



# ST EDMUND'S SCHOOL CANTERBURY

## Curriculum Newsletter

Form 7

### Forthcoming Events

28th Septem-	Whole School Open Day
1st Oct	Harvest Festival (Chapel)
October 4th	Whole School Non Uniform
30th Sept 4th Oct	Parent Consultation Week
Novem- ber 14th	St.Edmund's Day service
Novem- ber 15th	Michaelmas Concert
6th Decem-	LS Christmas play (pm)

### Trips

\* Kingswood—25th—  
27th Sept

## Welcome to Form 7!

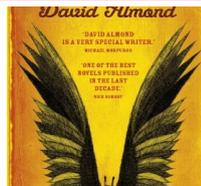
Michaelmas Term 2019

This is an exciting term for Form 7, with the Kingswood trip coming up! If you have just joined—welcome. St Edmund's is a busy place to be, and I hope you have managed to find your feet. Please check the clubs and activities board; there is something for everyone! As we move towards Christmas, things become even more exciting, culminating in the Carol Service in Canterbury Cathedral; a spectacular and moving event for all involved. Remember to check My School Portal for upcoming events in the calendar!



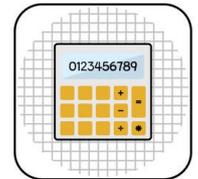
### English

Form 7 will be using the book *Skellig* by David Almond as their stimulus this term. This wonderfully eerie and magical story is about believing in something extra special and why it may make a difference. It's full of happiness and sadness, but is ultimately an incredibly fulfilling story.



### Mathematics

In Mathematics, after the pupils have been set, we will be analysing and displaying data. This includes drawing and interpreting different types of graphs. We will then move on to number skills with an emphasis on factors, primes, multiples, powers and roots. Next, we will set the foundations with some basic algebra in which we will cover, amongst other things, simplifying and writing expressions. Before the end of the term, given time, we will move on to fractions or decimals and measures, dependent on settings.



### Computing

We welcome Form 7 to Computing and ICT by delving into Computer Science History. Who was Alan Turing and why is he associated with encryption? What made Sir Tim Berners-Lee so charitable? And who designed the Difference Engine?

The historical context will set the scene for other topics studied throughout the year. Form 7 will also develop ICT skills that will aid their academic journey in other subjects, starting with a project.



### Science

This term, in Biology, pupils will be learning about the building blocks of life: cells and how new life is made in terms of plant and animal reproduction. In Chemistry, pupils will be learning about chemical reactions focusing on acids and alkalis and developing their practical skills. In Physics, pupils will be learning about forces, speed and gravity. They will be developing their Science skills in a fortnightly skills lesson looking at variables, equipment and scientific investigations.



Be all you can be

## Art

In Form 7, this term, pupils will be working on a Natural World Project.

This will include drawing from observation and imagination using a range of materials and processes. Pupils will work independently to develop their own ideas and create a final outcome.



## Latin

Form 7 pupils start the term immersed in the routine of a real Roman family in Pompeii, learning everyday Latin vocabulary and getting used to speaking short sentences. Culture is covered with a look at Roman villas, their rooms and gardens. The hustle of town life in the forum comes alive with study of bankers, barbers, painters and foreign merchants. A trial in the basilica is enacted by the pupils. Vocabulary and sentences with subject, verb, and object form an important linguistic part of the syllabus for both sets.



## Music

The Musical Elements will be studied in greater depth over the course of this term and pupils will be taught how to both read and compose their own Graphic Scores. Pupils are encouraged to perform on their own instruments, and all are most welcome to play to the class. There will also be a regular reminder to participate in one of the school ensembles - playing together is the most fun!



## PE and Games

During PE, this term, we will start with a series of fun fitness tests to establish a general level of overall fitness and an understanding of the concepts of health, fitness and well-being. Moving onto a carousel of varying sports which may include golf, badminton, games for understanding, basketball, handball, lacrosse, fitness and touch rugby.

## French

This term our program allows all Form 7 pupils to revise or learn numbers, days of the week, months, animals, colours and expressing opinions. They will develop techniques to memorise their vocabulary, and they will have plenty of opportunities in role plays to develop their French pronunciation.

Form 7 will be set from the end of September onwards, depending on their previous experience with the language, they. At this point, the complexity of the grammar covered will differ, as well as some the topics covered. For instance, pupils in set 1 and set 2 will learn how to describe the weather and talk about their sports, whilst set 3 will start building up their vocabulary describing where they live.



## 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 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 Form 7 begin 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 the types of questions we'll consider are given below: A is for Atheism: Why do some people reject the idea of God? B is for Burka: Is there a relationship between clothing and identity? C is for Creation: Are science and religion in conflict on this matter?

## More than a School

### History

This term Form 7 continue with their progressive journey through their Key Stage 3 History curriculum. They will become entangled with change, be it radical and violent or steady and unnoticed. They will explore the renaissance, enter the bloody Wars of the Roses and move towards both the most famous and infamous royal family: the Tudors.



### Geography

This term pupils in Form 7 will develop their geographical skills.

They will learn how to gather primary and secondary information and how to interpret it. They will also develop their Ordnance Survey Map reading ability as well and hone their orienteering skills.



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