



HARRODIAN

12s (YEAR 8)
CURRICULUM HANDBOOK
2017 - 2018

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this handbook is to provide parents with concise information about the subjects taken by the 12s (Year 8 pupils) at The Harroddian School.

In the 12s all pupils will be studying the following subjects:

Biology
Chemistry
Citizenship
English
French
Geography
History
Mathematics
Physics
Religious Studies
Sports

In the 12s, pupils will have the option to study one of the following:

- Spanish or Italian
- Latin in addition to two other subjects from the following list: Art, Music, Drama, Physical Education and Computing.

Those pupils who choose not to continue studying Latin will have the option to study four of the following: Art, Music, Drama, Physical Education and Computing as part of their curriculum.

Ideally a pupil will continue the options that they chose whilst in the 11s.

Only the Latin option will be examined at 13+ Common Entrance.

The final Common Entrance examinations will take place from 5th to 8th June.

Three Progress reports and one full written report will be sent home during the academic year. Parents will also be invited to attend two Parents' Evenings. During these evenings pupil progress can be discussed with subject teachers and there will be a chance to meet the form teachers and the Head of Year.

The following subjects will be examined using Independent Schools Examination Board (ISEB) papers:

English I	(Comprehension skills)
English II	(Writing)
French	Speaking Listening Reading Writing
Mathematics	(2 written papers and 1 aural)
Science	(Biology, Chemistry and Physics)

Latin
Religious Studies

Subjects examined using internal papers:

Geography (includes 20% fieldwork)
History
Spanish
Italian

Written papers are typically 40 to 60 minutes' duration, with extra time (25%) being granted to pupils who are dyslexic, or those with other Special Education Needs (subject to formal assessment). Please note that it is The Harrodian that enters all candidates via the Independent Schools Examination Board (ISEB). The registration fee for Common Entrance will be added to your end of term invoice.

Each department is responsible for implementing marking, assessment and recording within their department, which conforms to the school policy. At the beginning of the academic year all subject teachers will explain to pupils how their work will be marked and assessed.

12s can expect to receive two pieces of homework each night, which should take 40 minutes each. A homework timetable will be issued to each pupil at the beginning of the Autumn Term. In addition, pupils will be expected to read for a minimum of 20 minutes each night.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant Head of Department or me for assistance.

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Deputy Head/Director of Studies

CITIZENSHIP

During Key Stage 3 pupils study, reflect upon and discuss topical political, spiritual, moral, social and cultural issues, problems and events. They will learn to identify the role of legal, political, religious, social and economic institutions and systems that influence their lives and communities. They continue to be actively involved in the life of their school, neighbourhood and wider communities and learn to become more effective in public life. They learn about fairness, social justice, respect for democracy and diversity at school, local, national and global level, and through taking part responsibly in community activities.

- *One Form time session per week throughout the academic year to be delivered by the Form teachers and resourced by the Head of Citizenship*

Themes and topics

- **Rights and Responsibilities:**
 - how old is old enough to take responsibility?
 - how old is old enough to be tried as an adult?
 - how should crime be punished?
 - who commits crimes?
- **Media Use:**
 - how dangerous is the media?
 - should young people be protected?
 - how diverse is the Harrodian?
 - fake news
- **Diversity:**
 - how diverse is London?
 - what is London like for an immigrant?
- **Resolving Conflict:**
 - what role is served by UN peace-keepers?
 - what are the consequences of wars?
- **Global Community:**
 - who are street children?
- **Government Services:**
 - what does the government do for me?
- **Democracy:**
 - is our system of elections working?
 - do we need a Royal Family?
- **Citizenship Social Issues Project - Overseas Research Presentation**

ENGLISH

Topics to be covered this year:

Each term, pupils will build on their skills as they prepare for the two Common Entrance Examinations.

Paper 1: Reading & Writing Section A - Prose (comprehension exercise)

Section B - Composition (explain, argue, persuade)

Paper 2: Reading & Writing Section A - Poetry (poetry comprehension exercise)

Section B - Composition (imagine, describe and explore)

By the end of the year pupils should be able to:

- read and comprehend a variety of texts
- infer and deduce meanings in texts, identifying how meaning is implied
- use evidence from texts to explain points in extended answers and essays
- plan, write, edit and redraft a variety of text types, using a style that is appropriate to purpose and audience
- spell all common words correctly, and use spelling strategies to meet personal spelling challenges
- use capital letters, full stops, question marks or exclamation marks, apostrophes, commas and speech marks correctly at all times; use colons and semi-colons accurately most of the time
- be an active participant in class, group or pair discussion, showing sensitivity to other opinions; be able to support their own ideas with evidence

Trips

The English Department aims to arrange one theatre trip for each year group; however, this depends on the availability of appropriate plays and on the demands of the school calendar. Occasionally, theatre companies, cultural artists and authors are invited to give workshops at the school.

Assessment and Marking

Pupils' work will be marked at regular intervals. Types of marking will vary according to the type of work completed and will include ticked acknowledgement of notes, self and peer assessment and detailed teacher marking. At regular intervals pupils will be required to produce extended writing and reading tasks that will be assessed formally.

Textbooks

In order to facilitate the close study and annotation of the set novels, pupils must purchase the texts through the school. A variety of textbooks and resources are used in class throughout the year. Literacy textbooks may be sent home on occasion, but they belong to the school and pupils must return them. Dictionaries and thesauruses are available in all classrooms.

FRENCH

Topics to be covered and consolidated this year:

- house, home, daily routine and chores
- life and work at school and language of the classroom
- time, dates, numbers and prices
- personal description
- family, friends and pets
- free-time activities (including meeting people) and holiday activities
- visiting a café or restaurant
- simple health problems
- description of a town or region, including local environmental issues
- finding the way and using transport
- understanding tourist information
- shopping (e.g. for food, clothes, presents) and pocket money
- weather

By the end of the year pupils should:

- be able to use orally, to recognise in the written form, to understand and write key vocabulary and structures related to the topics covered
- be able to use different tenses (past, present, future) in a variety of contexts
- be able to express opinions on issues discussed in class, such as fashion, healthy eating and pocket money
- be able to interact adequately in a situation in shops and other various situations in a town
- be able to understand and answer questions on the topics studied

Assessment and Marking

Apart from final CE examinations, pupils' progress will be assessed on a regular basis with small tests and end of unit tests focussing on the four main skills and core CE topics and grammar. Pupils will receive a grade or a mark as well as a target.

Textbooks

Tricolore 2

GEOGRAPHY

Topics to be covered this year:

Term One

- Tectonic processes
- Richmond Park fieldwork

Term Two

- Africa

Term Three

- Map skills
- Revision

By the end of the year pupils should be able to:

- collect and record fieldwork data
- use a variety of graphing techniques, analyse graphs and draw conclusions from them
- describe and explain the location of earthquakes and volcanoes
- give examples of volcanic eruptions and earthquakes
- understand the importance of Africa as a world region
- describe and explain population issues in Africa
- describe and explain the different biomes in Africa

Trips

A trip to Richmond Park will form the basis of the Common Entrance Coursework project.

Assessment and Marking

Pupils will receive an attainment grade (A-D) and an effort grade (1-4) along with a target for improvement for their next piece of work. These targets correspond to the list pasted into the front of the pupils' exercise books. On receipt of their books pupils must write out their target in full. Teaching staff are available at the end of lessons, break times and lunch times for extra help. Formal assessment will take the form of written assignments, group work and debating, presentations and end of unit tests.

Textbook

ISEB Geography Revision Guide
Geography for Common Entrance

HISTORY

Topics:

The Industrial Revolution

- How did Britain change between 1750 and 1900?
- How did the Industrial Revolution affect life in Britain?
- How did life change during the reign of Victoria?

The British Empire and Slavery

- Which countries made up the empire and how did Britain conquer them?
- Was the British Empire a good thing?
- Why did the British need slaves?
- What was life like for slaves and why was slavery abolished?
- How have Black people in the USA lived since the abolition of slavery?

By the end of the year pupils should:

- have an understanding of the importance of the Industrial Revolution and the British Empire
- have developed their skills of source analysis and essay writing in preparation for the end of term internal examination

Assessment and Marking

Books will be marked at least once a fortnight and pupils will receive either a written comment and target or, for more substantial assessments, a letter grade for attainment and a number grade for effort. There will be formal assessments based on essay writing and source analysis. Regular factual tests will be marked numerically. Pupils will sit an internally set examination in the summer.

Textbooks

Industry, Invention and Empire by Aaron Wilkes

MATHEMATICS

Topics to be covered this year:

Number and algebra, shape, space and measures, data handling, geometry, investigations and problem solving

By the end of the year pupils will have reviewed topics covered in the 11s and met the following topics:

Number

- working with numbers (The four operations with positive and negative numbers; Factors and highest common factor; Multiples and lowest common multiple; Powers and roots; Prime factors)
- percentages (Calculating percentages; Percentage increase and decrease; Percentage change)
- powers (Powers of 10; Significant figures; Standard form with large numbers)
- fractions and Decimals (The four operations with fractions; Multiplication and division with large and small numbers)
- proportion (Direct proportion (including with graphs); Inverse proportion; Comparing direct and inverse proportion)

Algebra

- graphs (Graphs from linear equations; Gradient of a straight line; Graphs from quadratic equations; Real-life graphs)
- expressions (Algebraic notations; Simplifying expressions; Expanding brackets; Using algebraic expressions; Using index notation)
- equations and Formulae (Equations with brackets; Equations with the variable on both sides; More complex equations; Rearranging formulae)

Geometry

- transformations (Translations; Enlargements)
- constructions
- congruence (Congruent shapes; Congruent triangles)
- surface Area and Volume (Metric units for area and volume; Surface area of prisms; Volume of prisms)
- shape and Ratio (Ratio of lengths, areas and volumes; Fractional enlargement; Map scales)
- circles (The circumference of a circle; Area of a circle)

Data Handling

- probability (Mutually exclusive outcomes and exhaustive outcomes; Using a sample space to calculate probabilities; Estimates of probability)
- interpreting data (Interpreting graphs and diagrams; Pie charts; Scatter graphs and correlation)
- comparing data (Grouped frequency tables; Drawing frequency diagrams; Comparing sets of data; Misleading charts)

Extension Topics

- inequalities
- simultaneous Equations
- Pythagoras' Theorem
- trial and improvement

Assessment and Marking

Marking is accompanied by comments or explanations to help pupils to correct their mistakes and is in accordance with departmental guidelines. Teaching staff are also available to help at break times and daily at lunchtime, by appointment. It is department policy that any pupil can ask any member of the department for help, not just their designated teacher. There will be a variety of assessments throughout the year, including end of topic tests and end of term assessments. There will be an assessment towards the end of the Autumn Term, a mock examination in March, as well as the final Common Entrance Examination in June.

Textbook

Collins Maths Frameworking Pupil Book 2

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Topics to be covered this year:

Christianity - The New Testament

Term One:

- The Birth of Jesus; Christmas in the 21st century
- The Temptations of Jesus

Term Two:

- Being a follower of Jesus; changing priorities
- Who was Jesus? Jesus - myth, man or God?

Term Three:

- The sentence, crucifixion and burial of Jesus; Miracle of the River Kwai
- The Resurrection; Death: an end or a beginning?

By the end of the year pupils should:

- have a good understanding of New Testament texts and their meaning
- have considered moral issues that relate to these texts

Trips

Trips will be organised if relevant to the topic of study.

Assessment and Marking

A percentage grade will be given for the majority of homework, although certain pieces of homework will receive a letter grade for attainment and a number grade for effort. Marks will be accompanied by a comment or explanation to help pupils understand how to improve their work. Formal assessments will take the form of written assignments and end of module tests. External candidates will additionally be required to complete coursework.

Textbooks

Religious Studies for Common Entrance by Susan Grenfell
Today New International Version (Bible)

SCIENCE

Topics to be covered this year:

Biology:

- The Human body - organ systems, basic physiology of the breathing and digestive systems
- Cell biochemistry - osmosis, diffusion and cellular respiration
- Human reproduction - male and female reproductive organs, puberty, growth and development of a foetus and birth of a baby
- Plant structure, photosynthesis, growth and reproduction
- Ecology - feeding relationships, habitats and adaptation of living organisms to their environment

Chemistry:

- Acid-base reactions; preparation of salts; acid rain; lime cycle and uses of limestone
- pH, indicators and neutralisation
- Types of reactions including oxidation, reduction and thermal decomposition; tests for gases

Physics

- Light and Sound
- Energy
- Heat

By the end of the year pupils should:

- have extended their understanding of concepts in Biology, Chemistry and Physics and further developed their practical skills in order to plan and carry out simple and fair investigations
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- understand the interdependence of organisms within an ecosystem and the impact of daily and seasonal changes on a habitat, as well as the role of plants within an ecosystem
- understand and be able to describe the main organ systems of the body and have a good understanding of the processes that occur within all living organisms
- understand the requirements of humans for growth, survival and successful reproduction and be able to compare and contrast plants and animals
- understand the kinetic theory of matter and relate this to processes such as diffusion
- understand and be able to describe different types of reactions; know the tests and results of the main gases and be able to make predictions based on the reactivity series
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Assessment and Marking

When checking exercise books, a letter grade will be given for academic attainment and a number grade for effort. Worksheets will be marked for each correct point made and pupils are encouraged to make corrections to homework upon receiving their marks. Teaching staff are available for assistance at the end of lessons or during break times. Formal assessments will take the form of a mock exam, in March, as well as the final Common Entrance examination in June and end of topic tests. All work covered in the 11s and 12s will need to be revised.

Textbook

Science Biology for Common Entrance- W. R. Pickering (ISEB)

Science Chemistry for Common Entrance- W. R. Pickering (ISEB)

Science Physics for Common Entrance- W. R. Pickering (ISEB)

SPORTS

Topics to be covered this year:

Term One

- Health Related Fitness
- Football, Netball, Basketball, variation of attacking and defending games ie: Ultimate Frisbee

Term Two

- Health Related Fitness
- Rugby, Hockey, Basketball

Term Three

- Swimming, Athletics, Strike and Field/Net games e.g. Cricket, Rounders, Tennis

By the end of the year pupils should be able to:

- continue to develop their understanding of the rules necessary to perform effectively and know how to apply tactics in response to these rules
- continue to develop skilful attacking and team play developing fluency and timing and consolidate on how to work well as a team when attacking, and defending and the changeover between the two
- think about how to use skills, strategies and tactics to outwit the opposition using team play using effective decision-making and communication
- enter their opponent's territory with the 'ball' and try to get into good positions for shooting or reaching the 'goal'
- make good decisions about which techniques to use in specific situations
- adapt to different situations quickly and begin to invent their own ideas, skills and tactics
- begin to develop interpersonal skills pertinent to sport ie. communication skills, listening skills, sharing co-operation and leadership

Extra-Curricular Activities

There are competitive intra-school and inter-school fixtures available in the main sports of the term. There are also lunchtime and morning clubs in each sport to augment the contact time of each pupil per week.

- Pupils are given access and contacts to outside clubs

Assessment and Marking

Marks will be given for attainment, quality of classwork and effort. Marks are accompanied by a comment or explanation to help the pupils and parents understand how to improve levels of performance. Pupils are continually assessed in four strands of learning: Acquiring and Developing Skills, Selecting and Applying Skills; Tactics and Compositional Ideas; Knowledge and Understanding of Fitness; and Health and Evaluating and Improving Performance.

OPTION - ART AND DESIGN

Topics to be covered during this year:

Term One: Viewpoints

- Observational Drawing from primary and secondary source still life
- Explore a variety of viewpoints – use of line
- Make work combining multiple viewpoints - Cubism
- Adapt and modify work in progress
- Colour blending, gradient tones
- Use of colour to express mood or atmosphere

Term Two: Development of Drawings

- Refining and modifying work in progress
- Use of viewfinder to select details and simplify areas
- Enlarge selected details making use of traditional grid
- Mixing and matching colour from digitally enhanced secondary source photo

Term Three: Changing Styles

- Make work in response to some understanding of artist codes and conventions
- Explore materials in a controlled and experimental manner
- Make good use of colour and tone in a more controlled and purposeful manner
- Complete work to a high level of finish

Assessment

Continual throughout the year according to the curriculum guidelines and criteria

OPTION - COMPUTING

The course aims to ensure that all pupils can apply the fundamental concepts of computer science, and are responsible, competent, confident and creative users of information and communication technology. Pupils will become more digitally literate: able to express themselves and develop their ideas through information and communication technology at a level suitable for the future workplace and as active participants in a digital world.

Topics to be covered this year:

Term One

- **Operating systems:** create a poster to explain the similarities and differences between common operating systems to help someone decide which one is the best for them.
- **The command line:** provide students with an understanding of the use of basic command prompts to manipulate files and folders,
- **Binary:** students are challenged to create a video tutorial to help students of a similar age learn binary and binary arithmetic.

Term Two

- **Instruction set design:** students to think about different aspects of programming to solve a 'real-world' problem
- **Programming using selection statements and Boolean expressions**
- **Connecting to the internet:** split a message into data packets like the TCP/IP protocol.

Term Three

- **Sorting:** examine how computers and humans cope with sorting, and experiment with running sorting algorithms on different sets of data.
- **Make a computer appear intelligent by holding a conversation with a human.**
- **Recursive patterns:** pick out those parts of a pattern that are changing and those parts that are staying the same, using sound files.

Assessment and Marking

A-D grades will be given for understanding of subject concepts and quality of classwork, and number grades 1-4 given for effort & work ethic. These are awarded for each topic and are reflected in reported grades. Feedback will focus on what was done well and targets for improvement. There is an in-class end-of-year assessment.

Assessment and Marking

Literature and workbooks which students require will be provided. Many links and tutorials will be available via the teacher's website: www.jgledhill.co.uk.

OPTION - DRAMA

Topics to be covered this year:

- The Oral Tradition
- Theatrical Genres
- Vocal Expression and Puppetry
- Characterisation and Commedia Del'Arte
- Script work
- Status and Improvisation

By the end of the year pupils should:

- have developed and consolidated their understanding of the terms and ideas of Drama
- have had the opportunity to work in pairs, groups and individually
- have developed their understanding of the uses of Improvisation
- be aware of the use of status in Drama
- be aware of the components of characterization in Drama
- be familiar with concept and uses of blocking and accepting
- have had the opportunity to perform scripted work

Trips

There will be the opportunity for pupils to attend a theatre trip during the year.

Assessment and Marking

Assessment in Drama is ongoing. Evaluative feedback and comments for improvement are given constantly to both individuals and groups.

OPTION - ITALIAN

Topics to be covered this year:

- Daily routine
- Talking about family
- Asking for and telling the time
- Describing a house, rooms and furniture
- Talking about jobs, work activities and places of work
- Clothes shopping
- Holidays, means of transport and accommodation

By the end of the year pupils should be able to:

- use orally, recognise in the written form, understand and write key vocabulary and structures related to the topics covered
- talk about family, holidays and shopping
- express opinions and likes and dislikes about topics such as clothes, food, holidays etc.
- take part in role-plays about shopping and ordering food and drinks.
- have a sound knowledge of grammar points, specifically the present tense of regular and common irregular verbs; the present tense of modal and reflexive verbs, the present continuous, the future tense, the perfect tense with *avere*; comparatives and superlatives; prepositions.

Assessment and Marking

Pupils' progress will be assessed on a regular basis with small tests usually focusing on one skill only. Pupils will receive a grade or a percentage as well as a target to help them make progress in the subject. Pupils will sit End of Module tests assessing different skills, as well as the final Common Entrance examination in June.

Textbook

Amici d'Italia 1 (units 5-9)

OPTION - LATIN

Topics to be covered this year:

Term One

- Syntax and grammar: revision of all level 1 Common Entrance syllabus, introduction to level 2 Common Entrance syllabus including 3rd nouns and adjectives
- Background: the main 5 Greek myths/Roman History

Term Two

- Syntax and grammar: continue study of level 2 Common Entrance syllabus including pronouns, demonstrative pronouns, comparison of adjectives, future and pluperfect tense of verbs
- Background: the main 5 Greek myths/Roman History

Term Three

- Syntax and grammar: revision of level 1 and 2 Common Entrance syllabus
- Background: the main 5 Greek myths/Roman History

By the end of the year pupils should:

- have a strong command of level 1 and 2 Common Entrance syntax and grammar syllabus
- be able to manipulate simple sentences into Latin
- have a strong command of the level 1 and 2 Common Entrance Vocabulary (depending on the Level of Common Entrance Latin attempted)
- be familiar with some of the mythology of the Roman world or the history of the Roman Republic and Empire
- have participated in the writing, directing and acting of a play based on the Greek / Roman worlds

Assessment and Marking

Pupils will be frequently tested on vocabulary, grammar and translation.

Pupils will sit a Common Entrance mock examination in March and a Common Entrance Examination at the end of the year. Pupils' work will be marked according to the Common Entrance mark scheme. Teaching staff will be available at the end of lessons, break times and during the weekly departmental drop-in session.

Textbooks

Cambridge Latin Course 1, So You Really Want To Learn Latin 1 and 2, Who said Latin's dead level 1 and 2 workbooks, ISEB Grammar and Exercise Books, other departmental resources.

OPTION: MUSIC

An appreciation and enjoyment of music is encouraged through listening, composing and performing project based on a variety of contrasting musical genres and traditions.

Topics to be covered this year:

The Blues

In this topic, students will learn about the history of the Blues, its characteristic 12-bar Blues structure and how a walking bass line is developed from a chord progression. The students will develop their understanding of bass lines and chords as a harmonic foundation on which melody/improvisation is constructed, and they will explore other key features of Blues music before applying their skills to compose their own Blues song.

Christmas Songs / Carol Singing

This topic will explore the musical features required to create a successful and effective Christmas song. The students' understanding of chords, learnt in the Blues project, will be consolidated through a composition project in which students will create an original Christmas song in small groups. Students will learn how to write a stylistic melody to suit their chosen chords, to carefully consider their use of instrumentation, as well as lyric writing.

Music in the Media

In this topic students will explore how music and sound are used in film and television. Students will gain a deeper understanding of the orchestra, exploring the different orchestral instruments and how they are used to convey themes and ideas. Students will learn about Foley sound effects and the art of jingle writing and in groups, will compose a jingle for a tv or radio advert.

Reggae Music

This topic explores Reggae music and the culture from which it derives. Students will learn about the importance of bass lines and how offbeat chords are a key feature of music of this genre. Students will explore the rhythmic features of Reggae before looking at melody and how they are used to inform the bass line and hooks. Students will work in groups to reproduce their own arrangement of a well-known Reggae song.

Popular Song

This topic explores the genre of popular song, learning how different artists and groups have created different musical arrangements of the same song. Students will learn about different musical devices used in popular songs, such as structure and musical layers. The way in which hooks and riffs are used in popular songs will also be studied. Students will end the year by creating their own popular song, in groups, that takes into account the structure, instrumentation, lyrics, chords, melody and other features that will have been explored in this unit.

OPTION: P.E.

The optional Physical Educational Programme course encourages values such as organisation, communication, perseverance, leadership and honesty in conjunction with enabling pupils to become highly skilled performers. In the 12s, the emphasis is on consolidating the concepts explored in the 11s to establish competent, confident and expert techniques enabling pupils to apply them across different sports and physical activities. Pupils are encouraged to gain an appreciation of what makes a performance effective and how to apply these principles to their own and other's work. They should also develop the confidence and interest to get involved in exercise, sports and activities out of school and in later life, and understand the long-term health benefits of physical activity.

Topics to be covered in the 12s

Pupils will have the opportunity to consolidate and extend their skills in the main team sports that they currently specialise in throughout the school year such as netball, football, hockey, rugby, rounders and cricket. There will also be greater opportunities to develop skills in athletics, tennis and swimming and the chance to increase fitness levels and gain a wider appreciation of different methods of training, fitness testing and leadership skills. There will also be exciting opportunities to try other sports and team building activities to stimulate interest and challenge pupils to develop new skills and knowledge. The pupils will have the opportunity to plan and lead charity fundraising activities and learn personal survival skills in the school swimming pool. There is flexibility in the planned curriculum to offer the pupils a degree of ownership over their activities and it is perfect for those pupils who want to increase their sports contact time, learn new skills and give facilitate the achievement of their sporting potential.

Assessment and Marking

Summative assessment in PE is ongoing and will take place through verbal feedback in lessons. Pupils will also be encouraged to assess their own and others' performance and give constructive feedback. Pupils will be assessed in line with the school's marking and assessment policy with grades recorded in progress and end of term reports.

OPTION - SPANISH

Topics to be covered this year:

- Daily routine
- Transport
- Directions and places in town
- Local area and types of towns
- Organising to go out and making excuses
- Meal times, food and drink
- At the restaurant
- Clothes and shopping
- Spanish festivals and celebrations
- Holiday activities and destinations
- Discussing cinema, concerts, events
- TV programs, technology and music

By the end of the year pupils should:

- use orally, recognise in the written form, understand and write key vocabulary and structures related to the topics covered
- describe pictures and make short presentations on the topics covered
- talk about and ask questions about one's family using adjectives and comparatives
- translate paragraphs from English into Spanish
- express opinions of likes and dislikes on topics such as food and drink and leisure activities
- take part in role-plays, giving and asking for directions, organising to go out with a friend and ordering food in a café
- have a sound knowledge of basic grammar points specifically the present, preterite and future tenses, adjectival agreement, question words and demonstrative pronouns

Assessment and Marking

Apart from final CE examinations, pupils' progress will be assessed on a regular basis with small tests and end of unit tests focussing on the four main skills and core CE topics and grammar. Pupils will receive a grade or a percentage as well as a target to help them make progress in the subject.

Textbooks

¡Viva! Book 2 (Modules 1-5)