culture through calligraphy writing. Students are encouraged to read more Chinese story books.

Intermediate Mandarin (Ms. Soon Saw Imm)

During this term, students will learn how to introduce themselves and family members. Our focus will be on sentence building which will subsequently lead to a better understanding of using and varying sentence length in speaking and writing components. For the reading component skills, which include pronouncing Pin Yin, linking phrases and understanding the implied meaning, students will cover various reading topics and articles. Through exposure to a variety of texts, they will be able to develop their reading and spelling skills, extend their vocabulary and improve their Mandarin pronunciation. Their listening and speaking skills will be improved by using the Chinese Made Easy CD. The students will be expected to write 20-50 words by using appropriate vocabulary and sentence structures.

Music (Ms Carrena Tung)

Firstly in music this term we will focus on rhythm and pitch to ensure that the pupils have a good foundation of basic theory knowledge. They will work in groups to compose and will begin to notate their ideas. Later, we will then move onto another composition topic called Peter and the Wolf.

Drama (Ms Emily Spedding)

Students will be having serious fun in a secondary introduction to Drama this term. Students will be participating in a variety of activities that practically explore and develop the key skills in Drama, including collaboration, improvisation, characterisation, stage space, different roles in the theatre and naturalistic and non-naturalistic theatre styles. Students will also begin to build a large bank of theatre terminology. Students will also continue to develop their voice and movement skills during warm ups each lesson.

Bahasa Malaysia Language (Mrs. Rabiahtul Bazariah & Mrs. Pattmagowri)

Our main objective is for students to acquire a balanced proficiency in reading, writing, listening and speaking. New vocabulary will be introduced from time to time to enhance their foundation in grammar, reading comprehension, conversation and essay writing. In addition, they will also learn the language by reading newspapers, educational articles and academic papers. During lessons, students will be exposed to 3 major components throughout the semester, such as Essay writing (Penulisan), Reading comprehension (Pemahaman) and Grammar (Tatabahasa). In addition, such lessons can also help students to improve their presentation skills through essay writing and oral presentations.

Sejarah (Mrs.Pattmagowri)

This subject will involve project based learning, which requires students to find information about the tasks or topics given. This term, students will be exposed to Malaysia and Malaysian History, society, culture, politics and economics. Students will be exposed to industrial areas in Penang which help to develop the state and country. Students need to be familiar with premier and tertiary industries in Malaysia as well. Students have to prepare portfolios or PowerPoint slides to be presented during lessons. The values of 'Straits Seven' and 'IDEALS' will also be taught to them during the learning process.

Art and Design (Mr Mohd Shahrul Hasfis)

This term, students will learn about drawing and painting. For the first half term, they will learn about Penang landscape drawing. They will learn about the types of seaside, urbanscape and hillside drawings. They will focus on the skills in drawing such as sketches, idea development, drawing details and many more. For the other term, they will learn about abstract art based on the western artists and how to create a good abstract painting. They will also learn about art critics in order to create a story of their work, improve their ideas and fix their weaknesses.

Geography (Mrs Maryam Wallace)

Students will be learning about the key concepts of physical, environmental and human geography. They will understand their own place in the world and learn about different countries and continents. Students will identify how geography is related to them and they will be encouraged to use maps as much as possible during this term. The second half of the term shall focus on how weather and climate vary from place to place. Students will learn how these variations are due to many different physical and human factors and the impacts they have on people.

Physical Education (Mr. Jack Beattie, Mr. Dennis Lee, Mr. Vinod Khanna and Ms. Emily Tan)

During this term, students will take part in our Invasion Games unit where they will participate in a range of sports including football, basketball and netball. Students will refine skills learnt in the previous year, such as passing and dribbling and begin to develop the skills further by adding additional tactical movements. Students will begin to learn the rules of the game through adapted small sided games. In the second half of the term, students will begin to use tactics in game situations and understand positions when attacking and defending. Throughout the term, one class will participate in a Swimming unit. Students will revise how to be safe and confident in the water using swim and survive techniques. They will then begin to complete activities designed to develop their strokes for competition.

Moral Studies (With Form Teacher)

During this term, students will learn about self-development, be responsible to your own self-development. This topics includes Believe in God, Trust, Pride, Responsibility , High manners and tolerance.

Islamic Studies (Mrs. Rabiahtul Bazariah)

During this term, students will learn about the meaning of Surah Al- Iklhlas ,An Nas, as well as the importance of cleanliness in Islam (Wudhu) which is the first important ritual before performing salah (prayer).



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Upcoming Events

3 rd September	1 st day of Term
9 th -10 th September	Agong's Birthday (Public Holiday)
11 th September	Awal Muharram (Public Holiday)
16 th -17 th September	Malaysia Day (Public Holiday)
29 th September	SIS Family Day
24 th October	Halloween Disco
29 th October – 2 nd November	Challenge Week
3 rd November-11 th November	Half Term Break
6 th November	Deepavali (Public Holiday)
19 th November-20 th November	Prophet Muhammad's Birthday (Public Holiday)
24 th November	International Day
4 th December	Twilight Concert
5 th December	Entrepreneur Day
17 th December	Parents Evening
20 th December	Prizegiving Ceremony and Christmas Assembly
21 st December-7 th January	Winter Break