

Year 7 is a year of **transition, belonging and strong foundations**. Students develop the knowledge, vocabulary and learning habits that underpin future success while building the confidence to embrace new opportunities and challenges. Through our Academic, Character and Enrichment curriculum, students establish secure foundations in literacy, numeracy and subject-specific knowledge, while developing the resilience, independence and self-belief needed to flourish. This guide outlines the key knowledge, concepts and experiences that support every student to begin their Bodmin journey with confidence and purpose.

What will students learn in Year 7?			
Tutor Time	- Settle into Year 7 and establish positive routines. - Develop reading fluency and understanding through tutor-led reading. - Strengthen character and wellbeing through Personal Development activities.	English	- Read a range of fiction, poetry and non-fiction - Learn how writers create atmosphere and meaning - Build confidence in creative and analytical writing - Develop vocabulary, expression and reading fluency
Mathematics	- Strengthen number skills and calculation fluency - Build early algebra understanding - Explore shapes, angles, probability and proportions - Apply maths to real-life situations	Science	- Learn about particles, cells, energy and forces - Develop scientific enquiry and practical skills - Understand how the human body works - Explore ecosystems, materials and the universe
Geography	- Study the local area and how places change - Explore world biomes and climates - Learn how natural resources shape people's lives - Investigate coasts, global trade and development	History	- Learn how people, events and ideas shaped the medieval and early modern world - Explore different viewpoints about the past - Use evidence to investigate and explain events - Discover how local, British and world history are connected
Languages (Spanish or French)	- Learn to talk about yourself, your family and daily life - Describe your home, school and hobbies - Grow confidence expressing opinions - Practise real-life language (food, weather, holidays)	Computer Science	- Learn how to stay safe and responsible online - Understand how computers and data work - Explore binary, networks and simple encryption - Create programs using Scratch and Microbit
RE	- Learn about Judaism, Christianity and Islam - Explore important stories, beliefs and values - Understand how faith shapes people's lives - Build respect and curiosity for different world-views	Life (PSHE)	- Understand puberty and how to stay safe and healthy - Develop positive friendships - Learn about rights, responsibilities and democracy - Learn about making informed financial decisions

	PE	- Games & teamwork: Develop core skills, teamwork and tactics through football, rugby, netball and badminton. - Movement & performance: Build coordination, control and confidence through gymnastics and dance. - Health & fitness: Develop fitness, fundamental movement skills and understanding of healthy, active lifestyles. - Applying skills: Develop decision-making and performance through athletics, tennis, cricket, orienteering and striking and fielding.	Art	- Explore drawing, colour and pattern - Learn printmaking, clay and collage techniques - Study the work of different artists - Create and present your own artwork
	Drama	- Develop vocal and physical characterisation through pantomime and scripted roles. - Explore plot, character and monologue performance through The Tempest. - Use narration, tableau, thought tracking, soundscapes and status to communicate meaning. - Develop improvisation, physical sequencing, tension and ensemble performance skills.	Music	- Recognise the different instruments of the orchestra - Read and perform music using basic notation - Play scales on the keyboard using key signatures - Explore how musical elements work together
	Design Technology	- Develop design ideas through research, sketching, modelling and evaluation. - Explore different materials, their properties and appropriate uses. - Build confidence using tools and equipment safely and accurately. - Design and make products considering function, users and sustainability.	Food and Nutrition	- Develop safe, hygienic and organised routines in the kitchen. - Build practical skills through preparing and cooking a range of dishes. - Understand healthy eating, nutrition and balanced food choices. - Explore ingredients, their functions and how they change during cooking.

What will students learn in the Autumn Term?

Tutor Time	- Settle into secondary school, build routines and strengthen tutor-group relationships - Develop reading fluency through tutor-led reading - Develop oracy through debate and discussion - Reflect on own actions to live out our school values of ambition, integrity and respect	English	- Study October, October to build reading for meaning, inference and language analysis - Explore how writers use description, structure and narrative techniques - Learn how to select evidence and express interpretations clearly - Develop creative and narrative writing inspired by the text - Explore nature poetry and how poets use imagery and structure
Mathematics	- Learn to calculate the three averages and the range using different data sets - Build confidence using laws of arithmetic and the correct order of operation - Develop skills with decimals, negative numbers and core number fluency - Begin early algebra: simplifying expressions and expanding brackets - Apply number skills to real-life and problem-solving contexts	Science	- Learn essential lab safety and how to use scientific equipment accurately - Study particles, states of matter and simple chemical changes - Investigate variables, predictions and how to record data systematically. - Explore organ systems including circulation, breathing and digestion - Learn how energy is stored, transferred and conserved
Geography	- Learn to describe features of your local area using maps and geographical evidence - Develop map skills including symbols, scale and grid references - Explore how climate creates different biomes around the world - Understand how plants and animals adapt to different environments - Interpret climate graphs and global distribution patterns	History	- Discover how the medieval world was connected by exploring the importance of Baghdad - Investigate the significance of the Norman Conquest and the First Crusade - Explore how different people shaped history, including women and communities whose stories are often overlooked - Use historical evidence and interpretations to understand why historians can have different views of the past

	Languages (Spanish or French)	- Learn key phonics to support accurate pronunciation - Describe yourself, your family and your pets using high-frequency vocabulary - Learn essential irregular verbs and simple present tense forms - Practise daily routines and telling the time - Develop confidence using classroom language and basic conversational phrases	Computer Science	- Learn safe and responsible use of technology, including e-safety and secure passwords - Understand how a computer works, including how it takes inputs, processes information and produces outputs. - Explore the Fetch–Decode–Execute (FDE) cycle to learn how a computer's processor carries out instructions
	RE	- Explore the origins of Judaism through stories of key figures such as Abraham and Moses - Learn about the covenant, monotheism and the importance of Torah and prophecy - Examine how beliefs are expressed through festivals, Shabbat, laws and prayer - Understand diversity within Jewish communities and modern practices - Develop skills in interpreting religious texts and expressing viewpoints respectfully	Life (PSHE)	- Explore healthy friendships, families, respect, consent, boundaries and online safety - Understand how to stay safe and healthy, including personal hygiene, oral health, medicines, immunisations and emotional wellbeing - Develop resilience and emotional awareness by learning strategies to manage stress, worry, emotions and challenging situations - Become active and responsible citizens by exploring identity, belonging, discrimination, community and how people work together to create positive change
	PE	- Core skills: Establish fundamental movement skills and baseline physical competence. - Team games: Develop skills, teamwork and decision-making through netball, football and rugby. - Movement & control: Build coordination and confidence through gymnastics, dance and badminton. - Health & fitness: Develop fitness and understanding of healthy, active lifestyles through HRE activities.	Art	- Explore natural forms through drawing, shading, mark-making and painting - Develop artistic skills using colour theory, pattern, texture and colour mixing - Create expressive final pieces by experimenting with a range of artistic techniques and media
	Drama	- Explore conventions of pantomime through practical performance. - Develop vocal and physical skills to create convincing characters. - Learn how to rehearse effectively and perform confidently in role. - Explore plot and character, including creating and performing as Caliban (The Tempest).	Music	- Recognise and recall the instruments of the orchestra. - Read and perform crotchets, minims, semibreves and quavers. - Understand and apply dynamics in music. - Develop confident and engaging singing and instrumental skills.

Design Technology	• Develop a felt monster using briefs and specifications through the iterative design process. • Manufacture the monster using hand and machine stitching, embroidery and appliqué techniques. • Develop safe and accurate use of tools, equipment, measuring and quality-control techniques. • Create a pop-up book featuring their own felt monster and a vacuum-formed section, combining design, fabrication and storytelling.	Food and Nutrition	• Develop weighing, measuring, knife skills and kitchen routines by making apple slaw and fresh fruit salad. • Explore fats, sugars, fruit and vegetables while making fairy cakes and considering healthy eating and 5-a-day. • Learn about seasonality, hygiene, food storage and high-risk foods through a range of practical dishes. • Explore meat, protein and coagulation while preparing chow mein, alongside the science behind how ingredients change during cooking.
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