



ST EDMUND'S SCHOOL CANTERBURY

Curriculum Newsletter

Form 7

Forthcoming Events

Epiphany Service	9th Jan
Eucharist Service	21st Jan
PSHEE Morning	27th Jan
Lunchtime concert	4th Feb
Candlemas Service	4th Feb
French Play	4th Feb
House singing competition	7th Feb
Fair trade fortnight	24th Feb— 6th March
Shrove Tuesday Service	25th Feb
JS Choirs' Lunchtime Concert	27th Feb
World Book Day	5th March
Form 7 Parents' Evening	9th March
Gala Concert	12th March
Passiontide Services	17th March, 19th March
500 Word Short Story Competition	Closing date 16th March
JS Production	19th, 20th, 21st March

Welcome to 2020!

Lent Term 2020

From Boolean Logic to Shakespeare and everything in between, Form 7 can anticipate an exciting Lent term! The key here is the interesting overlap between themes within this term's subject lessons. The study of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' in English will be complemented in History by an in depth study into the Tudor period. In Biology pupils will learn about Ecology while in Religious Studies they will ponder the significance of Darwinism.



English

'A Midsummer Night's Dream' will be the primary stimulus for Form 7 this term. The children will analyse Shakespearean language while developing a comprehensive understanding of this joyful and intricate play.

Through drama and role play, the pupils will reflect on the role of the characters and develop an appreciation for one of the greatest playwrights in history. Alongside this, discrete grammar and language lessons will be taught to enhance the children's written accuracy and composition.



Computing & ICT

We welcome back Form 7 in Lent term by linking the historical context learned in the Michaelmas term to the hardware components found inside the component. For example, how does Boolean logic link to a CPU?

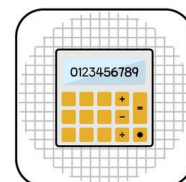
Form 7 will also further develop their ICT skills that will aid their academic journey in other subjects, starting a project using Excel. This project will build on skills learned last year and understanding how to use formula such as 'IF' and 'COUNT'.



Mathematics

Following consultation with the Senior School, our mode of assessment is changing this term. Rather than large end of term assessments, we are moving to smaller, more frequent, unit tests. There will be the usual end of year summer examination.

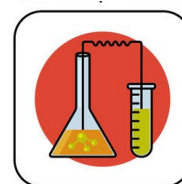
Mathematics this term will involve working with fractions, decimals and percentages. As well as calculating, there will be a large emphasis on applying our skills to a wide range of real-life questions. We then move on to number skills with an emphasis on factors, primes, multiples, powers and roots. Set one pupils will extend their knowledge of algebra while set two will study probability and ratio.



Science

In Biology set 1 will learn about Ecology, focusing on feeding relationships, interdependence and classification. Set 3 will learn about cells and microscopes before moving onto human and plant reproduction. In Chemistry set 1 and 2 will learn about acids and alkalis before moving onto particle theory. In Physics set 2 learn about speed, gravity and the solar system and set 3 will learn about current, resistance and circuits.

In their fortnightly Science skills lesson pupils will continue to develop their working scientifically skills by focusing on variables and graphs.



Be all you can be

Art, Design & Technology



Pupils are continuing to develop their work on the theme 'Jungles'. They will have completed observation drawings and be given the opportunity to use colour through a wider range of media.

Pupils will start to develop their work in three-dimensions and be introduced to different methods of construction e.g. paper sculpture.

MFL



This term year 7 pupils will continue to develop their pronunciations in French. There will be lots of opportunities to speak (role plays and presentations) to talk about the weather and the choice of activities according to the season and weather. They will work on their reading comprehension and will become more independent finding the meaning of new words using a glossary and bilingual dictionary. Finally, pupils will develop their grammatical knowledge using negative sentences and high-frequency words and they will work on their translation skills.

Music



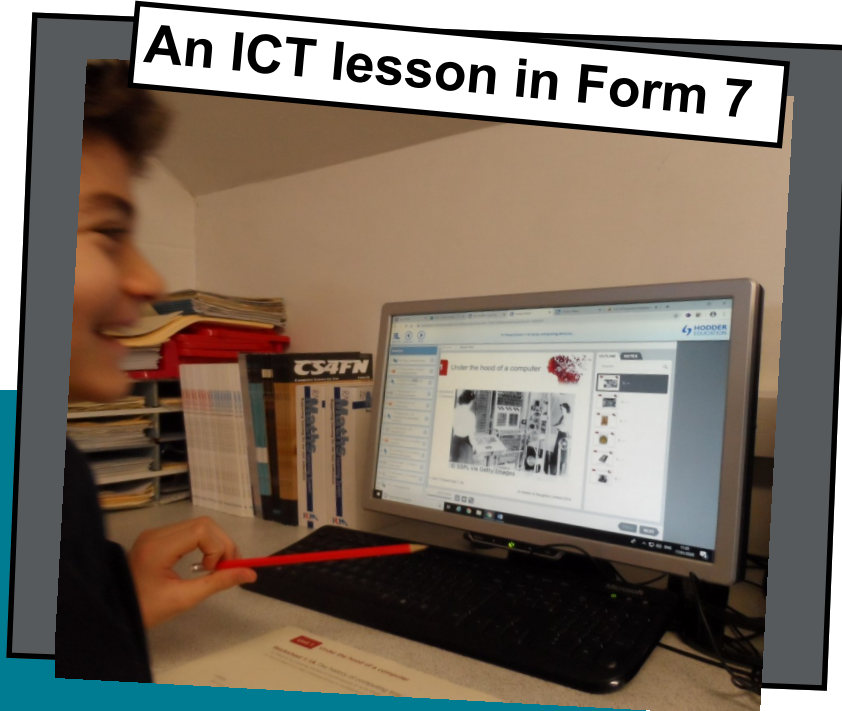
Extending the work we previously did on the Musical Elements pupils are now covering Musical Structures and how many genres of music are composed. We've concentrated on Binary and Ternary Form and have composed and performed pieces as a class.

Performance is at the heart of the second half of term as we take a look at the magnificent sound of the symphony orchestra.

PE and Games

Our fitness tests are nearly complete. Designed to give us a basic benchmark of fitness, the standard has been high. The children have a good base to develop the main sports of the term, netball and hockey. In PE we begin the 4 weekly carousel of sports which can include badminton, gymnastics, tennis and softball cricket. School fixtures and House competition add a competitive edge to the sports delivered.

An ICT lesson in Form 7



More than a School

Drama



This term we are continuing to develop the children's basic understanding of various dramatic techniques, and how and when to use these effectively in performance. We will also be building their confidence to perform for their peers and to work outside of their comfort zone, giving them skills transferable to other aspects of their lives. These skills include communication, team work, public speaking and building confidence and creativity.

Religious Studies

This term Year 7 continue with our course: 'An A-Z of Religion and Beliefs'. Broadly following the animated BBC series of the same name, pupils will be introduced to a wide variety of religious topics and phenomena which we can explore together. Some of the topics and questions we shall consider are given below:

D is for Darwin: How do Darwin's discoveries impact the Science vs Religion debate?

E is for Extremism and Islamophobia: What is extremism? What damage does it cause to religion?

F is for Forgiveness: What is forgiveness? Is it conditional? What did Jesus teach about forgiveness?

G is for Goddess: Celebrating the female in religion: Hindu goddesses.

History



Form 7 entered 2020 with an understanding of the Renaissance and the rebirth of classical ideas. Having then negotiated their way through the perilous and dangerous Wars of the Roses, Form 7 are not escaping radical, often brutal, violent change. This term involves dealing with another Henry, more churches and strong opinions. Form 7 will tackle Britain from 1509 addressing the Tudor period with depth studies on the Reformation and Elizabeth I.

Geography



This term Form 7 will be investigating weather and climate. They will be looking at how data related to weather is collected, stored and presented. Pupils will also investigate different weather systems and the impact they have on human populations.

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