The Hollyfield School Year 8 Curriculum (updated September 2022)

Subject	Autumn	Spring	
English	Poetry Around the World	Adventure Literature	How to be a Journalist
	 Poetry Exploring a wide range of poems from across the globe with a focus on how changing cultures or locations affect meanings and impact. Shakespeare's Tragedies Extracts (Shakespeare + other tragedy writers) The genre of tragedy, common elements and tropes. 	 <i>Extracts</i> Looking at samples of adventure literature and the contexts behind them Stories Through Time <i>Extracts, myths, legends</i> Building Cultural Capital by looking at language and storytelling – how it has evolved and changed over the centuries 	Non-fiction writing based in broadsheet, tabloid etc Of Mice and Men <i>Novel</i> Whole novel to be read, ex devices, along with discus
Maths	Set 3-4 Unit 1 Number properties and calculations Unit 2 Shapes and measures in 3D Unit 3 Statistics Unit 4 Expressions and equations Set 2 Unit 1 Number Unit 2 Area and volume Unit 3 Statistics, graphs and charts Unit 4 Expressions and equations Set 1 Unit 1 Factors and powers Unit 2 Working with powers Unit 3 2D shapes and 3D solids Unit 4 Real-life graphs	Set 3-4 Unit 5 Decimals calculations Unit 6 Angles Unit 7 Number properties Set 2 Unit 5 Real-life graphs; Unit 9 Straight-line graphs Unit 6 Decimals and ratio Unit 7 Lines and angles Set 1 Unit 5 Transformations Unit 6 Fractions, decimals and percentages Unit 7 Constructions and loci	Set 3-4 Unit 8 Sequences Unit 9 Fractions and perce Unit 10 Probability Set 2 Unit 8 Calculating with frac Unit 9 Straight-line graphs Unit 10 Percentages, deci Set 1 Unit 8 Probability Unit 9 Scale drawings and Unit 10 Graphs
Science	Variation (Biology) Human Reproduction Forces Breathing	Digestion Energy (Physics) Reactions (Chemistry)	Ecosystems Genes Waves (Physics) Earth Dinosaurs



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exploring themes, characters, plot and ussions on tension development and story.

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Art	Bugs – 3D Sculpting Skills	Portrait drawing in proportion.	Under the Sea	
	In this unit students explore insects as a starting point. They create a range of drawings which inform a design for a sculpture.	In this unit, students explore their personal identity as a starting point. They create images that reflect their ideas of themselves, working from observation, memory and imagination.	In this unit, students explo They create drawings and seaweed etc.	
Computing	Programming: Microbit	Python	Database Development	
	Spreadsheet Modelling	HTML: Web Development	e-Safety & Cyber Security	
Drama	The Sad Story of Lefty & Ned	Performance Techniques	Scripted Drama	
	Students will respond creatively to a stimulus (the poem 'The Sad Story of Lefty and Ned') and work collaboratively to create dramas for different purposes.	Students will be introduced to a range of performance techniques ranging from split-screens/physical theatre/mirroring/shoals of fish/facingout/flashback/slow-motion/thought-tracking/narration/self-r eferential direct address/direct address/ensemble playing.	(Explore)	
			Students will read a shorte and plot before practically	
	Sitcom Project		(Exam)	
	Students will explore stereotypes of character and plot devices used within T.V sitcoms. Devise storyboards with sitcom foci and	Devising Drama	Students will perform their	
	rehearse and present their own sitcom episode with use of technology (green-screen, studio audience, camera).	(Stimulus)	key extract to an audience exam.	
	toormology (groon coroon, otadio addionoo, odmola).	Students will be introduced to a range of stimulus images in which		
		they will mind map the dramatic opportunity and possibilities.		
Design	To follow on and build up from the knowledge and skills leant from year 7 and to develop research, identifying and understanding user needs.			
Technology	To be able to select tools and equipment suitable for the materials used and to evaluate ideas and products against the specification and gathered research.			
	Coverage of three Design & Technology projects over the year, Product Design, Textiles and Food Technology.			
MFL (French	Holidays	Hobbies	Sport	
and Spanish)	Develop listening and responding and conversation skills through accurate pronunciation and intonation.	Continue to develop vocabulary, opinions, reasons as well as translation skills and expressing ideas through speaking & writing	Develop a variety of grammer vocabulary, listening skills, translation skills.	
	Festivals & celebrations	Where I live	Photo descriptions	
	Continue to develop vocabulary, opinions, reasons, accurate pronunciation and intonation and reading comprehension	Continue to develop vocabulary, opinions, reasons, expressing ideas through speaking and writing as well as reading comprehension	Develop spoken skills thro describing photos	
			Film project - Les Choris	
			Describe a film, the character review the film	

lore life under the sea as their starting point. Ind paintings of sea animals and shells, coral,			
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rter set text and discuss themes/character ly exploring a key extract.			
eir interpretations/rehearsed readings of the ce and will then prepare for the written			
mmar structures and continue to develop ls, pronunciation and intonation and			
rough a building-blocks approach on			
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acters, predict what will happen next &			

Music	Blues & Jazz	Caribbean & Reggae	Rock & Roll
	Learning about the history of the blues and how it developed. They learn how to play triads and the 12 bar blues before developing these skills into more complex blues features including the walking bass and improvising with the blues scale.	Learning about different styles of music from the Caribbean and the history of reggae. Developing performance skills on keyboards through offbeat chords, syncopated baselines and hooks.	Developing and building or making links between the of blues. Skills returned to an 'Rock Around the Clock'
	Space Using Key Elements to examine and analyse a variety of space-themed works from the canon with a focus on ostinati patterns and drone as compositional devices. From this composition work is developed and performed.	African Music Developing class ensemble performance and rhythm work through rhythmic cycles and African Drumming. Learning features of African drumming as well as the cultural context. Keyboard skills also developed through the performance of Wimmoweah. These skills develop into a group composition.	Musical Futures & Music Developing ensemble and choice of songs that can ir ukuleles etc.). This will bui
Geography	Coasts	Glaciation	Rivers
	Students should be able to identify key physical features of the UK and how the coastline could affect them.	Students have awareness for key physical processes and how humans are affecting those processes	Students have an apprecia landscapes of the UK.
	Cities	Resources	Rocks
	Students should understand how cities are changing, on a global scale, and the issues this could cause.	Students understand the impact of climate change, and some of the solutions.	Students understand how landscapes.
History	Making of the UK	Making of the UK/Empire	Britain 1750-1900
	A1: Henry VIII and church narrative question A01/A02: explanation, analysis, causation	A3: Cromwell sources: inference and source utility A03: source evaluation	A5: causes of IR12 mark q A01/2: historical significan
	A2: Judgement question MQS and threats to Elizabeth A01/102: analysis, explanation, knowledge, links	Impact of Empire AO4: Interpretation question on impact of empire A01/A02: analysis, significance, judgement AO4: historical interpretations	(A6: Exam) AO1/A02: explanation/judg
RE	The RE curriculum is currently being reassessed and this will be	updated shortly.	
PE/GAMES	 develop competence to excel in a broad range of physical activities physically active for sustained periods of time engage in competitive sports and activities lead healthy, active lives. Students of different needs/ PAG allowed to progress through streamed classes. Links to PDW topics and core skills such as communication, teamwork and leadership 		
	Rugby 1. Handling/ receiving/ spiral pass 2. Attacking line passing– dumby/ missed pass 3. Tackling technique 4. Rucking in numbers 5. Mauling 6. Match play	Football Dribbling skills– turns/ step overs Driven pass over distance Control on thigh / chest 3 vs 3 defending/ attacking Shooting with laces Match play 	Netball 1. Receiving on the r 2. Creating and findir 3. Order of passes 4. Attacking the centr 5. 3 v 3 half court 6. Match play

on skills from blues and jazz topic and e development of rock and roll and the and developed into class performance of sic Technology nd performance skills through a variety and n incorporate other instruments (guitars, puild on skills learnt over Years 7 and 8. ciation and understanding for the physical w different rock types form key physical question ance dgement essay on Break with Rome

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	Volleyball 1. Basic set shot—high net 2. Basic Dig shot—high net 3. Basic Spike shot—high net 4. Set, Dig , Spike combinations—high net 5. 4 vs 4 6. Match play	Badminton Serving—high / low serve Overhead smash/ drop shot Advanced net play Forehand—drive and clear Doubles Match play 	Athletics 1. High Jump 2. Long Jump 3. Shot put 4. Discus 5. Triple jump 6. Track events
	International sports 1. Kabbadi 2. American Football 3. Aussie Rules 4. Gallic Football 5. Futsal	 Hockey 1. Dribbling at speed 2. Turns 3. Push/ Sweep pass over distance 4. Basic slap shot 5. 3 vs 3 / 5 vs 5 competitive situations 6. Match play 	Tennis 1. Grip and striking t 2. Basic forehand 3. Basic volley 4. Basic backhand 5. Striking games 6. Match play
	 Dance 1. Teacher led choreography: Street Dance 2. Exploring dynamics - using prompt grid 3. Incorporating actions and motifs 4. Implementing levels 5. Peer assessment performance 6. Performance 	Health and Fitness 1. Fitness testing 2. Cardiovascular endurance 3. Power 4. Reaction time 5. Muscular endurance 6. High intensity interval training	Rounders 1. Throwing and cato 2. Deep fielding—thr 3. Bowling technique 4. Striking placemer 5. Base fielding 6. Match play
PDW (6 key themes)	Being me in my world Self-identity, family and identity, stereotypes, personal beliefs and judgements, managing expectations, first impressions, respect for the beliefs of others.	Dreams and goals Long-term goals, skills, qualifications, careers, money and happiness, ethics and mental wellbeing, budgeting, variation in income, positive and negative impact of money, online legal responsibilities, gambling issues.	Relationships Positive relationship with s self, negative self-talk, man space, online etiquette, on unhealthy balance of powe
	Celebrating difference Positive change made by others, how positive behaviour affects feelings of wellbeing, social injustice, inequality, community cohesion and support, multi- culturalism, race and religion, prejudice, LGBT+ bullying.	Healthy me Long-term physical health, responsibility for one's own health, dental health, stress triggers, substances and mood, legislation associated with substances, exploitation and substances, medicine, vaccinations, immunisation.	Changing me Types of close intimate rela of relationships, behaviour relationships, pornography

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atching—under and over arm throwing and catching jues—backspin nents and batting square tactics

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relationships, physical attraction, legal status burs in healthy and unhealthy romantic bhy, sexuality, alcohol and risky behaviour