

Year 8 - Yearly Overview 2026-2027

	Term 1		Term 2		Term 3	
Subject	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
SPAG Focus	- Verb tenses for effect - Formal and informal language - Strategies for working out unfamiliar words - Figurative language - Reporting verbs to show character and mood	- Placement of sentence types for effect - Clarity of language - Choice of synonyms	- Coordinating conjunctions and subordinating conjunctions in argument writing - Imperatives and modal verbs in advice texts - Emotive language - Extended metaphors	- Adverbs of manner and degree - Adverbs of time - Linking adverbs - Prepositional phrases	- Punctuation for effect - Dialogue in play scripts - Strategies for spelling unfamiliar words - Adjectives to show specific qualities - Active and passive voice	- Coordinating conjunctions - Present participles
Reading Focus	Vocabulary Summarise Retrieval	Vocabulary Prediction Retrieval	Vocabulary Explanation Retrieval	Explanation Retrieval Inference	All content domains	All content domains
Spelling	The statutory requirements of the Year 8 Spelling Curriculum include the common exception words: door, floor, poor, because, find, kind, mind, behind, child, children, wild, climb, most, only, both, old, cold, gold, hold, told, every, everybody, even, great, break, steak, pretty, beautiful, after, fast, last, past, father, class, grass, pass, plant, path, bath, hour, move, prove, improve, sure, sugar, eye, could, should, would, who, whole, any, many, clothes, busy, people, water, again, half, money, Mr, Mrs, parents					
English	Unit 1 & 2 – Fiction – Contemporary fiction, non-fiction (travel writing), science topic, personal account, short story (moral tale) Reading - When the mountains roared • Higher into the hills - Climate change: a natural process • We're destroying our home - Tsunami witness: I saw the sea start to rise - There was terror and anguish • Grandmother's Song - Jessie Emily Schofield Writing - Audio drama • Writing informally - Imaginative accounts • Combining techniques - Analysis of structure • Writing dialogue - Analysing theme • Biographical account Speaking and Listening - Pair discussions and predictions - Script reading - discussing views - Audio biography - Reading a poem aloud - Discussing text structure - Unseen dialogue	Unit 4 – Non-Fiction – Articles, argumentative texts, entertaining articles, text summaries Reading - How the web was born - Sir Tim Berners-Lee - A brief guide - Two views - A blog - The future is here - Rise of machines - The queue - Lella - Why we love terrible stories - The maze runner Writing - An article for an older audience - A persuasive speech - A story submission - Describing settings Speaking and Listening - Pair and group discussion	Unit 5 & 6 – Fiction – Discursive writing, argumentative writing, contemporary prose, non-fiction magazine article, online article, pre-20th century prose Reading - Modern heroes • The age of the false heroes - Tokyo • Danger - Life as a young carer • Supporting young carers - A super real type of film • Stan-Lee's superheroes - Scripting stories • A modern monster - Fear of the dark • The selfish giant - The little boy • Monsters fatbergs Writing - Writing a counter argument - A character in a challenging setting - A blog from a character's point of view - Film script - Account writing - Design a leaflet - Write a fable Speaking and Listening - Pair discussions - Script performance - Debating views	Unit 8 – Non-Fiction – Analytical article, newspaper account, blog, argumentative writing, pre-20th century drama Reading - Top 10 ways to make better decisions - Tourist feared he would die - To be a refugee is to make impossible choices - Do developed countries have a responsibility to welcome refugees? - The merchant of Vanice Writing - Account Writing - Personal response - Writing an argument - Writing a drama scene Speaking and Listening - Pair group reading/performance and individual discussion	Unit 3 & 7 – Fiction – Pre-20th century prose, modern drama, contemporary prose & Short story (tragedy) Reading - The Oak Island Mystery - The kids diggin for Kidd's treasure - Odd Islands around the globe - Treasure Island - The lost Isle of Tamarind - The plantation Writing - Writing a monologue - Writing a play - Account from a character's view point - Diary entries - Understanding characters - Analysing technique combination - Character's perspective Speaking and Listening - Pair discussion - Individual speaking - Performing a play - Monologue	Unit 9 – Poetry – Personal writing, poetry (from all units), autobiography Reading - The Road not taken - I was the sun and the kids were my planets - To a daughter leaving home - Home for thanksgiving - Taming the Tiger - When the mountains roared Writing - Respond to feelings - Comparing poems - Writing poems - Trailer script writing - Debating heroism Speaking and Listening - Pair, group and individual discussions
Maths	Unit 8.1 Number and calculation Unit 8.2 Algebraic representation and manipulation	Unit 8.3 2D and 3D shape	Unit 8.4 Fractions, decimals, percentages, ratio and proportion	Unit 8.6 Angles and construction	Unit 8.5 Probability	Unit 8.8 Transformations

Science	1.1 The human respiratory system 1.2 Gas exchange 1.3 Breathing 1.4 Respiration 1.5 Blood 3.1 Forces and motion 3.2 Speed 3.3 Describing movement 3.4 Turning forces 3.5 Pressure between solids	3.6 Pressure in liquids and gases 3.7 Particles on the move 8.1 Exothermic reactions 8.2 Endothermic reactions 8.3 Reactions of metals with oxygen 8.4 Reactions of metals with water 8.5 Reactions of metals with dilute	6.1 Reflection 6.2 Refraction 6.3 Making rainbows 6.4 Colours of light 6.5 Galaxies 6.6 Rocks in space 5.1 The structure of the atom 5.2 Purity 5.3 Weather and climate 5.4 Climate and ice ages 5.5 Atmosphere and climate	2.1 Dissolving 2.2 Solutions and solubility 2.3 Planning a solubility investigation 2.4 Paper chromatography	7.1 Nutrients 7.2 A balanced diet 7.3 Growth, development and health 7.4 Moving the body 4.1 The Sonoran Desert 4.2 Different ecosystems 4.3 Intruders in an ecosystem 4.4 Bioaccumulation	9.1 Magnetic fields 9.2 The Earth as a giant magnet 9.3 Electromagnets 9.4 Investigating electromagnets
Science Investigations	Lung Investigation Why are air sacs so small? Measuring the volume of air you can push out of your lungs -Effect of Exercise on Breathing Rate Investigation respiration in peas Measuring balanced and unbalanced forces Calculating speed Walking and running Calculating moments Calculating pressure	Observing the effects of pressure The effect of temperature on the speed of diffusion Planning and carrying out an investigation into the reaction between acid and magnesium carrying out an Endothermic Reaction Endothermic or exothermic Heating metals in air Reaction of metals with water Planning an investigation into the reaction of metal in acid Carrying out an investigation into reaction of metal in acid	Measuring angles of incidence and reflection Drawing accurate ray diagrams Making a rainbow Identify the colour Estimating large numbers Making a model asteroid	Dissolving and mass Making different concentrations of solutions Planning an investigation Carrying out your plan Separating the colours in ink Is the green colour in plant leaves pure?	Testing foods for starch Using a model arm to investigate how the biceps muscle works Investigating a local ecosystem	Detecting a magnetic field electromagnetic strength Detecting the earth's magnetic field Investigating electromagnets strength
Humanities	What would a fair community look like? Evaluate different models of fairness, governance and resources.		In what ways can Ancient Sumer be described as the 'cradle of civilisation'? Evaluate evidence and justify Sumer's historical significance.		How sustainable is this settlement? Evaluate social, environmental and economic sustainability.	
PE	Invasion Games – complex tactics and strategies. Fitness & Training – training programmes and performance goals.	Gymnastics/Dance – advanced performance and choreography. Health & Wellbeing – lifelong health, fitness and wellbeing.	Net/Wall Games – advanced badminton and tennis. Striking & Fielding – cricket and rounders; officiating.	Target Games – advanced strategy and decision-making. Fitness & Performance – analysing and improving performance.	Athletics – track, field and competition. Leadership, Coaching & Officiating – leading and coaching peers.	Fitness & Performance – personal training programmes. Healthy Lifestyles – lifelong participation, nutrition, recovery and wellbeing.
Music	Develop improvisation using a wider range of notes and chords Practise the G major scale and arpeggio over two octaves Develop confidence in independent performance Prepare for the ISO-M Step 2 Examination	Read and play G♯ and B♭ on the G string Learn and play the D major chord Practise the A minor scale and arpeggio over one octave Perform ensemble pieces in three parts Develop ensemble and performance skills	Read and play C♯ and D♯ on the B string Practise the E minor scale and arpeggio Extend the repertoire of songs Develop confident singing and playing Strengthen note-reading and instrumental skills	Read and play D♯ on the D string Compose using staff notation Include performance directions in compositions Develop music reading and composition skills Prepare for the ISO-M Grade 1 Examination	Read and play B♭ on the A string Practise the F major scale over two octaves Develop F major arpeggio skills Strengthen note-reading and instrumental technique Build confidence in accurate performance	Develop extended left-hand guitar techniques Practise the G natural minor scale and arpeggio over one octave Strengthen technical accuracy and control Develop confidence in performance Prepare for the ISO-M Grade 1 Examination
Art	Develop advanced colour harmony in complex compositions Create cityscapes and narrative paintings using perspective Design detailed artworks expressing stories and emotions Explore advanced brushwork for narrative clarity Prepare Technical Exercises for Grade 3 examination	Apply oil painting techniques: impasto & scumbling Create symbolic self-portraits exploring personal identity Develop diptych projects contrasting artistic styles Explore layered symbolism and meaning in paintings Refine Grade 3 Technical Exercises	Create advanced narrative paintings with symbolic elements Develop a cohesive painting series based on personal themes Strengthen critical evaluation and discussion of painting styles Prepare Creative Tasks with deep conceptual exploration Draft detailed artist statements	Complete and refine Grade 3 Creative Tasks portfolio Critically evaluate and clearly explain artistic choices Refine examination presentation and discussion skills Strengthen narrative and symbolic depth in final artworks Prepare confidently for the Grade 3 examination	Finalise Grade 3 examination portfolio and preparations Write and refine a detailed artist statement Reflect on painting processes and artistic development Enhance art vocabulary and articulation skills Develop confident presentation skills for Grade 3 assessment	Articulate artistic vision and future goals confidently Exhibit final artworks with clear explanations Reflect on achievements and artistic journey Engage confidently in peer and teacher feedback Develop confidence in presenting and discussing artwork
British Values	Mutual Respect	Democracy	Rule of Law	Tolerance and Compassion	Responsibility and Accountability	Global Citizenship & Cultural Awareness

Cultural Identity	My UAE – Identity, Belonging & Leadership	Our Heritage – From Desert to Nation	Our Values – Respect, Tolerance & Community	Our Language, Stories & Traditions	Our Land – Sustainability & Responsibility	Future – Innovation, Ambition & UAE 2031
Social Studies	الوحدة الأولى: جغرافية شبه الجزيرة العربية واقتصادها الدرس الأول: الموقع الجغرافي وأهميته الدرس الثاني: تشاريس شبه الجزيرة العربية الدرس الثالث المناخ والتنبات الطبيعية في شبه الجزيرة العربية تابع الوحدة الأولى: جغرافية شبه الجزيرة العربية واقتصادها الدرس الأول: سكان شبه الجزيرة العربية الدرس الثاني: الأنشطة الاقتصادية لسكان شبه الجزيرة العربية	الوحدة الثانية : أحوال العرب في شبه الجزيرة العربية الدرس الأول: أحوال العرب في شبه الجزيرة العربية قبل وبعد ظهور الإسلام الدرس الثاني التاريخ الحديث والمعاصر لدول شبه الجزيرة العربية الوحدة الثالثة هويتي ولأه وتنماء الدرس الأول: أحافظ على هويتي الوطنية الدرس الثاني: أهمية الخدمة الوطنية	(دراسة إقليمية لدولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة) الدرس الأول: الخصائص الطبيعية لدولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة الدرس الرابع: زايد والتاريخ	الدرس الأول: العلاقات الإماراتية الأوروبية (المملكة المتحدة)	الإمارات والعالم الجديد الدرس الأول: التنباتات المعمرة بدولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة	قارة أستراليا زايد حضارة والتجازات جولات ميدانية لشيوخ زايد -رحمه الله
MSCs	Human Needs and Responsible Choices Examine duties, dignity, safety and how responsible choices protect individuals and communities.	Digital Citizenship and Historical Change Evaluate digital information and media while investigating patterns of historical change using evidence.	Globalisation and Human Responsibility Explore globalisation, communication, sustainability, human needs and responsibilities in an interconnected world.	South Asia: Geography and Change Investigate settlement, civilisations, trade and colonial influence across South Asia.	Digital Citizenship and Community Action Critically evaluate online information and apply responsible decision-making through a practical community-action project.	Central Asia: People, Resources and Change Explore Central Asian geography, the Silk Road, culture, resources, economies and political change.
Arabic A	التخصص من حولنا نص شعري (شباب بالادي) قاعدة نحوية: علامات إعراب الاسم الأصلية والفردية قصة: الرهان نص معلوماتي: أساليب التشفة الاستماع: قصة في حجم بضعة شعر: قوة العلم قصة قصيرة: مرض الورق	نص معلوماتي: ثمن التعلم قاعدة نحوية: إعراب المثني وجمع المذكر السالم والأسماء الخمسة المحادثة: العمل التطوعي الكتابة: القراءة الورقية والقراءة الإلكترونية شعر: إشرافة وطن. قصة: حسون الحواي نص معلوماتي: برج خليفة الكتابة: كتابة نص سردي	القراءة : حكم وموا عظ إن غذا لنظرة قريب قاعدة نحوية: ضمائر النصب المتصلة الاستماع: أكلت يوم أكل الثور الأبيض الكتابة: مقارنة بين أمثال الشعوب القراءة : أعطني الناي الاستماع: ماذا لو عادت البراكين لتنتشط الكتابة: من عالم الكتاب إلى عالم السينما	القراءة : رسالة إلى أمي درس: قلب أمي قاعدة نحوية: المبني للمجهول المحادثة : الأسرة والمجتمع الكتابة : كتابة تقرير بحثي الاستماع: صورة الجدة	القراءة: ماذا تعرف عن الصحراء ؟ ماذا تعرف عن الطعام؟ الاستماع: الغزال السراب. القواعد النحوية : المفعول له	المحادثة: حيوان الصحراء ما المكان الأفضل للحيوانات؟ (الأفصاح أم الطبيعة؟) الكتابة : نص إقناعي القواعد النحوية : العدد والمفعول.
Arabic B	كيف قضيت إجازتي؟-1 أساعد أمي-2 المشاريع الصغيرة-3 العمل التطوعي-4 أهمية العمل-5	أحب هاتفي-1 ليس مجرد هاتف-2 مستقبل المحمول-3 هاتف أم حاسوب؟-4 يوم بلا محمول-5	التخييم-1 البيت الدافئ-2 تبادل الأتوار-3	الاختراع أم اكتشاف؟-1 قديم وحديثا-2 المخترع الصغير-3	ظاهرة الكابيتشيو-1 المر-2 الشمس-3	زلال وبراكين-1 أعاصير-2 كوارث من صنع الإنسان-3
Islamic A	البعث والنشور المستقلون في ظل الرحمن من يشتر المصلين أداة وحدانية الله تعالى مراقبة الله تعالى سنة الفطرة	الخلق العظيم التوبة فرصة العمر المعيت العظيم جل جلاله الغسل التيمم والمسح على الخفين غزوة الأحزاب	بشارة ومواساة أحكام العميم الساكنة الاعتدال في الإلتاق الإمام أبو حنيفة النعمان - رحمه الله تعالى- الحضارة العربية الإسلامية	سورة الرحمن القلب وصالح الإنسان الدين يسر التفكر في الإسلام العمل عبادة وحضارة صلاة المسافر والمريض	نعم الحياة كفالة اليتيم التواضع صلاة التطوع (الضحى والنيل) الفتح المبين	جزاء الإحسان التعايش بين الناس المجلس وإدابها السيدة رفايدة الإسلامية رضي الله عنها (إرادة العمل التطوعي) مشكلة الفقر في العالم الإسلامي
Islamic B	Resurrection and the Hereafter Those Sheltered Under the Shade of Allah Good News for Those Who Pray Evidence of the Oneness of Allah Being Mindful of Allah The Sunnah of Fitrah	The All-Creating, All-Knowing Repentance: The Opportunity of a Lifetime Allah, the Helper, the Forbearing Ghusl Tayammum and Wiping Over the Khuffayn The Battle of Al-Ahzab	Good News and Comfort Rules of the Meem Sakinah Moderation in Spending Imam Abu Hanifa Al-Nu'man, May Allah Have Mercy on Him Arab-Islamic Civilisation	Surah Ar-Rahman The Heart and the Righteousness of a Person Islam Is Easy Reflection in Islam Work as Worship and Civilisation Prayer for the Traveller and the Sick	The Blessings of Life Supporting an Orphan Humility Voluntary Prayers: Duha and Night Prayer The Clear Victory	The Reward for Good Deeds Coexistence Among People Gatherings and Their Etiquette Lady Rifa'adah Al-Aslamiyah, May Allah Be Pleased with Her: A Pioneer of Voluntary Work The Problem of Poverty in the Islamic World
Computing	Computer Systems	Getting Started with Python	Basic Programming in Python	Computational Thinking and Python	Python and Software Development	Python and Software Development
E-Safety	Healthy Habits My Media Use: A Personal Challenge	Privacy and Safet: Big Big Data	Digital Footprint and Identity	Relationships and Communication	Cyberbullying and Online Harms : Upstanders and Allies: Taking Action Against Cyberbullying	Information & Media Literacy: The Four Factors of Fair Use

Entrepreneurship & Innovation	Business Code Red	Careers To Save The World	Better Bonds	Money Minds	Take The Stage	Future Foundations 2.0
French	General Revision A review of all the basic French topics, including numbers, the alphabet, seasons, animals, months, days of the week, introducing yourself in French, and other essential French vocabulary and expressions.	En ville : page 4 Faire des projects : page 26	La vie Quotidienne page 48 Mon environnement page 70	Mon Alimentation Page 92 La puissance de la nature page 114	La reservation page 136 Les influences page 158	Worksheets and revision