



Ivybridge Community College

Year 8 Curriculum Overview

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
English					
Lacking a Voice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'In the Sea there are Crocodiles', Essay Writing 	Lacking a Voice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'In the Sea there are Crocodiles', Essay Writing 	Speak Out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opinion Articles, Discursive Writing 	Speak Out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'Much Ado About Nothing', Analysing Language, Public Speaking 	Capturing the Moment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creative non-fiction, Narrative Writing 	Capturing the Moment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creative non-fiction, Poetry
Mathematics					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estimation and Rounding Sequences Graphical representations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solving Linear Equations and Inequalities Percentages and Proportionality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Percentages and Proportionality Statistical Representation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statistical Analysis Perimeter, Area and Volume 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perimeter, Area and Volume Polygons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Polygons Constructions
Science					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organ Systems Reactions Forces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organ Systems Reactions Forces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respiration and Photosynthesis Periodic Table Electricity and Magnetism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respiration and Photosynthesis Periodic Table Electricity and Magnetism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evolution and Inheritance The Earth Motion and Pressure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evolution and Inheritance The Earth Motion and Pressure
History					
British Empire <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How did the British Empire grow? 	Transatlantic Slave Trade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Were Devon's links to the Transatlantic slave trade that deep? 	Industrial Revolution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How did the Industrial Revolution transform lives? 	Democracy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How did women gain the right to vote? 	World War One <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Causes of WWI. What did Devon's soldiers experience in the First World War? 	World War One <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Did the Paris peace conference make a sensible settlement?
Geography					
Weather and Climate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the UK's weather predictable? 	Globalisation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How does money connect the world? 	Rivers and Glaciers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are rivers or glaciers more powerful? 	Rivers, Glaciers, Volcanoes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are rivers or glaciers more powerful? Is living near a volcano worth the risk? 	Volcanoes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is living near a volcano worth the risk? 	Asia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Which area of Central Asia has the brightest future?

Modern Foreign Languages					
French					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talking about jobs, celebrations and festivals and everyday activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning about French-speaking places and free time. Using the perfect tense to give information in the past. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talking about everyday life. Food and drink. A school visit. Learning to use formal language. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussing life at school and talking about a visit to a French-speaking country and Paris. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comparing experiences with family and friends. Talking about a school trip and penfriends. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussing the environment Discussing Jobs. Learning Languages. Talking about the school holidays.
Spanish					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contrasting past and future events. Comparing what people do at school and at home. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talking about free time, school activities and our feelings. Describing festive traditions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussing activities in the past and present. Describing relationships and daily routine. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talking about friendships, celebrations, opinions and feelings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describing a visit to a Spanish-speaking cities, a trip to a festival, jobs and sports. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asking and answering questions in the past tense, discussing health and plans for a future trip.
Art					
Environmental issues: Birds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contextual Studies. Drawing. 	Environmental issues: Birds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sculpture, Painting. 	Pattern & Surface Design <ul style="list-style-type: none"> History of design. Op Art, Plastic fusion, Stitch. 	Pattern & Surface Design <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Photography and Collage. Drawing. 	Pattern & Surface Design <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repeat-rotate mirror. Paper manipulation. Batik. 	Pattern & Surface Design <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impasto. Sgraffito.
Design Technology: (2 Terms Workshop, 1 Term Food - in rotation)					
An introduction to sustainability in design through the creation of a Plywood phone stand. Design strategies. Communication of design ideas. Prototype development - CAD/CAM. Packaging design. Principles of Design & Technology.		An introduction to electronic systems through the creation of a USB LED desk light. Design strategies. Communication of design ideas. Prototype development - CAD/CAM. Woodworking hand tool skills. Principles of Design & Technology		Food Technology Continuing to develop cooking skills & independence while exploring staple ingredients & different cuisines from around the world. Understanding the factors that affect food choice.	
Drama					
Storytelling 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Origins of storytelling. Narrative structure. Morality. Interpreting Stimuli. Appreciation of world cultures. 	Storytelling 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purpose of storytelling. Narrative structure. Morality. Interpreting Stimuli. Appreciation of world cultures. 	Twelfth Night <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study of aspects of the play and its possible staging. Dramatic Irony as a comic device. Gender identity and self-representation. 	Commedia dell'Arte <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building on the exploration of comedy in Term 3, specifically slapstick comedy, stock characters and gromalot. 	Silent Movies 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuation of the study of Slapstick Comedy in early 20th Century film. Appreciation of the development of film and cinema. 	Silent Movies 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appreciation of the development of film and cinema. Cliff-hanger Serials. Horror genre. Dramatic conventions.

Music					
Blues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melody (Pitch) and Structure • Analysis • Improvisation Performance • Singing 	Blues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melody (Pitch) and Structure • Analysis • Improvisation • Composition Performance • Singing 	Film Music <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harmony • Analysis • Performance • Composition 	Film Music <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harmony • Analysis • Performance Composition 	Song Writing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melody (Pitch) and Structure • Analysis • Singing • Performance Composition 	Song Writing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melody (Pitch) and Structure • Analysis • Singing • Performance Composition
IT					
Digital Graphics Scratch ICT in retail	Learn to Type	MS Office <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn how to use a spreadsheet 	MS Office <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn how to use a word processor 	Digital Graphics	Websites in Web plus
PSHE					
Emotional wellbeing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health and emotional wellbeing, including body image and coping strategies 	Drugs and alcohol <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alcohol and drug misuse and pressures relating to drug use and vaping 	Respect and relationships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consent, 'sexting'. • introduction to contraception 	Discrimination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Equality Act 2010- discrimination in all its forms 	Community and careers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equality of opportunity in careers, types and patterns of work 	Digital literacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online safety, digital Literacy, media reliability, and gambling hooks
Religious Studies					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The impact of worldviews on my life and the lives of others? • How do we see the world as a theologian, philosopher and sociologist? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who was Jesus? • What impact did and does he have on the life of believers today? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where does belief come from? • Faith in action. • Does the world need a saviour today? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buddhism. • Who was Buddha? • Why do people suffer in today's world? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life after death 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirituality for believers and non-believers. • Spirited arts project.
P.E (All activities completed in rotation)					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Net and Wall • Tennis • Badminton • Gymnastics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invasion Games 1 • Football • Rugby • Netball • Gymnastics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HFW • Health, Fitness and Wellbeing • Gymnastics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invasion 2 • Netball • Football • Rugby • Dance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletics • Run • Jump Throw • Dance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Striking and fielding • Cricket • Rounders • Dance