



Poltair School Curriculum Overview for Year 7 2023-2024



Year 7	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
English	<p>Greek Mythology: Exploring the impact of Greek myths on literature through time.</p> <p>Gothic Fiction: Coraline Exploring how writers create atmosphere and characters, investigating the meaning and effect of language methods to create both an extended, thesis-driven analysis of a key character and a literary review.</p>		<p>Nature Poetry and Short Story-Writing: Exploring the enduring power of nature and how it underpins countless works of literature.</p> <p>Shakespeare: Man, magic and monsters in "The Tempest" Shakespeare's use of setting, staging and characterisation.</p>		<p>Autobiography: Exploring how writers from different backgrounds of displacement and marginalisation present significant events in their lives</p> <p>Forming and presenting opinion: The Bone Sparrow Exploring how Zana Frallion uses the plight of the Rohingya people and using contextual knowledge to create and express an opinion.</p>	
Maths	<p>Analysing and displaying data; Number skills; Expressions, functions and formulae; Decimals and measures</p>		<p>Fractions, decimals and percentages; Probability; Ratio and proportion</p>		<p>Indices, powers and roots; Sequences and graphs; Transformations</p>	
Science	<p>Introduction to Science: What is a scientific investigation? Matter: What are particles?</p>	<p>Life Science: What does it mean to be living?</p>	<p>Forces, motion and pressure: Why are forces important in everyday life?</p>	<p>Wildlife Science: What would be the effect of different factors on an ecosystem?</p>	<p>The periodic table: How are elements arranged?</p>	<p>Space exploration: What is beyond planet Earth?</p>
Geography	<p>What makes a place fantastic?</p>	<p>How is the planet shaped by processes?</p>	<p>Why do biomes have distinctive characteristics?</p>	<p>Do all urban areas provide opportunities?</p>	<p>Why is our coastline always changing?</p>	<p>What influences UK weather?</p>
History	<p>How much really changed in England after the Battle of Hastings?</p>	<p>How measly were the Middle Ages?</p>	<p>Why were there power struggles in later Medieval England?</p>	<p>How significant is the Tudor Legacy?</p>	<p>How have historians interpreted the English Civil War?</p>	<p>Why did the Mughal rule in India end in 1857?</p>
MFL	<p>Getting to know each other A solid foundation in Spanish</p>	<p>Identity and culture Learning about daily routines as well as the similarities and differences between English and Spanish culture</p>	<p>Life at Poltair Describing life at school and expressing a range of opinions on school facilities and subjects</p>	<p>In an ideal world Describing our schools in detail, then considering what our ideal schools would be like and what we would do there</p>	<p>Preparing for the summer! Talking about our free time activities and our plans for the coming holidays</p>	<p>Free time and eating out Talking about hobbies, activities, the weather, food, traditions and eating out in a Spanish speaking country</p>

RE	What is Religious Education? Why are people religious and how do they show it?	What are the origins of religion? Abrahamic Faith – How are Christianity, Judaism and Islam linked?	What are the origins of religion? Dharmic Faith – How do Hinduism, Buddhism and Sikhi affect the lives of their followers?	What are the origins of religion?		
PSHE	What issues affect us as we become a teenager? What is puberty and how does it affect us physically and mentally?	How can we manage relationships? How can we manage relationships online, in real life and how do relationships contribute to happiness as humans?	What is Digital Literacy? How do we interact with the modern digital world? How do we stay safe online?			
PE	Building from fundamental skills and core skills into specific sport skills and rules through a range of sports and activities: Athletics, Basketball, Cricket, Football, Health & Fitness, Netball, Outdoor Adventurous Activities, Rounders, Rugby, Softball, Table Tennis What are the key rules for each sport? How and why do we warm up for sport? How do we perform core skills in each sport? How do we outwit our opponents? (Depending on pathway, students will follow a selection of the sports listed above.)					
Music	It's Elementary How to make sounds with instruments, what are the key musical elements, and soundscapes	Music of the Orient Understanding the music, culture, and instruments of East Asia as well as how to read musical notation.	Saharan Sounds The music from West Africa and the unique instruments, techniques, and rhythms that are used in West African drumming.			
Art	How do we draw? Why do we make marks? How do we experiment with materials to create texture? How do Van Gogh, Helen Wells and Brice Marsden use pattern, texture and tone to create drawings? Experimenting with a range of materials, developing into a mono-printing outcome inspired by the Cornish landscape.	How Does Art Communicate? Colour, what is it? How can we make it and use it to express ideas? Pupils will develop colour knowledge and develop painting, blending, and mixing skills. We will look at the work of a range of artists such as Alma Thomas, Andre Derain and the Fauves, Claudia Harley and the Pointillists to create a landscape inspired by Cornwall and colour.	Is Art a Language? Artists communicate without words. Pupils will build on their use of colour, texture, mark making, and pattern to create art that has a meaning and message inspired by environmental issues. Pupils will look at Hundertwasser, Kurt Jackson, Sue Lipsome and Plastic Pollution.			
Computing	How do we stay safe online? Passwords. Copyright. Using PowerPoint.	How do we use data? Using Spreadsheets creating graphs and using formulas	How has computing evolved? Network design and hardware. The internet and World Wide Web	How does computer hardware work? Input and Output devices. Memory, Storage and the CPU	How can we code? Introducing the Microbit - Coding hardware. Developing ideas to solve problems.	How can we program? Scratch programming using sequence, selection, variables and functions
Design Technology	Design & Prototype An introduction to design techniques and prototypes.	Material World An introduction to different materials and their features.		Design Aesthetics & Functions An introduction to designing for aesthetics and functionality.		
Food Technology	Healthy and Safety How can you stay safe in a kitchen? What do we need to look out for?	Nutrition and Diet How might food and diet impact on health? What can we do to ensure we are getting the right amount of nutrients.		Savour the Flavour How food can appeal to our taste buds, and practical skills to cook savoury dishes.		
Drama	Silent Movies What skills are important in Drama? How can I develop my movement and mime skills?	Melodrama How can I use physical and vocal skills to create characters?		Storytelling How can I use storytelling to engage an audience?		

