

Melksham Oak Community School: Year 9 Curriculum Overview 2021-22 v1

YEAR 9	Lessons per 2-week timetable cycle	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
English	8	Unseen Poetry – studying and comparing a range of poems from different authors who present diversity in viewpoint and culture	Reading Literary Heritage – studying either Animal Farm or Of Mice And Men students will consider context and how it affects an author and audience.	Writing Inspired by genre – studying the conventions and context of the Dystopian genre of fiction	Islands project – completing a range of different fiction and non-fiction reading, writing and speaking and listening tasks in groups around the topic of ‘Island Survival’ Students will read extracts from Lord Of The Flies	Shakespeare study – reading Romeo and Juliet, looking at character, themes and plot along with context and writer’s intentions	Writing for Purpose, Audience and Form – studying the conventions of a variety of non-fiction text types and writing for different purposes and audiences. Improving technical accuracy in grammar, punctuation and sentence construction
Maths	7	Number: Calculating Shape: Visualising and constructing Algebra: Algebraic proficiency - tinkering	Ratio and Proportion: Proportional reasoning Algebra: Pattern sniffing Algebra: Solving inequalities and equations 1	Shape: Calculating space 1 Algebra: Conjecturing	Algebra: Algebraic proficiency – visualising Algebra: Solving inequalities and equations 2	Probability: Understanding risk 1 Data: Presentation of data	Probability: Understanding risk 2 Shape: Calculating space 2
Science	7	Recap Respiration; Recap Photosynthesis; Making Salts; Reaction of metals	Contact Forces; Motion; Cells; Separating mixtures	Materials we use; Rates of reaction; Electricity	Bioenergetics; Particle Model	Electricity	Cells; Practical Skills
History	3	War and conquest (Modern) e.g. WWI causes, trenches, Treaty of Versailles	War and conquest (Modern) e.g. Rise of the Nazis Nazi Dictatorship	War and conquest (Modern) e.g. Holocaust World War II	War and conquest (Modern) e.g. Atomic Bomb & Cold War including Vietnam	Medicine Through Time (Medieval-Renaissance) e.g. Black Death -Great Plague/Fire of London	Medicine Through Time (Renaissance-Industrial) e.g. Cholera, germs, surgery
Geography	3	Tectonics - to include volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis.	Globalisation - trade, TNCs, food, diseases and medicine, and consumerism.	China - major issues facing the country including trade and development.	Africa - including ecosystems such as savannah, deserts and rainforests.	Fire and Ice - glaciation, cold environments and wildfires across the world.	Practice pre-release skills -to demonstrate the skills of GCSE in the context of one topic
Religious Studies	4	How can we become a more tolerant society?	What is humanism?	What do religions teach about relationships?	Right and wrong. How do I decide?	How should humans treat animals and the environment?	GCSE Unit: Religion and Life Issues

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MFL Main Language Other Language	2 1	About me School	Leisure Environment	Vacations Festivals	Schools About me	Environment Leisure	Festivals Vacations
Art	2	Catherine Bloomfield – Print Making - Fruit and veg	Paul Kenton – Fine Liner - Buildings	James Charles/ Julian Opie/Pablo Picasso – Ceramic modelling – Portraiture		Manny Robertson – Photography and Tonal Pencil – Natural Forms	Marion Rose – Acrylic – Free Choice
Music	2	History of Music	Keyboard module	BTEC taster	Minimalism	Song writing	Band training
Drama	2	Urban dance – diversity	Live theatre review - Othello	Exploring the Frantic Method - Othello		The brief – performance for youth	
DT	3	Two rotations of each D.T. Subject: Food Preparation and Nutrition; Product Design; Textiles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food preparation and Nutrition will cover: Multi-cultural foods and Fruit and Vegetables • Product Design will cover: Electronics, Sustainable design and How to work with aluminium • Textiles: Batik, Sewing machine, Embellishments and Poly printing 					
Computing	2	Cryptology - The history of cryptology and how it has influenced the development of computers.		Logic - Gates, truth tables, Boolean logic.	The Future - Impact of technology and possible considerations for the future.	Digital Artwork - Vector and bitmap images	Digital Natives - Ethical and environmental considerations of ICT.
PE	4	Rugby Badminton Dance Netball	Rugby Badminton Dance Netball	Football Fitness Basketball Strategy Games	Football Fitness Basketball Strategy Games	Gymnastics Tennis Striking and fielding Athletics	Gymnastics Tennis Striking and fielding Athletics