



Curriculum Information
Spring 2018-19
Year 7

Non Mihi, Non Tibi, Sed Nobis

English (Ms Karlie Walsh and Ms Leanne Evans)

This term the pupils will continue to study the novel: 'The Other Side of Truth' by Beverley Naidoo. Through studying this novel the pupils will continue to develop their analytical writing by addressing how the writer uses language to create particular effects on the reader. In addition, they will analyse the setting, theme, plot and characters. Following this the pupils will return to the topic of non-fiction where they will be asked to create an information report learning the correct layout, presentation, information, diagrams, syntax, punctuation and vocabulary. Additionally they will be learning how to make a speech. This will include stance, intonation, pace and volume. Then they will orally present their 'information' to the class.

Mathematics (Mrs. Anita Sundralingam)

This term, students will be focusing on five main topics: Fractions, Equations and Formulae, Geometry, Decimals and Percentages. The inter-related topics are fractions, decimals and percentages which will be covered in a combination. These components are all underpinned by problem solving questions which will provide a comprehensive structure for the application of mathematical skills. Besides that, mental strategies will also be a key part of the Numbers topic. The students will be exposed to actual Secondary Cambridge Checkpoint questions and marking schemes as part of their continuous preparation for their Checkpoint exams in Year 9.

Science (Mrs. Nellie Wong/ Mrs. Anita Sundralingam)

Picking up from last term, students will continue learning about the environment and how animals adapt to them as well as the feeding relationships in the ecosystems. This will be followed by a Chemistry topic where we will be learning about acids and alkalis and the process of neutralisation. This topic also includes learning about the pH scale and indicators for acid and alkalis. After the half term break, students will then delve into the topic of energy resources, how and where energy comes from, and what is the law of conservation of energy as well as other types of energy, such as gravitational potential energy, kinetic energy, and elastic potential energy.

Business Studies (Mrs Maryam Wallace and Mrs Rabihtul Bazariah)

This term students will learn all about budgets and finance. They will learn skills in how to organize their own personal spending habits and investigate where they can obtain additional finances. They will then apply this knowledge to a business context and investigate how companies can raise finance and the importance of why companies produce budgets. Students will also explore the importance of communication. They will explore the different ways in communicating and be able to select which method is more appropriate for different situations and audiences.

ICT (Mrs. Haniza Hussin)

This term, students will be learning how to stay safe online through delivery and discussion of e-safety. This unit will include the benefits and dangers of social media, how to combat cyber bullying and keeping data and devices safe while using the internet. Students will demonstrate their learning through the creation of a brochure designed using Publisher. This brochure is intended to help educate the younger students in the school around e-safety.

As well as this, the students will be furthering their skill set by working in excel. Here, they will learn about how to efficiently and effectively use spreadsheets including the use of formulae, functions, if statements and conditional formatting.







History (Mr David Geary)

This term, Year 7 change tack by exploring the Protestant Reformation in England and how the Tudor family dealt with threats to their reign from Henry VIII up to Elizabeth I arising during this epoch. Pupils will explore concepts such as religious intolerance and reform as well as the importance of a monarch as a symbol of a nation. Students will be introduced to source skills for the first time including how to decode the message of a source; the utility of a source for historical research and accuracy; and the purposes of sources and the intentions of the authors had when they produced them. Through these skills the class will explore critical thinking skills such as assessing reliability, bias and limitations of both authorship and content which are vital skills for critical literacy in the 21st century.

Advanced Mandarin (Mrs. Pang Sook Yee)

Students will learn to use descriptive language in their speech and writing this term. They will further strengthen their understanding of Chinese vocabulary through reading, presentations and spelling tests. We will also focus their speaking test by testing their understanding of each chapter and deeper meaning of the character setting. For writing, the focus will be on developing their rhetorical skill and using Chinese idioms in their writing. At the end of the term, students shall be able to exercise their creative writing skills to write compositions.

Intermediate Mandarin (Ms. Soon Saw Imm)

During this term, students will learn how to introduce their nationality and places of interest. 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.

Bahasa Malaysia Language (Mrs. Rabihtul Bazariah & Mrs. Pattmagowri Muniandy)

Year 7 students will be focusing on the topic of sports and healthy living in the four key areas of listening, speaking, reading and writing. Students will switch between learning independently and in groups. We will also conduct project based learning with the purpose of expanding their grammatical knowledge to improve their Bahasa proficiency. This term, we will explore different writing styles, such as script writing a drama titled "Anak Penggunting Rambut", narration and factual text. They will be given an opportunity to act out their written drama in class.

Sejarah (Mrs. Rabihtul Bazariah)

This term, students will be exposed to various interesting topics about Malaysia history, including the history of older schools in Malaysia, when it founded, how the school systems before the independence was. This will help children to develop the skills needed in the modern world, to look beyond the headlines, to ask questions properly and to have the confidence to express their own opinion.

Art and Design (Mr Mohd Shahrul Hasfis)

This term, Year 7 will learn about Craft and Related Media and work on a shadow puppets project. They will be working individually and may pick any character that they like. Students will further develop their skills in drawing, painting, working with wire, cutting and manipulating characters into shadow puppets.

Physical Education (Mr. Jack Beattie, Mr. Dennis Lee, Ms. Emily Tan & Mr. Vinod Shanmugam)

During this term, students will take part in Athletics focusing on the three skills of running, throwing and jumping. Students will be required to show levels of consistency in each discipline. In the second half of term, students will focus on Net and Wall games where they will develop their skills in Volleyball and Badminton. Year 7 boys will participate in a Swimming unit, where they will learn how to be safe and confident in the water using swim and survive techniques. They will recap how to enter and exit the pool safely and begin to complete activities designed to develop their freestyle, breaststroke and backstroke technique as well as being introduced to butterfly.

Performing Arts (Ms. Carrena Tung and Ms Emily Spedding)

Music: Year 7 will build on their piano skills alongside more general performance skills such as ensembleship. We will be exploring melody and harmony using Pachelbel's canon. We will also further explore instruments of the orchestra. As always, the pupils will continue to expand their musical vocabulary.

Drama: Students will be working from a comical script called *Ernie's Incredible Illucinations*. During this students will learn about the different elements of a script, as well as using the script as a stimulus to create their own drama.

After the half term, students will be learning and rehearsing an exciting routine for the end of year production. During this students will need to demonstrate and develop their singing and movement skills

and their ability to collaborate and perform with confidence.

Geography (Mrs Maryam)

This term, Year 7 will begin their Geographical studies with an exploration into tourism. Students will study the benefits, advantages and disadvantages of tourism and will complete a case study into the effects of tourism on Penang Malaysia. Pupils will explore concepts such as the economic, social and physical impacts of tourism. Students will then move onto the topic of the UK with an in depth analysis of the location, the different countries that make up the area, the differences between urban and rural living and the changing nature of the UK.



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Upcoming Events

8 th Jan	Start of the Term
14 th – 18 th January	Book Week
14 th January	Thaipusam Assembly
21 st – 22 nd January	Thaipusam Break
24 th January	Whole School Science Fair
1 st – 10 th February	Half Term Break
15 th February	Chinese New Year Assembly
18 th – 27 th February	Assessment Week
14 th March	Pi Day for Secondary and Maths Day for Primary
18 th March	Spring Reports Out
20 th March	Parents Evening
20 th March	Year 9 Option Parents Meeting
21 st March	Kangaroo Maths Competition
22 nd March	End of Term Certificate and Easter Assembly
23 rd March – 7 th April	Spring Break