

Broughton Hall Catholic High School

Year 7

Curriculum Booklet

For Parents



Dear Parent / Carer

At Broughton Hall we understand that Year 7 is an extremely important year as it is the time for our students to build foundations in a number of new subjects and deepen the knowledge acquired in primary school. The work students do in Year 7 will enable them to make good progress as they begin their secondary journey.



It is very important for parents/carers and staff to work together in providing the best possible learning environment and we value the support and encouragement you can provide. To assist you in this supportive role, we have produced this curriculum booklet to offer a simple guide to the type of work your daughter will be doing during the current academic year at school.

This booklet will give you information about the subjects your daughter is studying and how and when she will be assessed. A major focus for each subject is the habit of success and so we will also show you how you can support your daughter's learning. Homework is an important tool to ensure success and so we will give you details of your daughter's homework timetable which you should also find in your daughter's academic planner. This planner should be used to record homework and deadline dates and should be taken home each day, it should also be signed by you once a week and if you have any concerns this is the most useful way to communicate these to your daughter's progress tutor or subject teacher.

Your daughter will have been set an end of year target and her effort and progress towards this target grade will be monitored each term within each subject area. This information will be discussed regularly throughout the year in order to keep students informed of their progress and to provide clear targets on how to improve. This academic mentoring will take place between progress tutors and students and between subject teachers and students. It will also be supported by your daughter's Director of Learning. Parents will be informed of progress via a review day, parents evening and end of year report.

I hope you find the information in this booklet useful and I thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs B Davies
Director of Learning, Year 6, 7 & 8

What Is Expected In Year 7

Dear Student

In Year 7 one of our priorities is to ensure that you work well and make good progress. You must become an independent, motivated learner who always takes advantage of every opportunity that comes your way.



Try to be organised in the way that you approach your studies. Forward planning is essential. You will need to make sure that you have the correct books and materials with you for each lesson. Your teachers should tell you what they expect you to bring to each of their lessons, but if you are not sure, please ask. Also you will find a list of essentials further on in this booklet.

You will probably get more homework than in Year 6. You will need to ensure that you always record homework in your planner, including the deadlines set. Check your planner each evening when you get home and prioritise the tasks set so that you do not miss any deadlines. If you are unsure of how to do a particular piece of homework, ask your teacher for some assistance - before the deadline!

It is important to enjoy all aspects of Broughton Hall. There will be many clubs and activities taking place and don't forget that the McAuley centre is open at the end of the day Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for you to go along and do your homework in a quiet, supervised area where you have access to a wide range of books and computers to help you complete tasks set.

You see your form tutor every day so if you have any concerns please speak to them. Mrs Fox and Ms Reid are also there to help support you during your time here at Broughton Hall.

My office is on the F floor and I too look forward to supporting and encouraging you to make the best progress possible. Remember take advantage of every opportunity that comes your way, always try your best and let's make Year 7 the best year yet.

Mrs Davies

Director of Learning Years, Years 6, 7 & 8

Homework policy

Definition

Homework is any work or activity which students are asked to do outside lesson time either on their own or with the help of parents or carers.

The Purpose of Homework

- to help raise achievement
- to encourage students to develop the confidence and self-discipline to work on their own, an essential skill for adult life
- to consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding
- to extend school learning, for example through additional reading
- To enable students to devote time to particular demands such as GCSE coursework or project work.

KS3

Students in Years 7-9 should expect to have two homework's per week for English, Maths, Science, and Modern Foreign Languages. In Computing, history, geography and RE homework will be set on a weekly basis. In the case of practical subjects such as technology, music, art and drama homework will be set as appropriate. There will be no homework set for PHSE or PE in KS3.

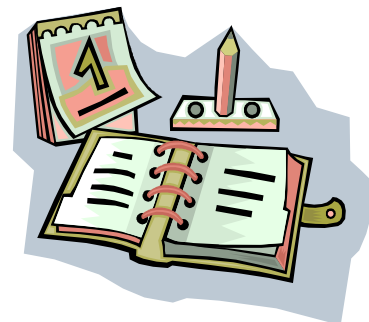
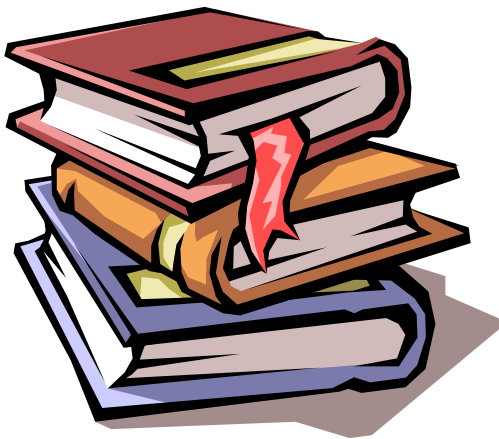
Typical hours per day: 35-70 minutes including 20 minutes reading time in years 7 and 8, increasing to 90 minutes across various subjects in year 9.

Essential equipment

In order to make good progress in all subject areas it is important that your daughter has all the necessary equipment so that lessons are not disrupted. In specialist subject areas such as technology and P.E girls will be told what they need and it is their responsibility to ensure that they have the correct equipment with them.

Your daughter should always have with her;

- A pen
- A pencil
- A ruler
- Coloured pencils
- Pencil sharpener
- Eraser
- The books needed for the day.
- Academic planner



Essential Information for parents / carers

You can communicate with any member of staff in writing, via email or by phone.

If your daughter is going to be absent please ring school as soon as possible to report the absence.

Appointments should not be made during school time but in some cases this may be unavoidable therefore please send in a letter / appointment card to explain this. No pupil will be allowed to leave school unless accompanied by a parent / carer.

If your daughter is late then she will have a detention for 30 minutes during lunch hour on that day. If she fails to attend detention she will have a 1 hour detention with her progress manager. If she fails to attend this then she will have a 1 hour detention on Friday after school with a senior member of staff.

Important Telephone Number

School Reception- 0151 541 9440

Parents Evening

Monday 20th March



CLIL

(Content and Language Integrated Learning)

Broughton Hall Catholic High School works in partnership with the Spanish government and is the only school in England to be involved in this project.

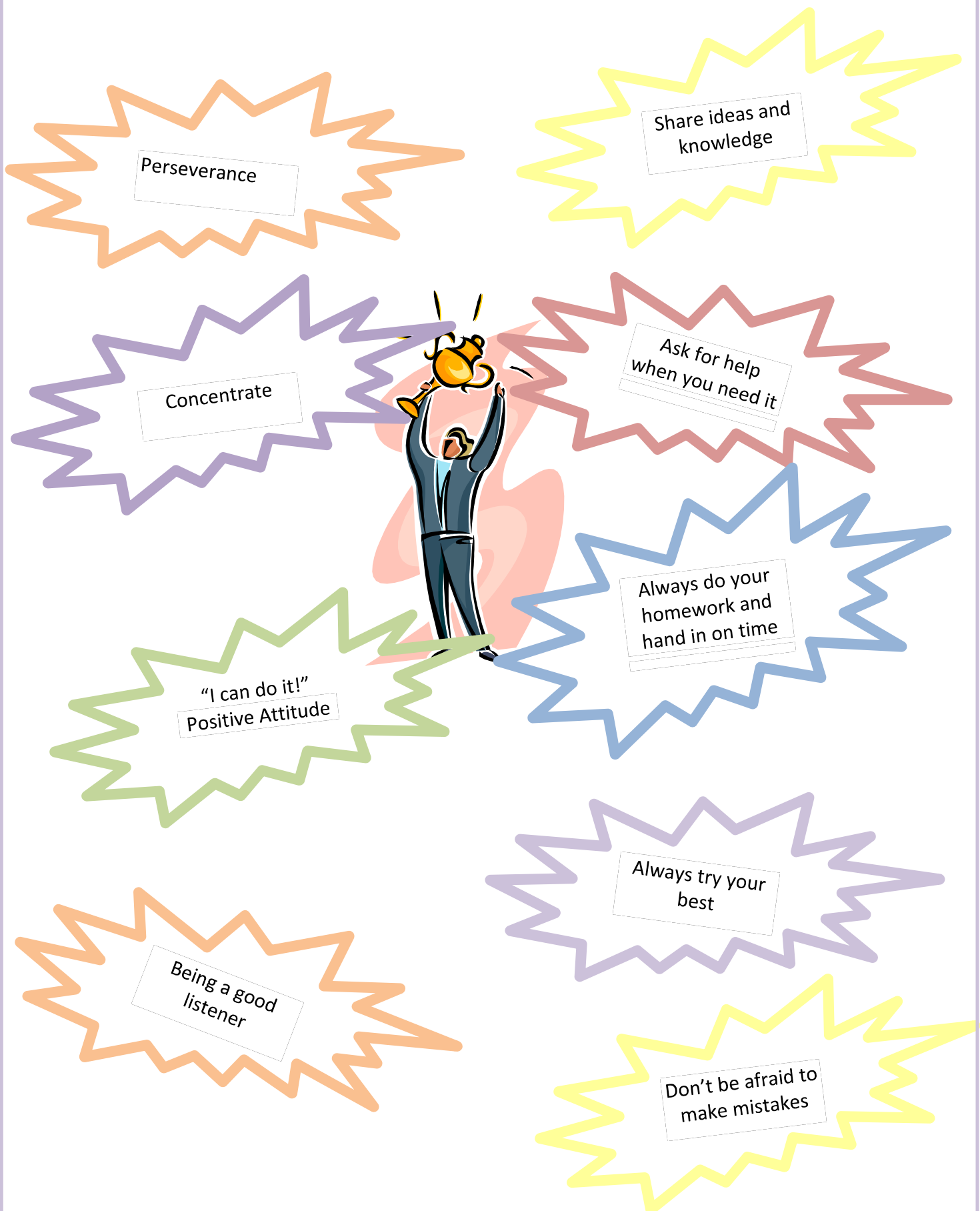
The Spanish government sends a native teacher to deliver Geography and History through the Spanish language. The students chosen for this project are identified in Year 7 as being the most able.

This is a challenging programme which demands hard work and good levels of concentration from our students. The theory behind CLIL is that subjects taught in this way result in improved retention and performance. The skills that students acquire through being involved in this programme are widely recognised.

Students participating in this programme follow exactly the same curriculum as all other students and are assessed in exactly the same way. The impact on their language acquisition is immense and has enabled us to enthuse and motivate our students to become potential dual linguists enjoying learning more than one language during their studies at Broughton Hall Catholic High School.



What makes a successful learner?



Art & Design and Technology

Delivery:

- Most pupils will study Art & Design Technology two times a week in year 7.
- They will be taught Art , Textiles , Food Technology , Product design approx 18 weeks in each subject area
- Pupils will have lessons in 2 subject areas until February and rotate into the additional 2 subjects areas until July



Homework:

- Homework by each D&T area will be given every second week.
- Pupils who hand in work late will receive detention by the subject teacher.

Curriculum overview:

Pupils will complete a variety of designing & making projects alongside learning theoretical knowledge of the individual subject area.

- Food & Nutrition - The pupils will learn where food comes from, how to cook a range of dishes safely and hygienically and to apply their knowledge of healthy eating. They will develop food preparation and cooking techniques and learn how to apply their knowledge to make informed choices.
- Textiles-Pupils will develop predominantly hand sewing skills and use this knowledge to design and make a felt poppet. A theoretical knowledge booklet will document the design process.
- Product design - Pupils will be conducting research into an existing designer/ artist which will help improve students creativity when designing. Student will be introduced to 3D drawing skills and use industry recognised Computing software. Student's literacy skills will also be developed when conducting product analysis. In addition to this, pupils will also design a piece of packaging to protect and advertising their product.
- Art pupils will complete the identity project where they will firstly study line, form, tone and mark making. This will involve using a range of materials to create a variety of marks in their work. The artists studied will be the traditional artist Vincent Van Gogh and contemporary artist Teesha Moore. Students will then study colour theory. Students will learn about primary, secondary and tertiary colours, with particular reference to mixing colours. Using the theme of identity students will produce a final piece that combines all elements of the project, inspired by the two artists they have researched.



Drama

Drama is an art form, a practical activity and an intellectual discipline, it involves imagination and feelings and helps us to make sense of the world. It carries the potential to challenge, to question and to bring about change.

In Year 7, students study Drama one lesson per week. Pupils apply their imagination and draw upon personal experiences to create a range of performances. Developing knowledge and understanding of how the elements of drama work enables pupils to effectively shape, express and share their ideas, feelings and responses. Drama provides an opportunity for pupils to expand their cultural awareness, understand people from other places, times and cultures, and to examine differences and similarities with their own environment.

Key Units in Year 7

1. **"Fairytale"**: Students begin to learn and develop key performance skills through exploration of well known fairytales. This unit provides an opportunity for students to become confident in their own ability and comfortable in a performance space.
2. **"The Terrible Fate of Humpty Dumpty"**: Using this script, students apply their knowledge of key performance skills to explore the theme of bullying.
3. **"Alice in Wonderland"**: Students begin to develop an understanding of how to access and perform scripts. This unit is also used as an introduction to Physical Theatre.
4. **"Theatre in Education"**: Students learn about Drama as a tool to educate and create a Theatre in Education piece about an issue relevant to their year group.
5. **"Sausages for Tea"**: Students explore this script based on WWII and use the characters to understand Naturalism.
6. **"Independent Devising"**: Students will devise a performance from a stimulus using all of the techniques they have learnt throughout Year 7.

Assessment in Drama

- Assessment in Drama includes peer and teacher assessment.
- Students receive individual verbal feedback throughout each lesson and are encouraged to contribute their own observations of success and targets when watching peer performances.
- Individual written feedback accompanies every teacher assessment which is 2-3 times per term. Students are required to reflect on this feedback and set targets for progression.
- Video evidence of all work kept in a digital Practical Pupil Portfolio.
- Homework is set when appropriate.



Extracurricular opportunities in Drama include:

- Drama Club - Annual School Production -
- Numerous performance evenings and whole school events -
- Theatre trips and workshops -



Geography

Geography is designed to help students realise the importance of the wider world around them. It helps them to understand that they are a global citizen and the choices they make can help to sculpt the world we live in.

Geography helps to broaden the way that students think. It gets them to question what they see in the world and evaluate the best way forward. Students will think from different perspectives to debate and make decisions on what they think should happen.

Geography helps to nurture a wide range of skills in our students, such as:

- Key Geographical Skills which are important to their transition to GCSE Geography. These include, map/atlas skills and the interpretation of graphs and a wide range of geographical stimuli.
- Analysis and evaluation of geographical information.
- Literacy, numeracy skills and problem solving skills.
- Independent learning and research skills.

To assess student's progress in Geography, students will be given a range of tasks across the year. Each term, students will complete assessments which include end of unit tests and extended writing pieces, such as projects and reports.

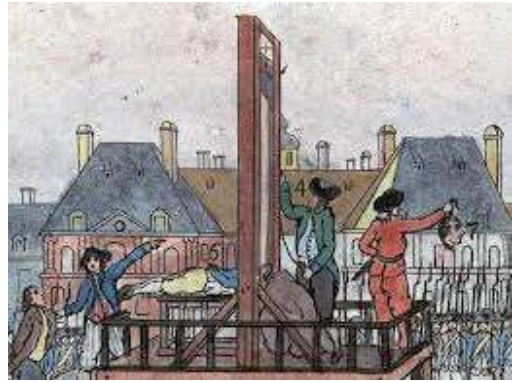
Geography Year 7 Curriculum	
Exploring the UK	Students will investigate the UK and its place within the world. They will develop key geographical skills which they will build on throughout their time at Broughton Hall.
Development	Students will develop an awareness of inequalities around the world. They will see countries which are richer and poorer and will use development indicators to differentiate them.
Coasts	Our coasts are ever changing. Students will learn about important landforms at the coast and the processes which help to sculpt them. They will debate how best to manage them.
India	India has a diverse and interesting culture which students will delve in to. Students will have the chance to explore this wonderful country, looking at the important physical and human features of India.
Tourism around the world	The world is an intriguing place and it draws us to visit and experience exciting places around the world. Students will investigate the reasons people visit Kenya and the impacts tourism can have. Students will then look closer to home at tourism within the Lake District National Park.



History

Aims of the year and Subject aims

In Year 7 students are introduced to the skills necessary to understand History. They will learn to use evidence to understand the past, evaluate evidence to test its reliability and usefulness and develop their chronological understanding so that they can place events of the past into context.



Year 7 will also introduce the important ideas of Power and Democracy - why do monarchs hold power and what events have shaped the introduction of power to the people.

Students will have three formal assessments and a baseline assessment in Year 7

Term 1

Topics to be taught:

Why did Liverpool become more important than West Derby?

Was Simon Schama right about the Battle of Hastings? "One kind of England annihilated and another set up in its place" A study of 1066

Term 2

Topics to be taught: How important was the Church in Medieval Society?

Term 3

Topics to be taught: How and why did the monarchy change the Church - a study of the Reformation and the impact of Tudor monarchs on England's religious beliefs

Computing

Our aims are to introduce are the concept of E-Safety, helping students to make wise decisions about their digital footprints. We also introduce pupils to “What is a computer” and teach the purpose of components. Pupils will also begin to learn Computational Thinking skills, which will involve an introduction to coding. Throughout there will be a focus on the Microsoft Office skills that may be required across the curriculum.

Term 1

Topics to be taught: Digital Literacy, PC Basics, Research skills.

Term 2

Topics to be taught, Coding and Computational Thinking

Term 3

Topics to be taught Image Manipulation, Microsoft Office Skills



AUTUMN TERM

Collecting and displaying data

Accuracy

Understanding number

Decimals

Fractions

Line and angle facts

Understanding number

Learning Review Assessment DECEMBER**SPRING TERM**

Area, perimeter of 2D shapes

Understanding algebra

Patterns and sequences

Formulae and substitution

Equations

Graphs

Learning Review Assessment March**SUMMER TERM**

Volume and 3D shapes

Construction and Loci <6

Understanding number

Averages

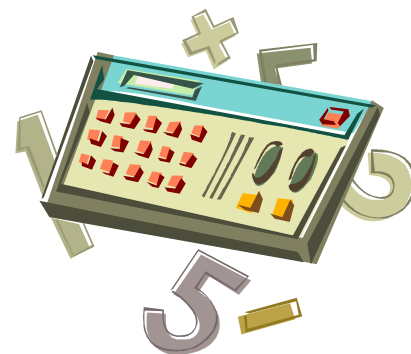
Probability

Decimals

Fractions

Learning Review Assessment May/June

Mathematics

**Equipment**

- Pen (Black ink)
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Maths set
- Calculator (Casio)
- Coloured pencils.

Electronic Homework

1. www.mymaths.co.uk

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2. MOODLE

<http://www.broughtonhall.com/moodle/file.php/669/student/html/materials.html>

Examinations

MFL



Subject aims: To develop the breadth and depth of pupils' competence in listening, speaking, reading and writing based on a sound foundation of core grammar and vocabulary as well as translation. The study of Spanish will enable pupils to understand and communicate personal and factual information that goes beyond their immediate needs and interests, developing and justifying points of view in speech and writing, with increased spontaneity, independence and accuracy.

Linguistic competence: Pupils will be taught to:

- Develop their understanding of the Spanish language and Hispanic culture
- Express and develop ideas clearly and with increasing accuracy, both orally and in writing
- Initiate and develop conversations, speaking coherently and confidently, with increasingly accurate pronunciation and intonation
- Read and show comprehension of original and adapted materials from a range of different sources and provide an accurate English translation of short, suitable material (stories, songs, poems and letters)
- Write prose using an increasingly wide range of grammar and vocabulary, write creatively to express their own ideas and opinions
- Use accurate grammar, spelling and punctuation
- Translate from Spanish to English and vice versa

Term 1

Topics to be taught: Spanish Phonics, basic personal information, the alphabet, numbers 1-31, days of the week, months of the year, birthdays, my rucksack, nationalities, where I live, Christmas. All pupils will do a project based on a region in Spain or a Spanish speaking country to develop both research and presentational skills as well as to enhance knowledge and understanding of Hispanic culture.

Term 2

Topics to be taught: Family, Pets, physical description, character, school subjects, teachers, opinions, telling the time, timetables, food and drink. All pupils will have to write a milestone piece including all the above topics.

Term 3

Topics to be taught: Describing your school, transport, future plans, sports and free time, the weather. All pupils will have to write a milestone piece including key topics covered during this term.

At the end of every half term, all pupils will undertake an assessment covering various skills: reading, listening, speaking, writing and translation.



Music

Studying Music has been proven to have academic, social and personal benefits. At Broughton Hall, our students have one lesson of Music per week.

There are also lots of opportunities to join extra-curricular music groups, perform in events and have individual or shared lessons in an instrument or voice.

The Year 9 course prepares **all** students to progress to GCSE Music. The only pre-requisites are that students enjoy all kinds of music and are willing to work hard with their teachers to achieve their best. Our Year 11 students' grades are often significantly above national averages, making our subject an excellent elective choice. We have high expectations & help students grow in confidence as well as explore their talents!

Year 9 will study in Music...

1. GCSE Music: Performance

- We prepare all students for GCSE study by ensuring they have good performance skills in one of the following: keyboard, guitar, singing or another instrument they already play. At GCSE level the performance exam is worth 30%.

2. GCSE Music Appraising: *Defying Gravity* from the musical "Wicked"

- We analyse key areas of this piece, which is one of eight set works on the Pearson GCSE Music syllabus.
- We compose our own material, practically exploring some key ideas from the musical.
- The appraising exam is worth 40% of the GCSE & composition 30%. This unit is therefore excellent preparation for GCSE Music.

3. GCSE Music Composition: Music for Film *Main Title/Rebel Blockade Runner* from "Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope"

- We analyse key areas of this piece, which is one of eight set works on the Pearson GCSE Music syllabus.
- We study how music is used to enhance film action & how to score for orchestral instruments.
- We choose a film clip and compose music to underscore the action.
- This composition & appraising focus prepares all students well for GCSE.

Assessment

- We use self, peer and teacher assessment, with written teacher feedback every 6 hours.
- We keep video/audio evidence of all of our work.
- Each student has a Music Progress Book, including information on what she is learning, her targets and achieved levels.
- Homework is set when appropriate.

Extra curricular Music includes:

- Choir – Bands - Celebration Group Band - Woodwind Group - Guitar Ensemble – Instrumental Lessons (See school website or contact the School Office for details):



P.E

During year 7 pupils will be introduced to a wide variety of sports and activities. They will begin to learn the necessary skills and techniques, and will learn how to apply them in each of the different activities. They will start to understand what makes an effective performance and how to apply these principles to their own and others' work. They will learn to take the initiative and make decisions for themselves about what to do to improve performance. They will be introduced to the role of 'performer' and other roles such as 'leader' and 'official'.

The programme of study identifies four areas of activity:

- games activities;
- gymnastic activities;
- dance activities;
- athletic activities;

Pupils at Broughton Hall will cover the following 12 areas of activity in curriculum time each year at KS3.

- games activities
 1. invasion games
 2. striking and fielding games
 3. net/wall games
- gymnastic activities
 1. educational gymnastics
 2. cheerleading
- dance activities
- athletic activities

Pupils will be assessed on their ability to apply skills in isolation, and also on their ability to apply those skills in competitive and compositional situations. Pupils will be assessed on knowledge and understanding of basic rules, and tactics to outwit an opponent.

Year 7 pupils will receive 2 PE lessons each week throughout the year. Activities taught to year 7 pupils include football, hockey, netball, lacrosse, gymnastics, dance, cheerleading, fitness, basketball, badminton, tennis, athletics, rounders and cricket.

Pupils will have opportunities to attend a wide range of clubs in extra-curricular time including: netball, hockey, dance, football, badminton, rounders, athletics, etc.



Religious Education

Aims of the year and subject aims

The aim of the RE curriculum is to follow the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales Religious Education Curriculum Directory. This follows the Catechism of the Catholic Church and ensures the teaching and learning at Broughton Hall is a true reflection of the vision and breadth of the teaching of the Church, as well as reaching out to the pupils in our modern times.

Term 1

Topics to be taught

BELONGING/CREATION/SCRIPTURE/IMAGERY/TRINITY/PHILOSOPHY/JESUS AT PRAYER/TITLES OF JESUS/PARABLES/MIRACLES/CHRISTOLOGY/SALVATION/INCARNATION/ADVENT

Term 2

Topics to be taught

HISTORY/CHURCH/DIOCESE/DYNAMISM/LIVING AS A BAPTISED CHRISTIAN/SACRAMENTAL LIFE/EUCHARIST/PRIEST, PROPHET AND KING/PRAYER/LENT

Term 3

Topics to be taught

JUDAISM/LIVING AS EASTER PEOPLE/MARTYRDOM/SAINTS/SERVICE AND SACRIFICE



Science



Aims of the year and subject aims

In year 7 all students will learn the key skills of completing practical work safely whilst studying a broad and interesting range of topics covering biology, chemistry and physics. Students are set both individual and group tasks on which they are assessed. The tasks vary from giving presentations to the class, to analysing results collected from investigations and to exploring up to date applications of science.

Homeworks may be paper-based or set online via the Kerboodle link on the school website or www.kerboodle.com with login details as shown below

Username: [first letter of first name and surname, e.g. asmith](#)

Password: [This should be the same as the username when you first log on and then should be changed to your school password.](#)

Institution code: [ki9](#)

Term 1

Topics to be taught

Working Scientifically

Cells

Forces

Particles and their behaviour

Term 2

Topics to be taught

Structure and function of body systems

Reproduction

Sound

Elements, atoms and Compounds

Term 3

Topics to be taught

Light

Space

Chemical reactions

Acids and alkalis



English

Module

1

(September – December)

FEMALES IN LITERATURE

Girls will read a whole novel and a selection of fairy tales to investigate how females are presented in different types of literature. They will also create their own fairy tale by adapting a classic to fit a more modern setting.

Module

2

(January – April)

THE FORMS OF POETRY

Girls will discover a range of different poetic forms such as ballads, haikus, limericks and sonnets and show their understanding of these forms by adopting them in their own poetry.

Module

3

(May - July)

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

Girls will read an entire Shakespeare play, analysing characters and events. They will then perform key scenes during the end of year celebration.