



KS3 Vocabulary Curriculum

The limits of my language are the limits of my universe'

Goethe





Maths



During KS3 we learn key mathematical vocabulary that ranges from subject specific words such as numerator, to words which are used more commonly but have a specific mathematical meaning, for example, constant.

Year 7 Vocabulary List

acute
approximate
arithmetic
ascending
coefficient
compound interest
congruent

decimal decrease denominator depreciate

constant

descending difference

digit directed number divide

equivalent estimate

equation

evaluate expression

exterior

Fibonacci

formula fraction

function

geometric

improper fraction

increase

input

integer

interior interval

inverse

irregular

linear

loss

mean median

mixed number fraction

mode

multiplier

multiply

negative

non-linear

numerator

obtuse

output

parallel

percent

percentage

perpendicular

place value polygon

position

. probability

profit

quadrilateral

range

reflex

recurring decimal

regular

right angle

sequence

simple interest rule

simplify

substitute

sum

term

variable

Venn diagram



Maths



Year 8 Vocabulary List

area
axis
bar chart
brackets
compound shape
continuous data
coordinates
correlation
discrete data
distance
edges
elevation

equation

expression

expand

faces

frequency
horizontal
identity
index
inequality
mean
median
mode
net
perimeter
pictogram
plan
prism
proportion
quantitative data

quantity

range
rearrange
relationship
scatter graph
share
simplify
solve
speed
standard form
surface area
term
time
vertex
vertical
volume

Year 9 Vocabulary List

acute angle axis co-ordinate cube cube root decimal place denominator equation equilateral triangle error interval estimate expand expression factor factorise frequency gradient horizontal

hypotenuse

index integer irrational isosceles triangle mean median mixed number mode multiple numerator obtuse angle origin parallel lines perpendicular polygon prime factor product quadratic

improper fraction

quotient range rational reflex angle right angle sequence simplify solve square square root substitute sum surd truncate variable vertical





English



During KS3, we explore the literary world around us: past, present and future. We examine this world through the two overriding emotions of love and hate, and along the way lay the foundations for being expert readers and writers of poetry, prose, drama and non-fiction.

Year 7 Vocabulary List

alliteration
anecdote
annotation
Anti-Semitism
audience
Auschwitz
character
colloquial language
Commandant
direct address
emotive language
enjambment
exaggeration

extermination camp

Final Solution
flashback
flattery
foreshadowing
Holocaust
hyperbole
imagery
imperative
metaphor
modal verb
naïve
onomatopoeia
personification
playwright

plot
power of three
prejudice
pun
repetition
rhetorical question
rhythm
rhyme
semantic field
Shakespeare
simile
stage directions
stanza
theatre

Year 8 Vocabulary List

anaphora
aside
atmosphere
caesura
connotation
contrast
deception
dramatic irony
dystopia
Elizabethan
enjambment

epistrophe
foreshadowing
free verse
genre
juxtaposition
narrative voice
oxymoron
pace
parenthesis
plot
protagonist

rhyming couplet soliloquy sonnet stanza structure tension utopia volta



English



Year 9 Vocabulary List

allegorical alliteration anaphora aside aspirational caesura catharsis colloquial conflict connotation corruption couplet culture dispossessed dramatic irony enjambment epic

exploit

foreboding

foreshadowing

extended metaphor

form fricative sounds graphic imagery **Great Depression** hamartia hierarchy hubris iambic pentameter internal conflict invocation isolated juxtaposition lynching meter migrant moral Muse oppression oxymoron pathos

patriarchy

patriotism personification plosive sounds predatory quatrain racism segregation sibilance soliloguy stanza symbolism theme tone tragedy tragic hero tyrannical volta



Science



During KS3, students experience a science curriculum not just in terms of the knowledge of a body of facts and theories, but as a progression towards the understanding of key ideas or concepts. We develop our students' understanding of the scientific approach to enquiry and promote the use of scientific reasoning and higher-level thinking, so that they can use specialist vocabulary to question and argue rationally confidently and are better prepared for KS4.

Year 7 Vocabulary List

abiotic adaptation alloy

ammeter

atomic number bacteria

battery

biodiversity

biotic brittle

cell

chlorophyll

chloroplast

compound

conduction

conductor current

cytoplasm

ductile

efficiency

electron

element embryo fertilisation

foetus

food chain

gamete

gestation

gland

hormone

insulator

internal energy

kinetic energy microscope

malleable

mass

menstrual cycle

metal

mitochondria

mixture

multicellular

neutron

nucleus

parallel circuit

parasite

periodic table

photosynthesis

predator

prey

producer

proton

puberty

quadrat

reactivity

resistance

ribosomes

species

starch

temperature

thermal equilibrium

tissue

unicellular

vacuole

voltage

voltmeter



Science



Year 8 Vocabulary List

acceleration

acid

adaptation

aerobic

respiration

air resistance

alkali

amplitude

anaerobic

respiration

anomaly

antibiotic

artery

base

biodegradable

braking distance

bronchiolitis

carbohydrate

cholesterol

chromosome

cilia

combustion

compression

conservation

coronary artery

crest

crumple zone

deficiency

distance-time graph

DNA

domain

drag

echo

electromagnet endangered

. . . .

evolution

exhale

exothermic

extinction

frequency

gene

generator

genetic fingerprinting

gradient

gravity

hazard

hypothesis

incident wave

indicator

ligament

longitudinal

magnetic field

magnetic

material

motor

natural selection

neutralisation

nicotine

nurture

oscilloscope

pathogen

pitch

platelet

product

rarefaction

reactant

reactivity series

reflex arc

relative formula

mass

renewable energy

selective breeding

species

speed of light

stopping distance

superpose

tendon

thinking distance

titration

trachea

transverse

trough

velocity

weight



Science



Year 9 Vocabulary List

alkali metals alveoli amino acids amylase

aorta
aphid
aqueous
artery atom

atria

Avogadro constant

bacteria bile biofuel capillaries

carbohydrates carbon neutral

carbon neuti

cellulose

chemical energy

chlorophyll

chromatography

chromosome

cloning compounds

concentrated

conduction

coronary artery covalent bonding

crystallisation

cytoplasm

delocalised electrons

denature

differentiation

diffusion

digestive system

dilute

displacement dissipation distillation efficiency

electrons element

embryonic stem cell enzymes

epidermal

eukaryotic cells

evaporation

fatty acids filtration

fossil fuel

fractional distillation

friction fullerenes

gene

geothermal energy

glycerol graphene graphite guard cells

haemoglobin hydroelectric hypertonic

hypotonic

insulation

ion

isotonic isotope

kinetic energy

lipid liquid

metabolism mitochondria

mitosis mole neutron nuclear fuel nucleus

organ organelle osmosis pacemaker palisade

mesophyll permanent vacuole

phloem

photosynthesis

plasma

plasmolysis

platelets

polymers

protein

proton

pulmonary

reactants

reactivity

red blood cell

renewable energy

ribosomes

sperm cell

spongy mesophyll

satins stem cell stent

therapeutic cloning

thermal

tidal power

tissue

translocation

transpiration

turgor veins

vena cava ventilated

ventricles

white blood cell

xylem zygote





History



During KS3, we explore the history of our country and its interaction over time with others, through the process of historical enquiry. We challenge the provenance of information, evaluate interpretations and establish a rich chronological framework, laying the foundations for being the very best historians.

Year 7 Vocabulary List

Act of Union 1707

annulment

baron

Bill of Rights

Black Death

Catholic

cause

cavalier

cavalry

chronology

civil war

consequence

continuity

.

dissolution

deposed

Divine Right of Kings

excommunication

execute

Glastonbury Abbey

indulgences

infantry

interpretation

knight

Magna Carta

monarch

New Model Army

noble

Norman

parliament

Poor Law

primary source

Protestant

puritan

reformation

Republic

Roundhead

Saxon

ship money

significance

tactics

tax

The Pope

treason

tyrant

Year 8 Vocabulary List

Abberline abolitionist

act

alliances

anti-Semitism

census

cholera

colony

conscription

council

docks

East India Company

empire

Great Powers

immigrant

Imperialism

Industrial Revolution

industrialisation

interpretation

Jack the Ripper

Kaiser

Lipski Marxist

IVIAI AIS

merchant

Metropolitan Police

middle passage

militarism

mill

mobilise

munitions

nationalism

No Man's Land

patriotism

nalinai

pauper

pogrom poverty

. .

privy

propaganda

prostitute

Queen Victoria

slave

slum

Socialist

terraced

textiles

The Balkans

The Five

The Star

total war

trade

trade union

trench

triangular trade

Tsar

tuberculosis

typhus

urban

Western Front

Whitechapel

workhouse



History



Year 9 Vocabulary List

Abberline
abdication
amendment
anti-Semitism
assassinate
assassination
autocrat
Bolsheviks
booby traps
boycott

Cat and Mouse Act census

civil rights
Civil Rights Act

Cold War

Communism

congress constitution

coup d'état

democracy duma

Fundamentalist guerrilla warfare

haemophilia

heir

hijack

hunger strike

immigrant

interpretation

Jack the Ripper

Lipski

Marxist

media

Metropolitan Police

militancy

Mujahidin

My Lai massacre

napalm

Petrograd Soviet

pogrom poverty

President prostitute

Provisional

Government

Queen Victoria

revolution

Rolling Thunder

segregation

slum

state

suffrage

Suffragette

Suffragist

Taliban

terrorist

The Five

The Star

tsar

tsarina

Twin Towers

Viet Cong

White House

Whitechapel

Winter Palace



Geography



Through KS3 geography we develop students' understanding of the human and physical worlds and how they are interrelated. Through studying themes such as extreme environments, natural hazards and development along with places at different scales including Somerset, the UK, Africa and Asia, our students develop powerful geographical knowledge for their future lives.

Year 7 Vocabulary List

adaptation ageing population air mass arid atmosphere biome climate climate change coast deforestation deindustrialisation deposition ecosystem employment employment structure environmental erosion

food web

geology global scale habitat hemisphere human geography humid industrialisation industry landscape latitude local scale location longitude longshore drift migration national scale physical geography physical process

plastic pollution primary sector quaternary sector rain shadow raw materials relief rainfall resistant rocks river secondary sector sedimentary rock temperate tertiary sector transportation urban area urbanisation weather weathering



Geography



Year 8 Vocabulary List

absolute poverty aid atmosphere colonisation conservative boundary constructive boundary continent continental crust core country desert desertification destructive boundary development development indicator diverse drought earthquake extreme poverty famine flood gender inequality hazard high income country (HIC)

human development index (HDI) imperialist income interdependence intermediate technology latitude life expectancy lithosphere location longitude low income country (LIC) mantle mega city migration misconception natural resource newly emerging economy (NEE) non-governmental organisation (NGO) oceanic crust physical landscape

planning plate boundary plates population population density poverty prediction preparation quality of life rainforest relative poverty Savanah single story slums soil erosion sustainable development goals (SDGs) trade tropical storm urbanisation volcano vulnerability wilderness





Geography



Year 9 Vocabulary List

absolute poverty air pollution arch

backwash

beach

brownfield site bus rapid transit

(BRT) cave

cliff retreat

coast

constructive wave

cross profile cultural mix

deposition

derelict

destructive wave

drainage basin

dysentery

economic

opportunities

erosion

flood

flood hydrograph

greenfield site

hard engineering hydrological cycle

inequality

integrated transport system

international migration

location

long profile

longshore drift

low income country (LIC)

malaria

meander

megacity

mouth

national migration

natural increase

regeneration

resource

river

rural-urban fringe

rural urban migration

sanitation

services

social opportunities

soft engineering

source

spit

stack

swash

traffic congestion

transportation

urban area

urban deprivation

urban greening

urban sprawl

waterfall

waves

weathering





Religious Studies



During KS3, we explore the six major world religions. We gain an understanding of the religious beliefs and practices of the different faiths and explore human and animal rights. We examine legislation around these topics in order to formulate our own opinions. KS3 Religious Studies lays the foundations for being respectful and tolerant citizens who understand and respect the beliefs and opinions of others whilst being able to formulate their own opinions using lateral and critical thinking.

Year 7 Vocabulary List

Abraham
Allah
Anglican
Apostles
Arabic
atheist
baptism
Bible

communion covenant crucified denomination

ethics Eucharist factory farming

free will gospels Hajj Havdalah heaven
Hebrew
Holy Spirit
humanist
Islam
Israelite

Jesus Kippah kosher

Last Supper miracles
Mitzvot monotheistic

mosque

Muhammad Muslims Nanak

orthodox progressive

prophet purgatory Qur'an rabbi

resurrection Sabbath Salah

Sawm Shahadah

Siddhartha Gautama stewards

synagogue
The Five Pillars

Torah trinity

Ur

vegetarianism

Zakah



Religious Studies



Year 8 Vocabulary List

Aum bhajan Brahman Buddha compassion

darshan Dharma Diwali

festival Five Ks

garbha griha

ghost

Golden Temple

Gurdwara

guru havan heaven hell

neii Holi humanist Ik Onkar Kachla Kanga

Kara karma

Karma

Kesh Khalsa

Kirpan

kirtan Ik Onkar

Kachla

Kanga Kara

karma

Kesh

Khalsa

Kirpan kirtan

mala

mandala

mandir mantra

meditate

meeri-peeri

Melas

Moksha

murti

near-death experience

nirvana pacifism

prasad

puja

purgatory

Ramayana

reincarnation
Sacred Thread

samsara

samskara

shruti

smriti

the afterlife

The Guru Grand Sahib

Trimuti Vedas

Year 9 Vocabulary List

abortion

agnostic analogy

atheist

Big Bang Theory capital punishment

design argument

discrimination

Ethics

euthanasia

evolution

Feminism

first cause argument

forgiveness

gender equality

genesis

genetic modification

human rights

omnibenevolent

omnipotent

Philosophy Plato's Cave

prime mover

Principle of Unit

Problem of Evil

pro-choice

pro-life

racism

Sanctity of Life

soul

The Civil Rights Movement

The inconsistent triad

The Just War Theory

The realm of the Forms

war





PSHCE



During KS3, students will study a range of topics that will help to understand themselves and the world around them. Topics include Study Skills, Health & Wellbeing, Friends & Family, British Identity, and Careers.

Year 7 Vocabulary List

anonymity
balanced diet
bravery
communication
contract
curiosity
curriculum vitae (cv)
cyberbullying
exercise

eye contact
hacking
handshake
interview
job description
kindness
menstrual cycle
mental health
mindfulness

oestrogen
phishing
progesterone
puberty
responsibility
scam
self-reliance
sexting
teamwork
testosterone

Year 8 Vocabulary List

alcohol
apprenticeship
bullying
degree
depressant
drug
higher education

law legalisation negative
relationships
nicotine
online relationship
peer pressure
prejudice
prison
punishment
relationships

responsibility
smoking
stereotypes
stimulant
university
vaping
vocational qualification

Year 9 Vocabulary List

anxiety
Brexit
career
civil law
Commonwealth
criminal law
democracy
depression

employability
European Union
extremism
government
immigration
monarchy
parliament
qualifications

republic
responsibilities
rights
sovereignty
stress
terrorism
wellbeing



Music



At KS3 we place musicianship at the heart of all lessons. Students explore a range of instruments before choosing one to specialise on, whilst studying theory of music in line with graded music exams as well as exploring compositional techniques. Students will become confident, competent musicians who are able to develop their musical talents both in and out of the classroom.

Year 7 Vocabulary List

allegro
andante
articulation
crescendo
crotchet
cycle of fifths
diminuendo
dotted minim
dynamics
forte
fortissimo

interval

key signature
legato
marcato
meter
mezzo forte
mezzo piano
minim
moderato
ostinato
pianissimo
piano
pitch

quaver
rhythm
ritenuto
scale
Semibreve
slur
staccato
tempo
tonic triad

Year 8 Vocabulary List

adagio
allegretto
articulation
broken chords
chords
crotchet
cycle of fifths
dotted crotchet
dynamics
fermata
grazioso

interval
inversions
key signature
ledger lines
meter
molto
motif
octave
pitch
phrase mark
quaver

rhythm
scale
semiquaver
sequence
tempo
tenuto
tied notes
time signature
transposing
tonic triad



Music



Year 9 Vocabulary List

accidentals
adagio
allegretto
allegro
andante
articulation
bass clef
crescendo
crotchet
cycle of fifths
diminuendo
dotted crotchet
dotted minim
dynamics

fermata

forte

fortissimo grazioso interval ledger lines legato marcato meter mezzo forte mezzo piano minim moderato molto motif octave ostinato pitch

rhythm
ritenuto
semibreve
semiquaver
sequence
slur
staccato
stave
tempo
tenuto
tied notes
time signature
transposing
vivace



Drama



In KS3 Drama, language and literacy is developed and enhanced through the use of role play, in particular, pupils are able to experience different modes, genres and styles of language and literacy used in specific circumstances and in general. Text based activity is patently a useful tool and allows engagement with the written word through script, poetry, articles, newspaper, and prose. Students turn the written word into creative pieces of theatre, adding a practical element to literacy.

Year 7 Vocabulary List

Artaud
atmosphere
audience
blocking
body language
characterisation
choral speech
climax
corpsing
crescendo
facial expression
gesture

improvisation
mime
monologue
movement
muscle memory
performance
physical theatre
position
posture
proximity
rehearsal
sequence

Shakespeare sightlines stance surrealism suspense tableau tableaux tension theatre thought track

Year 8 Vocabulary List

evaluate

analyse
atmosphere
audience
breaking the fourth wall
Brecht
chair duet
characterisation
choral speech
comedy
conscience corridor
devising
drama medium
dynamics
emotion
ensemble

farce
flashback
frantic assembly
gestus
Grotowski
improvisation
justify
levels
monologue
motif
muscle memory
narration
pace
placards

practitioner
proxemics
realism
rehearsal
satire
scene
sequence
split scene
Stanislavski
stereotype
stylistic
tableaux
technique
thought track

position



Drama



Year 9 Vocabulary List

blocking
breaking the fourth wall
Brecht
chair duet
characterisation
choral speech
conscience corridor
devising
emotion
ensemble
flashback
frantic assembly
gestus

Grotowski
hot seating
levels
monologue
narration
performance
placards
plot
practitioner
proxemics
realism
rehearsal
scene
sightlines

spatial
Stanislavski
status
stylistic
subtext
tension
thought track



Design & Technology



During KS3, we design and make a wide range of projects and produce a variety of delicious foods. We explore various ingredients and materials and their properties. We focus on healthy eating for a healthy life and many other important life skills.

Year 7 Vocabulary List

adjective
agro-textiles
boiling
bridge hold
brittle
butt joint
calico
claw grip
comb joint
construction textiles
control

cotton denim

domestic textiles

durability
elasticity
electrical
conductivity
evaluation
felt
ferrous
geotextiles
hardness
hazard
hygiene
insulator
lap joint
plasticity

fibre

polyester
protective textiles
safety
simmering
sport textiles
thermal conductivity
thermoplastics
thermosetting
toughness
wool

Year 8 Vocabulary List

acrylic allergen allergy aluminium ball pein hammer bevel chisel carbohydrate cast iron centre punch corrosion resistance counter sink deficiency density dovetail joint dowel joint ductility electrical conductivity excess

file flat bit functions hacksaw hardness insulator intolerance malleability mallet marking gauge metal vice mild steel mitre box mitre joint mitre square nesting nutrient palm sander

resistor scriber sheet metal nibbler sources stability starch steel rule stiffness sugar tessellation thermal conductivity thermoplastic tin snips toughness transistor twist drill vegetarian warping zinc

power drill



Design & Technology



Year 9 Vocabulary List

acrylic aesthetics allovs ash auger balsa biodegradable polymers birch brass buffer machine carbon fibre reinforced plastic carbon footprint centre lathe centre punch composite compression strength concrete consumer copper corrosion resistant cross pein hammer designer dowel ductility durability electrical conductivity engineer's square environment

food security forstner bit fortifying glass reinforced plastic gluten hacksaw halving joint hardness high speed steel hole saw homogenised housing joint **HSS** drill bit kneading larch malleable manufacturer metal vice mortise and tenon mortise chisel mortise gauge odd leg callipers pasteurised plywood polyester resin primary processing proving

pure metals rasp reinforced polymers robotic materials sash clamp scriber secondary processing shear smoothing plane stainless steel tensile strength tension thermal conductivity tin snips toughness traceability urea formaldehyde veast



PF



During KS3, we explore the fundamental movements needed within all sports. Thus, learning about the importance of these basic and essential skills in order to transfer these across the range of sports we cover and use them to improve on technique and performance. Ultimately, we want to begin to embed a life-long love for sports participation.

Year 7 Vocabulary List

aeroplane
aesthetically pleasing
assist
attacker
backhand
bounce pass
cardiovascular
centre
chest pass
circuit
continuous
corner kick

counter balance

defender

dribble

elements
extension
fartlek
flick
forehand
forms
free kick
goal attack
goal defence
goal keeper
goal shooter
interval
javelin
line out
locomotion

long jump
machine weights
movement
overhead pass
push
resistance
scrum
see-saw
shot put
throw-in
tower of power
volley
windmill
wing defence

Year 8 Vocabulary List

aesthetically pleasing agility backhand balance batting cardiovascular circuit continuous counter balance defender dribble dynamic elements extension

fartlek
flexibility
forehand
forms
forwards
goalkeeper
javelin
locomotion
long jump
maul
midfield
movement
overhead pass
plyometric

power
push
resistance
ruck scrum
shot put
speed
stance
static







Year 9 Vocabulary List

advantage
agility
alignment
artistry
attacker
back spin
balance
batting
block tackling
bowling
canon
cardiovascular

continuous contrast co-ordination deuce double fault dribble dynamic

elevation

flexibility

fartlek

choreography

centre

foot fault forwards free hit free kick free weights fullbacks goal groundstroke **Indian dribbling** interval jab tackling javelin kinaesthetic long corner long jump machine weights motif muscular endurance musicality penalty corner penalty try phrase

point guard

power reaction time reverse stick shooting guard shot put smash speed stimulus strength sweeper top spin transition try unison wicket winger



Computer Science



During KS3 we learn about why we need computers, how to use the internet and how to stay safe online. We investigate the ethical and legal issues around computing and explore how computers work. We learn to write code using a range of programming tools including Kodu, Scratch and Python and we use a variety of iMedia and digital graphic software.

Year 7 Vocabulary List

actions algorithm behaviours Boolean

character client cyberbullying data types debug graphics card hacker hardware input device

Integer

execute

Kodu memory microbit motherboard network output devices password path point of view properties real number search engine server

sexting

software sprite spyware standalone computer storage device string terrain troian username variable virus web browser

Year 8 Vocabulary List

assets backdrop library bitmap blocks broadcast cache computer surveillance control block costume cultural issues debugging **DNS** server duplicate environmental issues ethical issues

flow chart forever green flag hide internet internet censorship legal issues looks block motion block operations block operators paint editor pen pixel properties protocols

scratch scripts sensing block social media sound library spam sprite stage stakeholders topology trolling variable vector

router





Computer Science



Year 9 Vocabulary List

abstraction algorithm anti-malware software assets authentication binary data bit bitmap blocks broadcast byte cloud storage comments compression control block cookies copyright data type database digital footprint

duplicate

encryption

execute

file

embedded system

file formats flowchart forever green flag hacker hide hyperlink image editing software input intellectual property **IP address** iteration lossless compression lossy compression milestone mood board networks operators output pre-production properties pseudocode

Python scratch scripts selection sequence software sprite stage story board string syntax test data testing timescale trademark validation vector



Art



Throughout the KS3 art curriculum students will gain an understanding of the formal elements of art. Students will enhance their artistic ability through discovery, exploration and experimentation of 2D, 3D, printing, photography and mixed media techniques.

Year 7 Vocabulary List

ancestry
clay
cold colours
colour
colour wheel
complimentary colours
composition
continuous
form
harmonious colours
infinity

landscape
line
lithography
mark making
mezzotints
mouthpiece
ocarina
optical illusions
pattern
pinch pot
Post-Impressionist

primary colours
repeated
score
secondary colours
slip
tertiary colours
tessellate
texture
tone
warm colours
woven

Year 8 Vocabulary List

biological control collagraph colour composition decomposers form illustrator line mixed media monoprint pollination portraiture printmaking proportion relief Sgraffito watercolour

Year 9 Vocabulary List

airbrush
aperture
biomechanical
biscuit
bisque
burnishing
ceramics
cultural
depth of field

exposure
focus
glaze
historical
kiln
leather hard
maquette
mechanical
overexposed

photography sculpture shutter speed throwing underexposed viewfinder visual wedging