Year 8 Spring Outline 2026

English	Mathematics	Science
To read and study the novel 'The Tulip Touch' - Anne Fine **'No one is born evil…' Nature Vs Nurture** The curriculum will continue to focus on revision and preparation for the **13+ CE examinations**: - Understanding texts - Understanding the author's craft - Writing to analyse, review and comment - Planning and drafting - Honing **comprehension** skills and techniques through the use of past paper questions that contain a range of fiction and non-fiction texts - Further practice in the skill of writing effective **PEA comprehension paragraphs** - Developing comprehension of **poetry** and poetic devices by reading, discussing and analysing a variety of poetry - Writing for a wide range of purposes and **up-levelling writing** through the development of vocabulary, descriptive details and persuasive techniques - The consolidation of **spelling, punctuation and grammar skills** All pupils will participate in this half term's exciting **Senior School Poetry Recital Competition**.	Preparations / Revision for mock CE exams in the second Week of January. Students will then consolidate and revise topics for the June CE examination. These topics will include: Probability Ratio and Proportion Forming linear equations Transformations 3 Figure bearings Graphs Calculating angles Statistics	- Preparation for Mocks - Sound and Hearing - Light and Sight - Electrical Circuits and ElectroMagnets - Forces - Energy storage - Neutralisation reactions - Health and disease - Reproduction

Geography	History	French
Demography Population and population density Push and Pull factors for UK and global migration Settlement patterns, villages and cities. Environmentally friendly cities **Economy** Modes of transport within the UK Global transport and containerisation Industry: Primary, Secondary, Tertiary and Quaternary sectors. Location of Industry, Multinational Companies and Globalisation. Development: High, Middle and Low-income countries. Factors that lead to change as a country develops. **Locational Knowledge** Oceania, South America and Africa.	**The Stuarts** - Oliver Cromwell - Charles II and The Restoration of the Monarchy - The Great Plague - The Great Fire of London - **James II** - William III and Mary II - The Glorious Revolution - **Battle of Blenheim** - **First English settlements in America**	**Topic:** **Holiday Situations & Past and Dream Travels** ▪ usual holidays ▪ accommodations ▪ means of transports ▪ ordering food ▪ activities on holiday ▪ a recent holiday ▪ describing past travels ▪ a dream holiday ▪ shopping for souvenirs Preparation for and practice of oral questions and topics Writing task practice Listening comprehensions
Music	**Art**	**Theology, Philosophy and Religion**
- Origins of Blues Music - Bass lines and turnaround chords in music - Walking basslines - Blues Scales - Improvisation - Blues singers	- Continuing portrait work inspired by Julian Opie; - Stencil cutting using a craft knife safely - sponge roller printing - colour mix theory - Mask designs and creations inspired by Kabuki theatre and Samurai warriors; - Technical drawing - Imaginative designs - Learning to use Mod roc for mask creations	- What are Ethics? - The value of life. - Life After Death - Is the use of war justified? - Ethics of war and pacifism. - What is punishment for? - Prison - Capital punishment - Prejudice, discrimination and freedom - Treatment of the marginalised. - Are humans morally responsible for their environment?

Technology	Classical Civilisations	PE and Games
Stop Motion **Continued evaluation time for the first few weeks** **Visual Programming** ● Develop advanced programming skills using Scratch. ● Apply computational thinking to solve complex problems. ● Design and create interactive projects and games. ● Collaborate with peers to develop and refine projects. ● Enhance creativity and critical thinking through programming.	**The Greeks** ● Drama*: layout of a typical Greek theatre; chorus and actors; City Dionysia; types of plays; tragedy; comedy **The Romans** ● legends of early Rome: Aeneas; Romulus; Horatius; Cloelia; Mucius Scaevola; Coriolanus; Cincinnatus ● Domestic life: the domus (layout, furniture, decoration); food and dining; clothes; coming of age, marriage and death ● Slavery: sources, conditions, manumission ● Plan of a typical town: walls and gates, forum and basilica, streets, insulae, temples, theatres, amphitheatres, aqueducts ● Entertainment and leisure: theatre, amphitheatre, circus, baths ● The army: composition and organisation; weapons, training and camps ● Roman Britain: Julius Caesar; Claudius; Boudicca; Hadrian's Wall	Gymnastic Activities: Hockey activities. Rugby activities.
PSHE		
Dreams and Goals & Healthy Me ● Long-term goals ● What money can't buy ● Online Safety ● Money & Earnings ● Money in relationships ● Money related to mental health ● Building future skills for the workplace		