



YEAR 8/9 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER TERM 2 2020/21

08/01/2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the start of term 2! I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas Holiday. Below you will find further information about what your children will be learning this term.

Year 8/9

English: In year 8/9 we will be writing to review, studying poetry, and looking at different media texts. The year 9 will also be doing revision for their Cambridge checkpoint exams.

Maths: Topics for year 8 will include area and volume, measurement and construction and, collecting and displaying data, statistical calculations, interpreting data and graphs, angle properties, enlargement and scale drawing. Topics for year 9 will include: area and volume, compound measures and motion, planning and collecting data, interpreting and discussing results, processing and presenting data, pythagoras theorem, bearings and drawings, measures and the circle, shapes and geometric reasoning.

Science: In Chemistry, year 8 students will do elements, compounds and mixtures, metals and non-metals, and chemistry in everyday life. In Physics, year 8 students will do sound, speed and magnetism. In Physics, year 9 students will do density, pressure, turning a pivot, electro statistics, electricity, heat energy transfers, and the world energy needs.

French: We will be building skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing. Our main focus will be on the following topics: visiting Paris (Imperative: giving directions), Holidaying in France (Imperative: giving directions), Getting to know France, Review of the present and passé composé tenses, Getting on with Family and friends, and requests and obligations.

ICT: The topics to be covered will be public information systems, document production and presentation.

Humanities: In History students will learn about The English civil wars and in Geography they will learn International development.

Religious Education: Students will cover the role that religion plays in global conflict and the origins of world religions.

Chinese: Similar to French, we will be developing skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing. Our focus this term will be details of self and family, and the world around us.

Art: We will focus on religious Art, movement (Breughel or animation), photography and drawing.

Music: Students will have the chance to learn about guitars, solo performances and pop/folk (focusing on listening skills)

Life Skills: Topics will include Future choices, and Big issues: HIV and AIDS, Marriage and divorce/suicide.

Physical Education: Students will be doing tennis, badminton, swimming, Fitness, gymnastics, athletics, aerobics and circuit training.

HOMEWORK

Students will receive approximately half an hour's homework per subject each week (subjects like Maths and English will have more than one homework slot. Please see the homework timetable for further details). They should therefore expect to be carrying out around an hour of study each night. Reading is still considered to be very important and we therefore expect children to continue to read independently at home.

PE

Year 8/9 will need their **Swimming kits on Fridays**, and their PE kits on Wednesdays.





IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please note that **the school starts** every day **promptly at 7:30am**. It is crucial to your child/ren's education to be at school on time. We would also like to remind parents there will be **no after school clubs** for Term 2.

Sir Harry Johnston International School

Year 8/9 Timetable

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Form Tutor: JM

Form Room: S2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:30 – 7:35	Registration (JM) (S2)	Registration (SD) (S2)	Registration (EMt) (S2)	Registration (MK) (S2)	Registration/Class Assembly (JM) (S2)
7:35 – 8:30	French (JM) (S2)	English (SD) (S2)	Science (EMt) (S2)	Maths (MK) (S2)	
8:30 – 9:30	Maths (MK) (S2)	Maths (MK) (S2)	ICT (GC) (S2)	French (JM) (S2)	French (JM) (S2)
9:30 – 9:45	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
9:45 – 10:45	Life Skills (JE) (S2)	Science (EMt) (S2)	ICT (GC) (S2)	Maths (MK) (S2)	Swimming (JM) (Pool)
10:45 – 11:45	English (SD) (S2)	Music (EMi) (S2)	Art (EMi) (S2)	1 st half – History (JM) (S2) 2 nd half – Geography (GC) (S2)	Maths (MK) (S2)
11:45 – 12:15	Lunch/Break	Lunch/Break	Lunch/Break	Lunch/Break	
12:15 – 13:00	English (SD) (S2)	English (SD) (S2)	English (SD) (S2)	1 st half – History (JM) (S2) 2 nd half – Geography (GC) (S2)	
13:00 – 14:00	RE (EMt) (S2)	Chinese (HC) (S2)	PE (EMt) (Field)	English (SD) (S2)	

If you have any queries or concerns about your child's wellbeing or academic progress, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to speak to me.

Yours sincerely,

Justice C. Mkumbwa (Year 8/9 Form Tutor)