

Newland House CURRICULUM OVERVIEW Year 8 CE and Scholarship 2024 - 2025 Spring Term

ENGLISH

Class Text: Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck

Comprehension

 Poetry Analysis, Inference, Language Analysis, Prediction.

Writing

 Article Writing, Descriptive Setting and Character, Diary Writing, Vignette Narrative, Narrative Rewrite.

Punctuation & Grammar

Consolidate and extend grammatical knowledge in KS1 and KS2 programme of study. Use grammatical concepts for effect; analyse author's use of grammatical concepts.

Speaking and Listening

giving short speeches and presentations, expressing their own ideas and keeping to the point; participating in formal debates and structured discussions, summarising and/or building on what has been said; improvising, rehearsing and performing play scripts and poetry in order to generate languages and discuss language use and meaning, using role, intonation, tone, volume, mood, silence, stillness and action to add impact.

MATHEMATICS

Number

Fractions

Decimals

Percentages - % increase and decrease Profit and loss

Algebra

Forming expressions and equations Simplifying expressions Solving equations

Formulae

Changing the subject of a formula

Geometry and Measures

Angles in lines

Missing angles – use of various angle facts Angles in polygons (internal and external angles)

Speed/distance/time problems including algebra

Additional level; Pythagoras' Theorem

Probability & Statistics

Travel graphs

Curved graphs

Data handling (cross-curricula with Science week) Scatter graphs, line of best fit, correlation.

Use of scientific calculator

Revision of all Common Entrance topics.

GEOGRAPHY

A Case study of Nike and its Ethical code.

Recap of topics studied in Year 6 & 7 and new topics (time dependent), particularly in preparation for any CE candidates. Focus on applying thematic studies to case studies

- Weather and climate
- Map skills
- Weathering, erosion and landslides
- Flooding
- Coasts
- Further look at volcano case studies such as Kilauea

Environmental concerns

- Climate change
- Sustainable tourism

SCIENCE

Students should be able to describe and explain the structures and processes involved in these topics:

Respiration and Circulation

- Aerobic Respiration
- Anaerobic Respiration
- The Effect of Exercise
- The Breathing System
- Blood Components
- Blood Vessels
- The Heart
- Helping the Heart

Space

- The Night Sky
- The Solar System
- The Earth (Day and Night)
- The Moon and Eclipses

Earth's Atmosphere

- Composition of the Atmosphere
- The Rock Cycle (Sedimentary, Igneous and Metamorphic Rocks)
- The Carbon Cycle
- Climate Change
- Recycling

Revision Programme



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ART

Project Title: Sports and Games

Knowledge & Understanding

Various artists, ceramicists, and craftspeople. Andy Warhol, Kehinde Wiley, Carlos Rolon.

Experiment & Skills

Observational studies, painting, ceramics, photography composition.

Drawing: showing 3D Form, cylinders, ellipses, light & shadow, grid drawings of various athletes. Painting on different surfaces.

Evaluation & Ideas

Metamorphosis, juxtaposition, problem solving. Perseverance, resilience, self and peer reflection. Personal selection and analysis of relevant artworks.

Create & Present

Sketchbook: Developmental studies and design work.

End of Year Outcome: Tonal chess piece drawings, gestural drawing of chess boards, mixed media paintings in the style of relevant artists.

DRAMA

Script Work: Lord of the Flies

Pupils to be cast in their roles and to begin working through, collaboratively for a performance in June.

HISTORY

The Two Thomases Wolsey and Cromwell.

Dissolution of the Monasteries

Pilgrimage of Grace
Reign of Edward VI the Protestant Ref.
Mary Tudor Character -Turn or Burn.

Every two weeks the pupils will practise Source skills which focuses on analytical skills and use of their own knowledge

COMPUTING

SketchUp

Creating handheld gaming device Working to design brief developing CAD skills.

CyberSecurity

Cyber Security Lab

Stop Motion

Story boards, create plasticine models movie making using iPads Linking scenes, lighting, backdrops, sound effects

Programming

CodeAcademy: JavaScript

Crunchzilla CodeMonster: JavaScript -

graphics

Bananatales: Python graphics



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RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Ethics

- whether there is existence after death
- whether the use of war is justified
- what is punishment for?
- what are the limits of freedoms?
- who are the marginalised and how should they be treated?
- are humans morally responsible for their environment

FRENCH

TOPIC – Town and House continued

Countries and rules for 'in'

Compass points

Areas

Write about different types of towns.

Describe where they live.

Places in town

Use of 'depuis'.

Write about what they can do where they live. Give opinion. Use the present tense. Use of prepositions and directions.

Describe a house (rooms, floors, give opinions).

Identify bedroom items and explain where they are situated.

Adjectival agreements.

Ideal house – conditional tense Household chores and pocket money. Jobs and future plans.

GAMES

Rugby

Tackling technique, safety, passing, unopposed scrummaging, tactical kicking, rucking, mauling, positional play.

Small sided games, progression to 12-13 aside and tactical play.

Competitive fixtures for 1st XIII,

Badminton option

Recreational

Table tennis option

Recreational

Tennis option

Recreational

House X-Country and Borough events.

Swimming: House Gala, IAPS Heats.

Barbados Cricket Tour

Select group

I ATIN

Year 8 Workbooks One, Two

Irregular verb *possum* + infinitives Numbers 1-20

Questions

Future tense

Pluperfect tense

Irregular verb eo and its compounds Personal pronouns ego, tu, nos, vos

Pronouns is, ea, id and se

Translation and comprehension technique Grammar comprehension terminology Writing in Latin

Classics topics

Roman legends: Horatius Cocles, Cloelia, Mucius Scaevola, Coriolanus, Manlius

Torquatus

Roman baths

Theatre

Chariot-racing



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MUSIC

- Developing understanding of 'Rap' music
- Develop music technology skills and use Garageband to compose a 'Rap'

To understand the history of 'Rap' Music

Learn songs for Year 8 production

Inter-House Music Competition

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

In DT pupils design and make project is of an open-ended nature.

The design and construction of an LED/Halogen desk or feature light. They are given a power supply, a bulb holder and bulb. It is up to the individual what the outcome will be. The finished outcomes vary based on design concepts.

The use of new materials and processes is encouraged so that the pupils can explore their design ideas to make a unique outcome that resembles their design work. CAD/CAM including the use of lasercutter and 3D printer is integral to the success of the lights produced

PSHE

Dreams and Goals

- Long term goals
- What money can't buy
- Online safety
- Money and earnings
- The price of life

Healthy Me

- Supporting myself and my health
- Risks and Substances
- Protecting my Physical Health
- Vaccination
- Health choices and peer pressure

SPANISH

Films – giving opinions.

Breakfast., lunch, dinner.

Fruit and vegetables.

Giving opinions on food.

Understanding menus and ordering food.

Telling the time.