

Welcome to the very exciting world of the Undershaw Curriculum!

We are exceptionally proud of the forward-thinking curriculum that we offer our students from key stage 2 through to Post 16 at Undershaw. From thematic and Project-Based learning to a wide range of exciting Level 2 qualifications and opportunities, we know that it is our high quality curriculum and teaching that ensures our students thrive and achieve fantastic outcomes.

Students at Undershaw engage in a wide range of learning activities both in and beyond the classroom, developing essential life-skills as well as a love of learning.

I hope you enjoy reading about the exciting learning that we will be doing this term at Undershaw, and I look forward to seeing you at the Thematic and Project Based learning presentations in December.

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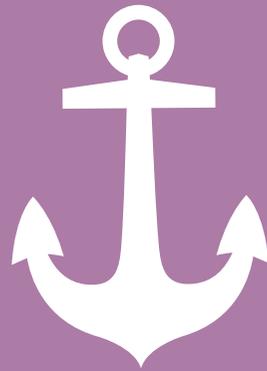


# Curriculum Update Autumn Term 2 2022





## KEY STAGE 2



## The Titanic

This half term we will be exploring 'The Titanic' for our thematic learning topic.



## IN DETAIL

### English

In English we will be doing descriptive writing, focusing on our setting descriptions, and creating our own news report about the Titanic disaster.

### History

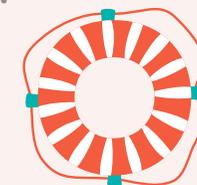
In Humanities, we will be investigating sources of information to learn about the people on board the Titanic. We will then gather evidence to back up opinions during a debate about why so many people lost their lives in the Titanic disaster.

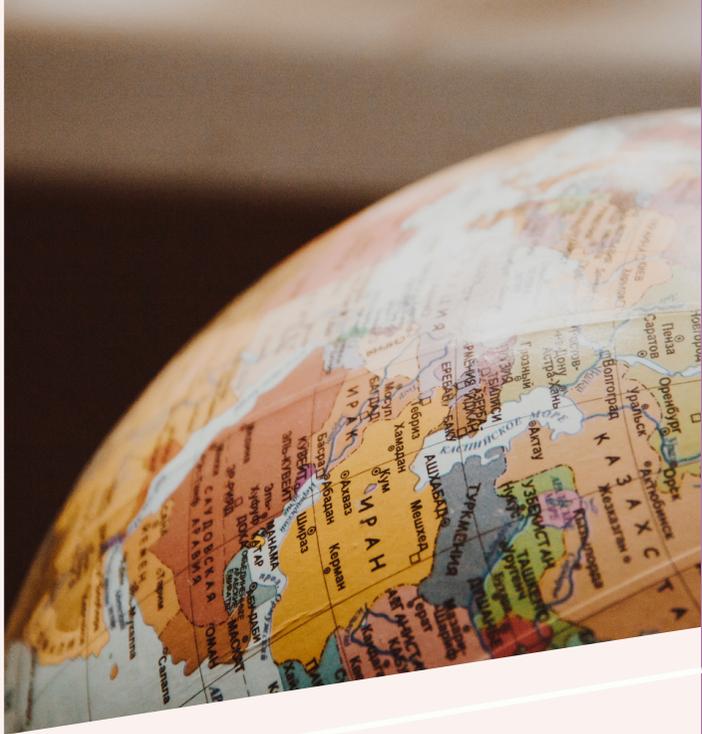
### Science

In Science, we will be investigating a range of theories including why a ship floats, the conditions which make an iceberg melt, the human body in the cold and thermal insulation. We will be making and launching distress rockets!

### Maths

During Maths sessions we will be focusing on the four functions and introducing fractions.





# YEAR 7



## How have we faced disease before?



The Project Based Learning will combine learning in science, history, and drama, as students explore and respond to the question in their chosen format.

We are already looking forward to sharing the students' work with you at the end of this half term.

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IN DETAIL



English

Exploring literature and comprehension skills, reading 'The boy at the back of the class'.

Maths

Year 7 students will be learning about place value and decimals in maths this half term.

Geography

Year 7s will be looking at 'Earth story' to develop their geographical understanding of the world around us.

Art

In art lessons, year 7 will be exploring colour theory.

Music

'Lean on Me' - students will learn the roots of popular music, developing performance skills

Personal Growth and development

Students will be identifying and developing their personal skills and aspirations.

Computer Science

The computer science topic for this half term is Networks.





This is another new Project Based Learning addition to our curriculum in Year 8.

It will involve Maths and Geography lessons.

Time to get budgeting!

## YEAR 8



### Why can't I have a new games console?



## IN DETAIL

### English

Year 8 students will have an introduction to poetry, exploring poetic form and writing individual creative pieces.

### Science

In science this half term, year 8 will be reviewing their prior learning about compounds and mixtures before moving onto learning about acids and alkalis.

### Drama

Year 8 will continue their learning about theatre styles in drama, moving onto the Greek theatre style which they will use in their own performances.

### Art

In art lessons, students will be learning and creating their own self-portraits.



### History

The English Civil Wars is the topic in history this half term. Year 8 students will be using sources to discover what happened, developing their analysis and writing skills.





## YEAR 9

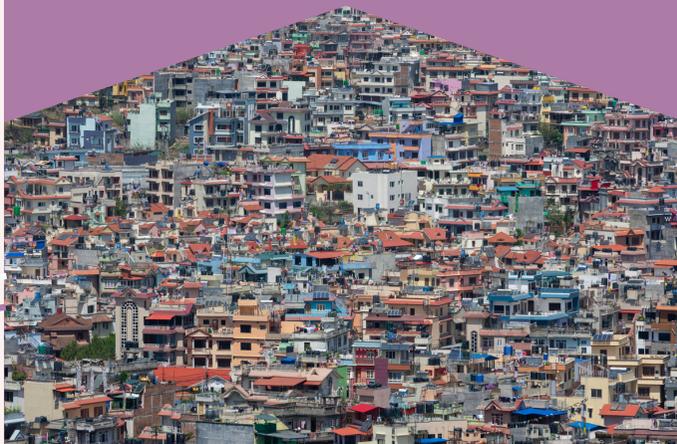
War poetry, 2D and 3D shape, acids and alkalis, World War 1, animation, Giacometti sculpture and Greek theatre all feature in the exciting new year 9 curriculum this half term.

### Year 9 Arts

In art lessons, students will study Georgia O'Keeffe painting and they will create work inspired by her, using acrylic paint.

In music the focus on bands and groups continues so that students have the opportunity to further improve their band performing and improvising skills.

Greek theatre is the focus in drama lessons this half term. Students will explore the key features of the Greek style and will create their own performances.



## IN DETAIL

### English

This half term the topic is war poetry in English - students will be reading and analysing the language of key texts in this genre.

### Maths

Year 9s will be constructing in 2D and 3D in maths.

### Science

Year 9s will continue focusing on chemistry this half term, learning about acids and alkalis and pure and impure substances.

### Computer Science

Students will develop media and computing skills this half term, with a focus on animation.

### History

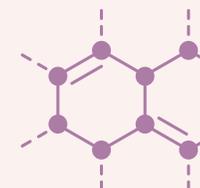
Why did war break out in 1914? This is the key question for year 9 historians this half term.

### Geography

Human geography is the focus for year 9 this half term - students will explore their understanding of the global population.

### Personal Growth and development

This half term has a careers and enterprise focus in personal growth lessons. Students will be putting their enterprise skills into practice at the Christmas Fair in December.



For information about the topics being covered in Key Stage 4 and Post 16 for the GCSE and BTEC qualifications, please see our full curriculum overviews on the school website here:

[Curriculum overview KS4 Core](#)  
[Curriculum overview KS4 Options](#)

We hope you have found this a useful overview of what we are learning this half-term, and we look forward to sharing our learning and outcomes with you.

If you have any questions, or wish to discuss your child's curriculum in more detail, please email [education@undershaw.education](mailto:education@undershaw.education)



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