

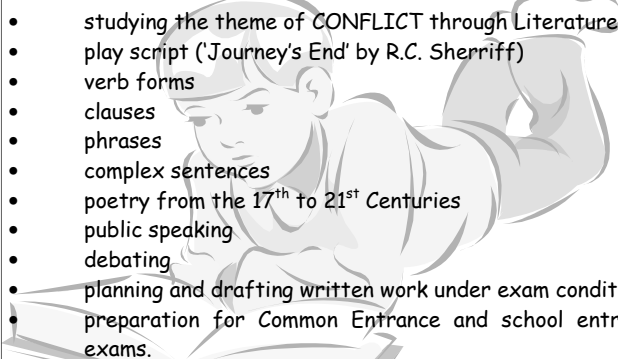
## ENGLISH

In their English lessons, pupils are taught to read for meaning and develop their knowledge of how to gain understanding of different text types through inference and deduction skills.

Pupils are expected to write interesting and effective texts whilst developing the technical aspect of writing through word and sentence practice. When writing, pupils will always be encouraged to plan, draft and proof read their work; with a particular focus on spelling, grammar and punctuation.

Pupils are guided to think about both audience and the purpose of their writing before deciding on the form that the writing will take.

English work in Year 8 during the Easter Term will include:

- studying the theme of CONFLICT through Literature
  - play script ('Journey's End' by R.C. Sherriff)
  - verb forms
  - clauses
  - phrases
  - complex sentences
  - poetry from the 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> Centuries
  - public speaking
  - debating
  - planning and drafting written work under exam conditions
  - preparation for Common Entrance and school entrance exams.
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## HISTORY

The Civil War  
Cromwell

Evidence Section:

King John, Henry VIII and his Great Matter and  
the Causes of the Civil War 1629-1641

Special practice is devoted to essay writing and scrutiny of source questions. A questioning approach towards given sources is encouraged.

## MATHEMATICS

### Number & Algebra

Percentages  
Ratio and proportion  
Algebra - revision  
Linear functions

### Shape and space

Circles  
Transformations, including enlargement  
Revision – area of 2D shapes  
Nets of polyhedra  
Volume & surface area of prisms  
Circles – area & circumference  
Angles in polygons  
Angles created by parallel lines

### Handling data

Distance/speed/time  
Travel graphs  
Probability

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Further weekly revision will follow in preparation for the Mock CE exams in March.

Considerable attention will be given to learning how to make connections with contemporary issues, having first absorbed the detail of the various topics.

The areas of revision will include:

### New Testament:

The temptations of Jesus  
The Lost Son  
The Good Samaritan  
Jesus and the outcasts  
Miracles of healing

## SCIENCE

### Atoms, Elements and Compounds

In this chemistry unit pupils:

- learn that the huge range of materials is made from a relatively small number of elements
- learn that each element is composed of one sort of atom only
- explore the characteristics of some elements use the particle model to describe what happens when elements combine

### Compounds and mixtures

In this chemistry unit pupils:

- distinguish between elements and compounds and how they are represented by symbols and formulae
- recognise chemical change as a process in which atoms join together in new ways
- distinguish between compounds and mixtures
- distinguish between chemical reactions in which new compounds are formed and the formation of mixtures

## DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

During this term, pupils will undertake a variety of activities to develop knowledge, skills and understanding through:

- Investigating and evaluating a range of familiar objects and products
  - Focused practical tasks that develop a range of techniques, skills, processes and knowledge
- Food technology Active Kids Get Cooking - silver award.  
Focusing on properties of metal, design and making project.

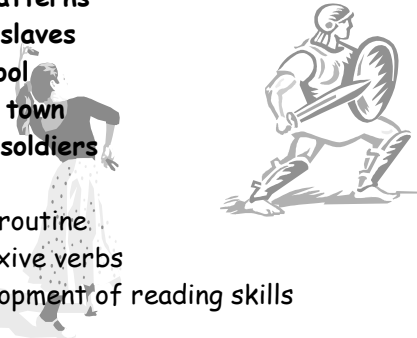
## FRENCH

A la gare  
Travel plans  
Clothes/appearance  
The body/illness  
Rôle play and oral topic practice  
Listening skills examination practice  
Reading skills examination practice  
Writing skills examination practice

## LATIN/SPANISH

### Latin

- Verb patterns
- Roman slaves
- At school
- Off to town
- Roman soldiers



### Spanish

- Daily routine.
- Reflexive verbs
- Development of reading skills

## MUSIC

**African Dance Music** - Initially the class will listen to examples of African Drumming and Dance Music. They will then learn some African songs and play rhythms on percussion instruments in an African style.

**Hooks and Riffs** - Here the pupils will consider some of the devices that composers use to make music more easily remembered. Following this they will learn to identify these features in pop songs.



## PE AND GAMES

### BOYS

5 lessons of Rugby  
1 lesson of X-Country/HRF/Badminton  
1 lesson of Swimming

### GIRLS

5 lessons of Hockey  
1 lesson of X-Country/HRF/Badminton  
1 lesson of Swimming

## ART

Pupils undertake studies of hands and look at the work of different artists and how they have portrayed hands in their paintings and sculptures. They also look at the work of environmental artists such as Goldsworthy and create their own work in the school grounds.

## GEOGRAPHY

### Economic Activity

- Pressure on environmental resources because of conflicting demands on land use.
- How and why attempts are made to manage environments.
- The effects of environmental planning and management on people and places.

## INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

### Publishing on the Web

- Review the layout & design of a variety of web pages
- Learn the basics of HTML to write a web page
- Put together a series of web pages incorporating, text and graphics



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