

This Curriculum Booklet outlines the content for each of the subjects that students study at JCoSS. It includes information about subject content, assessments that take place, an outline of the Home Learning that is normally set and the time required to complete it, useful website links to support learning and some tips for parents on supporting learning.

The Parental Guide to Study Skills & Revision at JCoSS can be found [here](#)

I have a question / issue I would like to discuss with someone at JCoSS. Whom do I contact?

Nature of query	Whom to contact
Progress or behaviour in an individual subject	Subject teacher
Progress or behaviour in several subjects	Form tutor
Student's wellbeing or family circumstances	Form tutor
Incidents and issues outside lessons	Form tutor
Payments including School Trip payments	Finance Office
Examinations	Exams Office
Student absence	Student Services
JCoSS coaches	Transport Officer
All other enquiries (or where you are unsure)	Main Office

Curriculum organisation for Y8 students:

Half year groups are called: **T** which is usually students in B, F, N and R Tutor groups
V which is usually students in S, W, Y and Z Tutor groups

Students remain in two sides of the year group, taught in mixed ability groups, except for one accelerated set on each side of the year for English, Computing, History and Geography.

In Maths and Science, groups are streamed into banded classes 1-4 in each half of the year group

Students studying French, are split into two halves of the year, with two upper and lower streams. Spanish is mixed ability until January, when streamed in a similar way.

Ivrit has on each side of the year group, one native speakers' class and two mixed ability non Native classes.

Jewish Education is split into T and V sides of the year group, mixed ability with self selective Beit Midrash classes.

All remaining subjects, Design & Technology, P.E. and Art, Drama, Music are taught in mixed ability groups apart from Kvutzah where students are in their tutor groups.

Subject preferences for Year 8 students going into Year 9

In Year 8 we allow students to express a first and second preference for the subjects they would like to study in year 9.

Whilst we seek to create a more bespoke curriculum for Year 9 students, not all subject preferences can be accommodated and subjects will be assigned to align as closely as possible with either student first and second preferences.

There are currently 3 blocks in the timetable in which students will study

either 2 languages and 1 Expressive Arts & Technology subject

or 2 Expressive Arts & Technology subjects and 1 Language.

- The languages offered are: French, Ivrit and Spanish
- The Expressive Arts & Technology subjects offered are: Art, Design & Technology, Food Technology, Music and Drama.

All students must study at least one Language and one Expressive Arts & Technology subject. Apart from this requirement, they may study any combination of subjects, except that if they study two languages only one can be brand new in Year 9.

Only languages studied in year 9 can be taken as GCSEs at KS4.

The Expressive Arts & Technology subjects do not need to be studied in Year 9 to be selected at KS4.

Subject	Art	
Main topics/areas studied this year. Theme: Mythical and Imaginative	What students will do:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn how to explore a theme artistically. • Find out about how professional artists and designers work. • Develop critical thinking and independence as they develop personal artistic responses.
	Develop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • research the work of artists and designers. • create own work inspired by research.
	Explore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review and refine work as it progresses. • experiment with media and techniques.
	Record	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annotate work using art-specific language. • visually record ideas and observations.
	Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • create personal art work in response to the development, exploration and recording.
Assessment Headlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseline Assessment – given in the first half term to establish a working level and end of year target level. • End of year assessment – given in the third term, to consolidate student's learning of the year. • Students' termly assessments are based upon a combination of their formal assessments, classwork, home learning tasks and contributions in class. 	
Useful Resources:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victoria & Albert Museum • Tate (Modern & Britain) • National Gallery • National History Museum • Somerset House • British Museum • Royal Academy Of Arts • Saatchi Gallery • Henry Moore Studios. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yorkshire Sculpture Park • Cass Sculpture Foundation • The British Library. Websites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.artsy.net/ • http://www.artcyclopedia.com/ • https://www.pinterest.com/ • http://www.illustrationweb.com/ • http://www.axisweb.org/
What parents can do to support learning:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage students to take time and care over Home Learning tasks. • Talk to them about their work: ask what they think has worked and how they could improve it further, thinking about techniques, materials and processes. • Encourage students to find out about different artists who are interested in representing the natural environment through their art. • Encourage students to develop their own thoughts and opinions about the work of artists. • Visit galleries, exhibitions and museums both home and abroad if you can, to put art into context. 	
Number of lessons in this subject:	2 timetabled lessons per fortnight.	

How much Home Learning is expected per week?	On average one piece of Home Learning each fortnight, taking 30-50 minutes. Termly mini-projects are also set that usually take four or five weeks.
End of year exam:	There is no end of year exam in Art.

Lessons and project structure will be guided by each teacher, so there may be some variation in teaching content between classes.

Subject	Design and Technology	
Main topics/areas studied this year	Food Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fill The Gap – Designing and making a snack suitable for teenagers. Researching ingredients that provide slow releasing carbohydrates and fibre, incorporating these into a healthy snack product. • Ready Steady Cook – Based on the TV programme students are to design and make a savoury food dish using a selection of randomly chosen ingredients.
	Resistant Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mood Light – An electronics project, introducing students to control. Students will solder their own light circuit and design and make the housing for this. They will choose a design movement and incorporate key features of this into the design and decoration of their housing.
	Textiles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrap Monster – Looking at the 6 Rs and ways we can reduce our carbon footprint. Designing and making soft toy scrap monster using a pattern and learning different types of hand stitching. The product will be made using old clothes, materials etc. that would otherwise be thrown away.
Assessment Headlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research – Investigations, Product Analysis, Questionnaire, Recipes • Designing – presentation of ideas, annotation/labelling • Planning – flow charts and time plans on diary sheets • Making – range of skills and equipment used, quality of finish • Evaluating and Testing – target user groups testing products, evaluating the success of the final product 	
Useful websites or resources	www.technologystudent.com www.footprint.wwf.org.uk http://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes	
What parents can do to support learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help students fully prepare for food practical lessons by ensuring they have a large container, apron and T Towel. • Ensure the only ingredients brought into school are fresh fruit and vegetables and kosher fish. • Encourage students to evaluate their practical work the same day whilst it is still fresh in their mind. • Encourage students to be independent learners. 	
Number of lessons per fortnight in this subject	3 lessons per fortnight	
How much Home Learning is expected per week?	30 minutes of Home Learning is expected per week in Design and Technology. At times students may be expected to complete 2 home learning tasks of approximately 20 minutes.	

End of year exam will assess	No end of year assessment
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Subject	Drama and Theatre Studies	
Main topics/areas studied this year	Autumn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hideaway and Status The Island
	Spring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Political Theatre Physical Theatre
	Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Silent Movies Refugee Boy
Assessment Headlines	<p><u>Hideaway and Status</u> Students will learn how to show the status of a character by using voice, levels, proxemics, physicality & movement. They will work on symbolism and explore the stories of Anne Frank, Prince Johnny and The Cuban Boys. Students will create a performance piece based on one of the three stories they have studied in this unit of work.</p> <p><u>The Island</u> Students will experiment with a range of dynamic theatre design elements which contribute to the magic of live performance.</p> <p><u>Political Theatre</u> This term we will be exploring a style of theatre called 'Epic Theatre' and the practitioner Bertolt Brecht. This style often looks at political and social issues in a comical way. Students will be developing their devising skills.</p> <p><u>Physical Theatre</u> Students will learn how to use their bodies to create the set, props and atmosphere of the play. They will be exploring transitions using slow motion and also cannon, mirroring and unison techniques. Students will be creating a Physical Theatre piece.</p> <p><u>Silent Movies</u> Student will be studying the elements that make up Melodrama and Silent Movies as Genres. Using pictures as a stimulus for a piece of drama and learning how to physicalize characters effectively as they are unable to speak to communicate. Students will be using mime and physicalisation skills to communicate within their drama.</p> <p><u>Refugee Boy</u> Students will be using the play Refugee Boy as a stimulus focusing on the topic of refugees and will be bringing the text to life.</p>	
Useful websites or resources	http://www.digitaltheatre.com/ http://www.digitaltheatre.com/education https://www.unicorntheatre.com/ https://www.chickenshed.org.uk/ http://www.shakespearesglobe.com/?gclid=CIn-sJT6w88CFUUq0wodizolEg	
What parents can do to support learning	<p>Encourage students to watch Digital Theatre or Live theatre.</p> <p>Students should gain an understanding of <i>theatrical aesthetics</i> as a result of exploring a variety of plays and practitioners throughout theatre history.</p>	
Number of lessons per fortnight in this subject	2 lessons per fortnight	

How much Home Learning is expected per week?	Not applicable
End of year exam will assess	Students are assessed at the end of each half term on their performance skills.

Subject	English	
Main topics/areas studied this year	Autumn	Gothic Fiction Modern novel <i>Animal Farm</i> or <i>A Monster Calls</i>
	Spring	English Language – Analysing Fiction Extracts and Creative Writing (Creating Characters) Shakespeare – <i>The Merchant of Venice</i> or <i>Twelfth Night</i>
	Summer	Don't Get Me Started – Argument Writing Poetry – Relationships
Assessment Headlines	<p>Students have regular assessments in Spoken Language, Reading & Writing. Assessments take place in class time.</p> <p>Students also have a 'key piece' marked in direct preparation for an assessment.</p> <p>Additionally, students' exercise books are reviewed regularly to take account of on-going classwork and homework.</p>	
Useful websites or resources	<p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zr6bxyc</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z4hrt39</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zn8tkmn</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/courses/zwt6m39</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/courses/zb9ttrd</p> <p>https://jcoass.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/JCoSS-Year-8-Recommended-Reads.docx.pdf</p>	
What parents can do to support learning	<p>Discuss topical issues with students and ask students' opinions.</p> <p>Ensure that students read regularly from a wide range of genres of fiction and non-fiction, included the recommended reads link above.</p> <p>Discuss ideas for writing with students and encourage them to develop these in detail.</p> <p>Ensure that students proof read their work</p>	
Number of lessons per fortnight in this subject	6 lessons per fortnight, including 1 library lesson.	
How much Home Learning is expected per week?	<p>3 pieces per fortnight, one of which will be an independent reading task. Work will include written pieces; planning and preparing for assessments; spelling corrections; making notes on a reading task; research and language sheets.</p> <p>Each task should take approximately 30 minutes.</p>	

End of year exam will assess	In Reading students will be assessed on their ability to analyse how a writer has used language in a short fiction extract. In Writing students will be assessed on their creative writing.	
Subject	French	
Main topics/areas studied this year	Autumn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Au café: Naming common items of food and drink; talking about meals; giving and understanding prices; understanding recipes; using –ER, -IR and –RE present tense verbs; using <i>boire</i> and <i>prendre</i> in the present tense • Bon voyage!: Methods of transport; booking a train ticket and getting around a train station; asking and answering questions; sequencing plans; telling the time; using the near future tense.
	Spring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • La vie des autres: Talking about daily routine; telling the time; learning about Francophone countries; making comparisons; using reflexive verbs in both the present and near future tenses. • On s’amusait bien!: Talking about the weather; talking about holiday activities; using the perfect tense with <i>avoir</i>; using the perfect tense with basic negatives; using some irregular past participles.
	Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tant de problèmes: Reading and writing at length; time markers and sequencing; using the perfect tense with <i>être</i>; agreement of past participles; describing a holiday and writing a letter of complaint; describing a crime scene • La santé: Body parts and describing illness; going to the doctor, dentist and pharmacy; healthy living; using imperatives; using negatives; using <i>Il faut</i> + infinitive
Assessment Headlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extended writing tasks on each Unit Covered and regular vocab testing • Assessments throughout the year on each Unit. At least two skill areas will be assessed for each Unit e.g. Reading, Writing, Translation, Speaking, Listening • Students’ overall report levels are a mixture of the level in the assessment and their work throughout the term. 	
Useful websites or resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.linguascope.com (your child will have a username and password) • www.wordreference.com (a good online dictionary) • www.vocabexpress.com 	
What parents can do to support learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage students to spend a good amount of time learning vocabulary for spelling tests. • Show students how to proof-read their work, with a particular emphasis on checking verb endings, adjectival agreements and spellings. • Work with students on using a good online or paper dictionary rather than Google Translate. Translating word for word rarely works but many students at this stage of their learning do rely on it 	

	when completing tasks at home. This can then severely limit their levels.
Number of lessons per fortnight in this subject	3 lessons per fortnight
How much Home Learning is expected per week?	Normally one piece each week, taking 30-40 minutes on average. Students will be given a range of home learning from extended writing tasks, reading comprehensions, translations and spellings to learn on a regular basis.
End of year exam will assess	2 skills will be assessed. This will cover a range of topics learnt throughout the academic year.

Subject	Geography	
Main topics/areas studied this year	Autumn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population: This unit looks at the growth of the world's population and the reasons behind it; the impacts of this and how it might be managed or mitigated. There will also be a consideration of how to strike a balance between the Earth's resources and its people • Cold Environments – This unit looks at Antarctica and considers whether it should be developed for tourism. They will consider the physical processes behind some of the finest landscapes on planet Earth and finally investigate why these landscapes are under threat.
	Spring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tectonic Hazards: Students investigate the theory of plate tectonics and the hazards this creates, through case study based learning students will study how different nations and cultures manage and adapt to these hazards and the disastrous impacts they can have on human populations.
	Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wild Weather – This unit covers the multiple aspects of weather and climate as well as introducing the complex issue of climate change and how this is impacting on the world around us. Students will also be introduced to the idea of fieldwork and completing geographic investigation.
Assessment Headlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessments – one per half term, using some class time and some Home Learning time. These will be graded with a level. • Students' geographical skills such as analysis, evaluation, extending writing and map skills will be assessed throughout the year. 	
Useful websites or resources	http://www.ngfl-cymru.org.uk/geographyinthenews/Default.aspx?locale=en http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science_and_environment/ http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/geography/tourism/	
What parents can do to support learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage students to watch the news and look out for articles relating to both human and physical geography. • Buy an atlas for use at home. 	
Number of lessons per fortnight in this subject	2 lessons per fortnight.	
How much Home Learning is expected per week?	Normally 1 piece each week, taking 30 minutes on average. Some pieces may span more than 1 Home Learning slot and some may be longer, depending on assessments.	

**End of year exam
will assess:**

All topics studied up to the assessment point.

Subject	History	
Main topics/areas studied this year	Autumn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Witch Craze: The superstitious age, beliefs about witches, treatment of suspects, the Pendle Witch Trial, the end of the witch craze • Industrial Britain: Economic changes, living and working conditions, crime & punishment, social and cultural changes, the British Empire (origins, expansion, collapse and legacy)
	Spring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slavery: Modern and ancient slavery, Triangular trade, plantation life, rebellions, Olaudah Equiano and the case for abolition.
	Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The First World War: the causes of WW1, Recruitment, Trench warfare, the end of the War and the Treaty of Versailles,
Assessment Headlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 assessments – one per term, using some class time and some Home Learning time. These will be assessed with an APS score. • Skills tasks – students will be set specific skills based tasks which they will receive feedback on throughout each unit of work • Students' overall term levels are a mixture of the APS score in the assessment and their overall contribution in class and in their books during the term. 	
Useful websites or resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.schoolhistory.co.uk • www.Johndclare.net • www.spartacus.schoolnet • www.bbc.co.uk/history 	
What parents can do to support learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage students to watch horrible histories or any relevant topical history documentaries. • Students should gain contextual understanding of the periods taught in the curriculum by reading both historical fiction and reference books. 	
Number of lessons per fortnight in this subject	3 lessons per fortnight	
How much Home Learning is expected per week?	Normally one piece each week, taking 30 minutes on average. Some pieces may last over more than one Home Learning slot and may be longer, depending on assessments.	
End of year exam will assess:	All topics listed above	

Subject	Jewish Education	
Main topics/areas studied this year	Autumn	<p>UNIT ONE: INTRODUCTION TO THE SYNAGOGUE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Temple to Synagogue • What is a synagogue? An overview of the development of the synagogue • Create your own synagogue • How does the synagogue relate to the concept of the Mishkan: is this Gods dwelling place? • What meaning/significance does the synagogue have? • Denominational differences- how and why are they different? • What is a shul; what goes on inside? Beit Tefilla; Beit Midrash; Beit Keneset. • Must Jews pray in a shul or can they pray anywhere? • Different uses for the synagogue. <p>UNIT TWO: JEWISH HISTORY I: Who are the Jewish People?</p> <p>Early Biblical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Becoming a Nation • Jacobs family going down to Egypt; the Israelite Nations wanderings in Sinai • Ma'amad Har Sinai: People receiving the Torah • What does it mean to be chosen people? • Book of Samuel: Choosing a King • Saul the first King of Israel • King David chosen as King • King David unites the North/Southern Kingdoms; Jerusalem becomes the capital city • King Solomon • Destruction of the First Temple • Rebuilding of the Temple and Roman Rule • The destruction of the Second Temple
	Spring	<p><u>UNIT FOUR: WORLD FAITHS: CHRISTIANITY</u></p> <p><u>Christianity</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who was Jesus? • What is the New Testament? • How did Christianity develop? <p>Jewish Christian Relations in Europe</p> <p><u>UNIT THREE: JEWISH HISTORY II</u></p> <p>The dispersion of Jewry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sephardi and Ashkenazi Jewry • The diaspora • Life in France: Rashi • Life in Spain: Rambam & Sephardi communities • Spanish Inquisition • Crusades

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cliffords Tower • Shtetl Life Enlightenment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haskalah • The growth of the Chasidic movement • Chasidim vs. Mitnagdim • The growth of the Reform movement
	Summer	<u>UNIT FOUR: ZIONISM AND BIRTH OF A STATE</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why was Israel created? • What was Israel created for? • History of Israel: Ottoman Empire; Mandate Period; Balfour Declaration; Arab community living in Palestine • What are the origins of Zionism? • What is Zionism? • In what ways has Zionism been understood? Secular; religious; traditional sources; political; cultural; • socialist; Reform; • The founding leaders of Zionism: Herzl; Ahad Ha'am; Rav Kook • Hagunah and Irgun • Declaration of Independence
Assessment Headlines	Autumn Term: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete key words test on important vocabulary used in that topic Extended writing piece on the synagogue- Why is it important?	
	Spring Term: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete key words test on important vocabulary used in that topic • Students will have studied biblical texts and will be assessed on interpreting and analysing the meaning from these texts 	
	Summer Term: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete key words test on important vocabulary used in that topic • Students will showcase their understanding of Zionism in both written and oral presentations 	
Useful websites or resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • jewishvirtuallibrary.org • jewfaq.org/index.htm • maven.co.il • g-dcast.com • tali-virtualmidrash.org.il • www.chabad.org/ • www.masorti.org.uk/ • www.reformjudaism.org/ • www.theus.org/ • www.firstgive.co.uk 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/sikhism/ • http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/atheism/ • http://understandinghumanism.org.uk/what-is-humanism/
What parents can do to support learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage the students to read the JC or Jewish News in order to keep abreast of developments in the community. • Get to grips with Quizlet- the interactive website where students can test themselves on the key words for each topic • Develop a love of reading and discussion – maybe on a Friday night or even, suggest that students try to get to Synagogue – or take part in the various Youth groups and activities available. • Facilitate debates with their children on the topics we are studying • Support the ethos of the school
Number of lessons per fortnight in this subject	5 lessons per fortnight
How much Home Learning is expected per week?	Normally 2 pieces each week, taking 20-30 minutes on average. Some pieces may last over more than one Home Learning slot.
End of year exam will assess:	To be advised

Subject	Jewish Education Beit Midrash	
Main topics/areas studied this year	Autumn	<p><u>UNIT ONE: THE HISTORICAL BOOKS: JUDGES AND SAMUEL</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introducing the others parts of The Tanakh. • Coping with large chunks of text. • Deborah the Judge. • Hannah's prayer. • Samuel grows up. • Choosing a King. • Saul proves himself. • Saul's downfall. • Meeting David. • David and Goliath. • The death of Saul. • David and Bathsheba.
	Spring	<p><u>UNIT TWO: PROPHETIC TEXTS: JONAH</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Studying a complete book. • Obedience and defiance. • Repentance and forgiveness. • Identifying themes within the text. • Creating Jonah the musical. <p><u>UNIT THREE: BIBLICAL NARRATIVES: RUTH AND ESTHER.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning the details of the Ruth story. • Discovering details of day to day life in Ancient Israel. • Considering the moral implications of a text. • Looking at themes of religious faith; charitable obligation, conversion and mixed faith marriage and sexual harassment. • Vashti and text versus tradition. • Esther is taken • Haman's fight with Mordechai. • Esther finds out. • Haman's emotional turmoil. • Achashverosh's bad night. • Esther takes control and the grand reveal. <p>The victory of the Jews.</p>
	Summer	<p><u>UNIT FOUR: WORLD FAITHS: CHRISTIANITY</u></p> <p><u>Christianity</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who was Jesus? • What is the New Testament? • How did Christianity develop? • Jewish Christian Relations in Europe

Assessment Headlines	<p>Autumn Term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete key words test on important vocabulary used in that topic • Students will be able to read and work with large sections of text. • Students will be able to link different parts of text within a book. • students will be able to understand biblical imagery. <p>Spring Term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete key words test on important vocabulary used in that topic • Students will be able to consider the moral implications of a text. • Students will be able to take moral questions from the text and apply them to modern society. • students will be able to develop techniques of considering different points of view learned in year 7. <p>Summer Term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete key words test on important vocabulary used in that topic • Students will be able to explain the structures and history of the Sikh Religion. • Students will be able to consider the moral value of religion.
Useful websites or resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.sefaria.org. • www.chabad.org • www.masorti.org.uk/ • www.reformjudaism.org/ • www.theus.org/jewishvirtuallibrary.org
What parents can do to support learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage the students to read the JC or Jewish News in order to keep abreast of developments in the community. • Get to grips with Quizlet- the interactive website where students can test themselves on the key words for each topic • Develop a love of reading and discussion – maybe on a Friday night or even, suggest that students try to get to Synagogue – or take part in the various Youth groups and activities available. • Facilitate debates with their children on the topics we are studying <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the ethos of the school
Number of lessons per fortnight in this subject	<p>5 lessons per fortnight</p>
How much Home Learning is expected per week?	<p>Normally 1 piece each week, taking 20-30 minutes on average. Some pieces may last over more than one Home Learning slot.</p>
End of year exam will assess:	<p>To be advised</p>

Subject	Kvutzah – PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education)	
Main topics/areas studied this year	Autumn	Managing Money <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Money, Foreign Exchange and Decision Making • Credit, Debt, Saving and Bank Accounts • Budgeting Personal and Internet Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internet Safety – Catfishing • Knife Crime and Role of Police • Grooming and Coercion • Run, Hide, Tell
	Spring	Relationships and Sex Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intro to Consent • Being Ready and Intro to Domestic Abuse • Pornography, Sexual Images and Online Safety • Body Image and Self Esteem
	Summer	Healthy Living <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Aid – Basic Life Support Substance Misuse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drugs and Peer Pressure • Alcohol • Smoking, Shisha and Vaping
Assessment Headlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kvutzah (PSHCE) is delivered by a team of PSHCE specialist teachers and they will be evaluating the impact of learning over time. Students also assess themselves on their knowledge and skills related to curriculum content. Teachers regularly monitor students and interventions are put in place for students that teachers have concerns about. 	
What parents can do to support learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage students to discuss the issues that they have been learning about in Kvutzah (PSHCE). There may be questions that they may only feel comfortable asking parents or they may wish to discuss a particularly interesting topic. • Encourage students to engage with current affairs. 	
Number of lessons per fortnight in this subject	1 lesson per fortnight. There will be a number of informal opportunities outside of lesson for students to take part in.	
How much Home Learning is expected per week?	Home learning will be minimal however project work may be set.	

Subject	Maths			
		Core	Core Plus	Core Challenge
Main topics/areas studied this year	Autumn	Number properties and calculations Shapes and measures in 3D Statistic Expressions and equations	Number Area and Volume Expressions and equations Real-life graphs	Factors and powers Working with powers 2D shapes and 3D solids Real-life graphs
	Spring	Decimal calculations Angles Number properties	Decimals and ratio Lines and angles Calculations with fractions	Transformations Fractions, decimals and percentages Constructions and loci
	Summer	Sequences Fractions and percentages Probability	Straight line graphs Fractions, decimals and percentages Statistics, graphs and charts	Probability Scale drawings and measures Graphs
Assessment Headlines	Students will sit a unit assessment at the end of every topic, a winter assessment at the end of the first term and an end of year assessment combining all topics in May. The end of year assessment consists of two parts - a non-calculator paper and a calculator paper.			
Useful websites or resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.mathswatchvle.com (login details are provided by JCoSS) • https://hegartymaths.com/ (login details are provided by JCoSS) • http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks3/maths/ • http://nrich.maths.org/secondary-lower • http://www.ukmt-resources.org.uk/index-tr.html • https://corbettmaths.com/ • https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/gcse.html • https://www.piximaths.co.uk/ks2-ks3-ks4-resource-index • https://www.emaths.co.uk/index.php/student-resources/past-papers/key-stage-3-ks3-sat-past-papers • https://mathsmadeeasy.co.uk/gcse-maths-revision • https://www.dr frostmaths.com/resourceexplorer.php • https://www.geogebra.org/?lang=en-GB • https://www.maths4everyone.com/index.php 			
What parents can do to support learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage students to complete Home Learning on the day it is set, to use notes provided, Moodle or the websites above to support learning. • When it comes to revision in the summer, print off past papers (Mathsgenie and Corbettmaths websites above) and work through at home under timed conditions. 			
Number of lessons per fortnight in this subject	Six lessons per fortnight			

How much Home Learning is expected per week?	Two home-learning tasks per week will be set.
End of year exam will assess:	Knowledge and understanding of all topics covered during the year.

Subject	Modern Hebrew (Ivrit)	
Main topics/areas studied this year	Autumn	<p>The Past tense: Learning how to conjugate verbs in the past tense and describing how we spent our summer holiday using the past tense verbs & time expressions.</p> <p>Going back to school: Talking about our new academic year, describing school, forming plural nouns, giving opinion about school subjects, discussing school system using impersonal sentences and understanding literary texts.</p> <p>Stretch & challenge: Create a presentation (with photographs) to describe your school to an Israeli teenager.</p>
	Spring	<p>Schools in Israel: Finding facts about schools in Israel and learning how to form questions. Comparing primary school to secondary school using the past tense and the infinitive forms. Giving and justifying opinions about school uniform and system. Discussing and planning our Ideal school.</p> <p>Stretch & challenge: Create a model of your ideal school and prepare a description of it in Ivrit. Include your ideal school rules.</p>
	Summer	<p>Food: Talking about an Israeli breakfast, ordering foods from a restaurant, discussing eating habits, writing recipes, reading & writing poems using authentic literary texts.</p> <p>Good friends: Friends & family, making plans with friends, free time activities and planning a party.</p> <p>Stretch & challenge: Create a vocabulary booklet for tourists to use when going to restaurants in Israel. Only include the most useful words/phrases.</p>
Assessment Headlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Assessments during the year for all 4 language skills; Reading, Listening, Speaking & Writing. • Students' overall term levels including assessments, overall contribution in class and book marking during the term. 	
Useful websites or resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Israeli newspaper for advanced/accelerated readers; 'Ipost' • Quizlet – vocabulary revision • Rosetta Stone in Hebrew: www.rosettastone.co.uk 	
What parents can do to support learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage pupils to revise new words, grammatical structure and topics learnt in class. • Encourage students to extend their Hebrew reading and speaking outside of the classroom. • Develop students' interest and connection to Israeli culture and the land of Israel through exposure to music, media and friends or relatives in Israel. 	
Number of lessons per fortnight in this subject	4 lessons per fortnight	
How much Home Learning is expected per week?	1 piece each week taking 30-40 minutes on average. Students will be given spellings to learn on a regular basis and students should use the little and often approach to learning. Sometimes extended learning pieces will be set but these will never be due in for the next day.	

End of year exam will assess:

Y8 non-native class - Topics include: Holidays, clothes & weather.
Y8 natives classes - Theme 2 (GCSE) topics

Subject	Music	
Main topics/areas studied this year	Autumn	Minimalism – creating and manipulating musical ideas Programme Music – composing music to tell a story
	Spring	Blues – improvising using the 12 bar blues and blues scale Folk – learning about the folk tradition
	Summer	Film Music – creating music for a short film Battle of the Bands – devising a group performance of a pop song
Assessment Headlines	End of each project. Students will be assessed on performing, composing, listening and appraising skills over the course of the year.	
Useful websites or resources	BBC Bitesize Music http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zpf3cdm Music Theory https://www.teoria.com/ Music Theory https://www.musictheory.net/ Score writing software https://musescore.org/en	
What parents can do to support learning	Ensure that students regularly practice on their instrument and join a school ensemble. Listen to a wide variety of music. Students should be encouraged to attend as many concerts and performances as possible.	
Number of lessons per fortnight in this subject	2 lessons per fortnight	
How much Home Learning is expected per week?	Not applicable per week.	
End of year exam will assess	No end of year exam instead 6 half termly assessments on performance/composition/analysis.	

Subject	Physical Education
Main topics/areas studied this year	Sports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletics • Badminton • Basketball • Cricket • Dance • Football • Gymnastics • Handball • Netball • Rounders • Table Tennis
Assessment Headlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students complete a theory test once a term • Students are assessed for each sport that they complete each half term. • Overall JCoSS grade is a combination of practical scores and theory test results.
Useful websites or resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BBC Sports Academy - http://news.bbc.co.uk/sport1/hi/academy/default.stm • Youth Sport Trust – http://www.youthsporttrust.org/ • JCoSS PE Channel – www.youtube.com/channel/UCzrnTYnEFwPASrDObKXLc9g/featured • Maccabi GB – www.maccabigb.org • BBC Bitesize – www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zxbg39q
What parents can do to support learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage pupils to participate in a range of sports (competitive and recreational) outside of School hours • Spectate at a sporting event • Encourage importance of healthy and active lifestyle • Watch sports on Television/ listen on radio to help develop child's awareness of sports • Help revise theory tests on the JCoSS PE YouTube account
Number of lessons per fortnight in this subject	3 lessons per fortnight
How much Home Learning is expected per week?	Home learning is expected prior to students completing the theory test. This will be set via insight
End of year exam will assess	Not applicable

Subject	Science	
Main topics/areas studied this year	Autumn	Detailed particle model, Electricity, Human Reproduction
	Spring	Energy in Reactions, Forces and Pressure, Ventilation and circulation
	Summer	Waves & Sound, Evolution & Adaptation
Assessment Headlines	<p>Students are expected to know each unit's Core Questions by the end of the unit.</p> <p>Students are assessed against the Core Questions continuously throughout the course of KS3. There will be a mini-quiz on them every lesson and end of unit assessments will draw heavily on them.</p>	
Useful websites or resources	<p>Quizlet: https://quizlet.com/JCoSSKS3Sci</p> <p>Carousel learning: https://www.carousel-learning.com/</p> <p>Kerboodle: Students can access electronic textbooks and other resources. They have been issued usernames and passwords. http://www.kerboodle.com</p> <p>SAM Learning: Teachers will set home learning through this website, and there are other activities to engage our students in science that they can complete in their own time. They have been issued usernames and passwords. https://www.samlearning.com/</p> <p>Other useful websites:</p> <p>http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks3/science/</p> <p>http://www.freezeray.com/</p> <p>http://www.echalk.co.uk/</p> <p>http://www.planet-science.com/</p> <p>http://www.schoolscience.co.uk/</p> <p>http://www.arkive.org/</p> <p>http://royalsociety.org/</p> <p>http://scienceteachinglibrary.wordpress.com/</p> <p>http://www.csiro.au/resources/DIYScience</p> <p>http://www.exploratorium.edu/who/parents/</p>	
What parents can do to support learning	<p>Help their children achieve fluency in core scientific principles by using the Core Questions on Quizlet and Carousel learning</p> <p>The flashcards option on Quizlet will allow parents to verbally test their children on the Core Questions.</p>	
Number of lessons per fortnight in this subject	5 lessons per fortnight	
How much Home Learning is expected per week?	1 or 2 home learning tasks are set each week taking about 30 - 40 minutes each.	

End of year exam will assess

There are 2 end of year exams

Exam 1 will cover content from the core questions

Exam 2 will cover application of science relating to topics covered

Subject	Spanish	
Main topics/areas studied this year	Autumn	<p>Mi vida</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to spanish culture – geography, history, cuisine, language etc. • Getting used to Spanish pronunciation and the alphabet • Introducing yourself to include expressing your name, age, birthday • Using numbers • Talking about age, family members and pets and introducing basic opinions • Talking about your personality using <i>ser</i> and <i>tener</i> • Describing others • Using possessive adjectives • Describing your hair and eye colour • Saying what other people look like • Writing a text for a time capsule and adding a variety to your writing <p>Module 2 (Mi tiempo libre)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saying what you like to do • Consolidating giving opinions • Saying what you do (and did) in your spare time • Using <i>-ar</i> verbs in the present tense • Talking about the weather - Using <i>cuando</i> (when) • Saying what sports you do (and did) and expressing opinions • Using <i>hacer</i> (to do) and <i>jugar</i> (to play) • Reading about someone's favourite things • Understanding more challenging texts • Taking part in a longer conversation
	Spring	<p>Viva 1 Module 3 (Mi insti)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saying what subjects you study • Consolidation of <i>-ar</i> verbs to say what 'we' do • Consolidation of giving opinions about school subjects • Consolidation of using <i>me gusta(n) + infinitive</i> • Describing your school using 'qualifiers, adjectives, connectives, negatives opinions and time phrases • Using the words for 'a', 'some' and 'the' • Talking about break time and what you do normally • Using <i>-er</i> and <i>-ir</i> verbs' • Telling the time • Writing a longer text about your school • Checking your written work is accurate • Reading about the right to education

		<p>Viva 1 Module 4 (Unit 4 – Cómo es tu casa) and Module 5 (Mi ciudad) – to be able to describe town/house and use the future tense</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describing your house or flat (Module 4, viva 1) • Using the verb <i>estar</i> (to be) and introducing how it differs from <i>Ser</i>. • Describing your town or village and what you can do in your town • Using 'a', 'some' and 'many' in Spanish • Using the verb <i>ir</i> (to go) in the present • Saying what you are going to do at the weekend – introduce using the near future tense
	Summer	<p>Viva 2 Module 3 (A comer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordering in a café • Using the verb <i>querer</i> (to want) • Saying what food you like and dislike and why • Using a wider range of opinions - Consolidating negatives • Describing mealtimes – revisit time & cultural differences • Ordering a meal • Using <i>usted</i> / <i>ustedes</i> • Aim to Introduce preterite – describe a recent party / festival • Consolidating the near future – by discussing ideas for a party • Using three tenses together • Grammar consolidation from what has been taught during the year to prepare for Year 9.
Assessment Headlines		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will be assessed in Speaking, Listening, Reading, Writing and Translation skills throughout the year. There will be 3 sets of assessments as well as End of Year assessments. • Students' overall report card levels are a mixture of the level in the assessment and their work throughout the term.
Useful websites or resources		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.linguascope.com (your child will have a username and password) • www.wordreference.com (a good online dictionary) • www.languagesonline.org • www.activeteachonline.com (your child will have a username and password) • Spanish guide provide free of charge for home revision and support in lessons

What parents can do to support learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage students to spend a good amount of time learning vocabulary for spelling tests. • Show students how to proof-read their work, with a particular emphasis on checking verb endings, adjectival agreements and spellings. Students will always have the grammar notes needed to complete work accurately in their books but they will need to look back at it when working at home. • Work with students on using a good online or paper dictionary rather than Google Translate. Translating word for word rarely works but many students at this stage of their learning do rely on it when completing tasks at home. This can then severely limit their levels.
Number of lessons per fortnight in this subject	4 lessons per fortnight
How much Home Learning is expected per week?	Normally 1 piece each week, taking 30-40 minutes on average. Students will be given spellings to learn on a regular basis and not reaching the pass mark will result in a lunchtime re-test. Sometimes extended learning pieces will be set but these will never be due in for the next day. Worksheets and grammar exercises may be required to be completed over night.
End of year exam will assess:	Reading and writing paper. Topics: Family, Free time, School, House and area. Grammar: Varied grammatical structures outlined above with particular focus on present and future tenses as well as adjectival agreement.