

Years 7 to 13 - > Something More? - 2025-26

Our Intent

At Bishop Stopford School, our aim is that every student should realise his or her unique potential. Our Christian ethos and core values are expressed in all that we do: the culture is articulated through highly productive relationships and there is a strong sense of identity and belonging. As a result, our curriculum nurtures and challenges, prioritises individual worth and social cohesion, and fosters independence and interdependence. Character development goes hand in hand with our striving for academic excellence. We want students to leave us happy and healthy, with a strong moral compass as well as with qualifications which have integrity.

Aspiration underpins our curriculum: it is designed so that no student is left behind or left out because of social-, learning- or other disadvantage. Both the taught and the wider curriculum are carefully planned to ensure that not only are students' basic skills secured, but they provide the foundation for future success. We aim to develop highly literate and knowledgeable learners who are creative, self-regulating and resilient. They have opportunities to develop depth as well as breadth, and because they are socially equipped, they can engage confidently with the wider world.

Underpinning Principles

- Leadership of the curriculum is active, reflective and research-informed.
- Our curriculum is academic, sequential and knowledge-driven, ensuring Bishop Stopford students are engaged and thoughtful learners.
- Our curriculum is holistic: the spiritual, social and moral imperatives are as strong as the academic.
- Key Stage 3 lasts for Years 7-9 to allow the range of subjects to be studied and to build secure foundations for the two year GCSE programmes of study.
- Curriculum is structured to ensure effective progression through the key stages and beyond school to further study or employment.
- Our curriculum enables all learners to progress, though development of a rich language base and challenge in every lesson.

The Key Strands of >Something More?

Curriculums at BSS are designed to nurture not only intellectual and physical development but also the spiritual growth of students. This will be through the following strands:

Encouraging students to reflect on their experiences, beliefs and purpose and to contemplate the big Questions of Who am I? Why am I here? What is my purpose?

Highlighting extraordinary people, events, and discoveries that inspire awe or investigating how a sense of awe has led to breakthroughs and creativity.

Using art, music, literature, and nature to inspire awe, wonder, and spiritual insight.

Encouraging creative expression to connect with the inner self and the transcendent.

Fostering a sense of belonging and interconnectedness with others, nature, and the universe.

Encouraging self-awareness, emotional intelligence, and moral reasoning.

Promoting open-ended investigations rather than just seeking right answers.

Using hands-on activities, field trips and experiments to immerse students in learning and evoke wonder.

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Art	Fostering a sense of belonging and interconnectedness with others, nature and the universe	In the Landscape unit, students will take part in observational drawing in the natural environment to build a sense of awe and awareness of the natural world.
Computer Science	Encouraging students to reflect on their experiences, beliefs and purpose and to contemplate the big Questions of Who am I? Why am I here? What is my purpose?	Discussions on AI, social media, or data ethics can prompt reflection on personal values and the role of humans in a digital world.
Drama	Using art, music, literature, and nature to inspire awe, wonder, and spiritual insight.	'Greek Theatre' - Exploration of the beginning of theatre in Ancient Greece including theatrical festivals to honour the gods.
DT	Promoting open-ended investigations rather than just seeking right answers.	Our KS3 D&T curriculum promotes open-ended investigation by giving students the freedom to explore a range of possible solutions within each design brief. Rather than working towards a single 'right' answer, pupils are encouraged to think creatively, justify their design choices, and develop unique responses that reflect their understanding and interpretation of the task.
English	Encouraging self-awareness, emotional intelligence, and moral reasoning.	Discussions around the appreciation of nature, the human condition, humility, kindness and other Christian values which link contextually and conceptually to the poetry we cover in certain units

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Foundation Learning	Encouraging self-awareness, emotional intelligence, and moral reasoning.	Elaborative interrogation, understanding memory and learning, learning how to study, cognitive bias, the forgetting curve, dual coding, cognitive load theory
French	Fostering a sense of belonging and interconnectedness with others, nature and the universe	Introducing students to real life scenarios and comparing life in the UK and other countries across a variety of topics such as school, family units, food and drink and festivals
Geography	Using hands-on activities, field trips and experiments to immerse students in learning and evoke wonder.	Woburn trip: students explore the different animals that can be found in different ecosystems building on their work on hot desert environments. Going to Woburn gives students the opportunity to explore a new landscape and new animals whilst working within small groups to collect information/facts on foot safari about animals and their adaptations.
History	Fostering a sense of belonging and interconnectedness with others, nature and the universe	In the Crusades unit, students will explore the Golden Age of Islamic Baghdad and the growing interconnectedness of Europe and the Islamic World, as a consequence of the conflict.

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Library	Using art, music, literature, and nature to inspire awe, wonder, and spiritual insight.	Students will be given the opportunity to select new titles and to read them for their own enjoyment. There is also an Author visit during the academic year.
Maths	Promoting open-ended investigations rather than just seeking right answers.	Students learn to interpret graphs, deduce relationships, and prove identities—such as trigonometric equivalences—through disciplined, step-by-step reasoning. This process not only sharpens analytical skills but also nurtures a deep respect for clarity, consistency, and the objective nature of truth, encouraging students to value intellectual honesty and the pursuit of understanding.
Music	Using hands-on activities, field trips and experiments to immerse students in learning and evoke wonder.	Experience of the NMPAT professional recital teams to witness the excitement and buzz of a live professional performance.
PE (Core)	Fostering a sense of belonging and interconnectedness with others, nature and the universe	Students are in Houses where we have many House competitions. Students all play their part in the House performance and showing a sense of pride and cohesiveness within their House as they work towards a common goal.

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PSHE	Encouraging self-awareness, emotional intelligence, and moral reasoning.	The curriculum powerfully explores human connectedness, democratic participation, and shared values through relationships education, exploring personal identity, and learning about the dangers of stereotypes, prejudice and discrimination. Considering what community is and means and what roles we have to play within our different communities. Encourages reflection on how people connect to causes bigger than themselves—climate justice, LGBTQ+ rights, civil and equal rights.
Religious Studies	Using art, music, literature, and nature to inspire awe, wonder, and spiritual insight.	Students will analyse and interpret sacred writings to unpack the deeper meanings behind the words of wisdom. They will, for example, explore the "I am" sayings to describe the nature of Jesus and will unpack the deeper meanings of the use of symbolic and metaphorical language, as well as the use of art. Students will also reflect on the use of music as a form of worship to express beliefs linked to the Apostle's creed.

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Science	Highlighting extraordinary people, events, and discoveries that inspire awe or investigating how a sense of awe has led to breakthroughs and creativity.	Celebrating 'breaking stereotypes' scientists and routes into scientific careers in all classrooms during British Science week. Celebrating black scientists during Black History Month activities.
Spanish	Fostering a sense of belonging and interconnectedness with others, nature and the universe	Introducing students to real life scenarios and comparing life in the UK and other countries across a variety of topics such as school, family units, food and drink and festivals

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Art	Encouraging creative expression to connect with the inner self and the transcendent.	Students are routinely encouraged to express their ideas creatively
Computer Science	Encouraging creative expression to connect with the inner self and the	The Image Editing topic ends in a student led project which focuses on curiosity and self-exploration.
Drama	Encouraging self-awareness, emotional intelligence, and moral reasoning.	Year 8 'Blood Brothers' – Considering the nature vs nurture debate.
DT	Promoting open-ended investigations rather than just seeking right answers.	Our KS3 D&T curriculum promotes open-ended investigation by giving students the freedom to explore a range of possible solutions within each design brief. Rather than working towards a single 'right' answer, pupils are encouraged to think creatively, justify their design choices, and develop unique responses that reflect their understanding and interpretation of the task.
English	Using hands-on activities, field trips and experiments to immerse students in learning and evoke wonder.	Extra-curricular activities and enrichment such as theatre trips to foster a love of Shakespeare and other playwrights through experiencing the beauty of performance and drama.

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French	Fostering a sense of belonging and interconnectedness with others, nature and the universe	Introducing students to real life scenarios and comparing life in the UK and other countries across a variety of topics such as school, family units, food and drink and festivals
Geography	Highlighting extraordinary people, events, and discoveries that inspire awe or investigating how a sense of awe has led to breakthroughs and creativity.	Students learn about a range of different people and environments. This ranges from communities in Ghana, an example of lower income country to the environment of Antarctica which is the only untouched environment. Furthermore, they learn about the Tikuna Tribe, an Amazonian tribe which is untouched by the outside world.
History	Highlighting extraordinary people, events, and discoveries that inspire awe or investigating how a sense of awe has led to breakthroughs and creativity.	We explore the myriad challenges faced by Elizabeth I, from prejudice against women in power to the attempted invasion by the Spanish in 1588.

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Music	Highlighting extraordinary people, events, and discoveries that inspire awe or investigating how a sense of awe has led to breakthroughs and creativity.	Studies of great composers and their context to inspire and gain understanding of the 'why' music sounds like it does.
PE (Core)	Fostering a sense of belonging and interconnectedness with others, nature and the universe	Students are in Houses where we have many House competitions, Students all play their part in the House performance and showing a sense of pride and cohesiveness within their House as they work towards a common goal.

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PSHE	Using hands-on activities, field trips and experiments to immerse students in learning and evoke wonder.	County Challenge: competing in the police and fire commissioner's county challenge to consider relevant issues facing young people in the county and to devise practical ways to provide help and support. Creative and reflective tasks during Mental Health Awareness Week, Anti-Bullying Week etc, practical tasks that are shared with the wider school community to encourage us to think and feel more widely and to open our minds to new ideas.
Religious Studies	Encouraging students to reflect on their experiences, beliefs and purpose and to contemplate the big Questions of Who am I? Why am I here? What is my purpose?	The foundation of our curriculum are "big questions" that students explore through each lesson. The focus of Year 8 is to explore "Do our beliefs shape our actions?" through the different worldviews, mainly Christian and Dharmic faiths. This provides our students with the opportunity to reflect and make comparisons on how different beliefs can influence faith, purpose and everyday life. For example, students explore the problem of evil and question who is responsible for evil and suffering in the world today.

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Science	Promoting open-ended investigations rather than just seeking right answers.	Science Club is open to all students. This involves Student-led investigations
Spanish	Fostering a sense of belonging and interconnectedness with others, nature and the universe	Introducing students to real life scenarios and comparing life in the UK and other countries across a variety of topics such as school, family units, food and drink and festivals

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Art	Fostering a sense of belonging and interconnectedness with others, nature and the universe	In the Art with a Message unit, students will develop a creative response to a world issue which (e.g. the environment, poverty and war) which builds both empathy and a sense of responsibility towards others.
Computer Science	Highlighting extraordinary people, events, and discoveries that inspire awe or investigating how a sense of awe has led to breakthroughs and creativity.	Sharing the stories of computing pioneers like Alan Turing, Tim Berners-Lee or the extraordinary women in STEM.
Drama	Encouraging creative expression to connect with the inner self and the transcendent.	'Too Much Punch For Judy' – Use of stylised and abstract theatre to focus upon emotional experience and to present life after death.
DT	Fostering a sense of belonging and interconnectedness with others, nature and the universe	In our KS3 Food curriculum students recognise the impact their food choice has on others by looking at issues such as Fair Trade, Food Miles and Food Waste. This helps them to understand how simple changes in purchasing decisions can have far reaching consequences.
English	Encouraging self-awareness, emotional intelligence, and moral reasoning.	Across the poignant period of remembrance, students will hear the voices of the soldier poets of WW1. Students will discuss the ways that war impacted both soldiers and those left that home, the conditions of the trenches that prompted such visceral responses to war and the way that comradeship, fraternity and prayer helped to mitigate against the horrors that were witnessed during that period.

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French	Using hands-on activities, field trips and experiments to immerse students in learning and evoke wonder.	Biannual Year 9 trip to France – students have the opportunity to experience first-hand the culture of the language of study, eat authentic food, visit important historical sites and take part in local festivities and activities.
Geography	Encouraging students to reflect on their experiences, beliefs and purpose and to contemplate the big Questions of Who am I? Why am I here? What is my purpose?	Students explore the Syrian war and the global refugee crisis in Topical Geography, therefore encouraging them to imagine the lives of displaced young people and consider how their experiences differ to their own. Through personal narratives and migration case studies, students can reflect on identity, belonging, and resilience. We also discuss how climate change and resource scarcity may affect students' futures and what kind of roles or responsibilities they might choose to embrace. This includes an understanding of how their lives may be impacted by conflict over resources and in the wider context.
History	Highlighting extraordinary people, events, and discoveries that inspire awe or investigating how a sense of awe has led to breakthroughs and creativity.	In our topic on the Holocaust, students explore the stories of Jewish people who resisted the Nazi persecution, both through moral and cultural activities, as well as through armed resistance. Students also look at a range of individuals who tried to save Jews, such as Oscar Schindler.

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Music	Fostering a sense of belonging and interconnectedness with others, nature and the universe	All students are encouraged to perform to others, both in class, and school and county ensembles, in assemblies, concerts and in the local community. The Music department is a place of respect for all and we practise being a 'polite audience' and 'active listening' for all student performances in class, whether formal assessments or spontaneous demos of work.
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PSHE	Highlighting extraordinary people, events, and discoveries that inspire awe or investigating how a sense of awe has led to breakthroughs and creativity.	Specific focus on key legislation such as Equal Rights Act, Human Rights Act – how it relates to British Values and our own school core values.
Religious Studies	Using hands-on activities, field trips and experiments to immerse students in learning and evoke wonder.	The Souster Youth – a Christian charity - deliver sessions to our students. These provide them with an opportunity to explore the "big" questions from a Christian perspective.
Science	Using hands-on activities, field trips and experiments to immerse students in learning and evoke wonder.	An immersive Forensic Science investigation is held during Super Curricular Week. This is centred on ideas such as community, right and wrong, justice and the moral compass.
Spanish	Using hands-on activities, field trips and experiments to immerse students in learning and evoke wonder.	Biannual Y9 trip to Spanish – the opportunity to experience first-hand the culture of the language of study, eat authentic food, visit important historical sites and take part in local festivities and activities.

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Art	Using hands-on activities, field trips and experiments to immerse students in learning and evoke wonder.	The Year 10 Gallery visit enables students to see the work of celebrated artists and designers
Computer Science	Fostering a sense of belonging and interconnectedness with others, nature and the universe	Students are introduced to a range of different technologies to encourage communication and collaborative work through Office 365 and paired programming though the sense hats.
Drama	Encouraging students to reflect on their experiences, beliefs and purpose and to contemplate the big Questions of Who am I? Why am I here? What is my purpose?	Year 10 'Devising' - Exploration of character work encouraging students to draw connections between themselves and other people.
English Language	Encouraging students to reflect on their experiences, beliefs and purpose and to contemplate the big Questions of Who am I? Why am I here? What is my purpose?	To enable students to understand and appreciate the perspectives of both modern and historical writers through first hand witness accounts of experiences that have shaped their lives and spiritual awakening.
English Literature	Highlighting extraordinary people, events, and discoveries that inspire awe or investigating how a sense of awe has led to breakthroughs and creativity.	Through the poetry of Power and Conflict, we are searching for deeper meaning about what it is to be human in various contexts including the experiences on the most famous battlefields throughout the ages. To create an empathetic response to the suffering of those who have been directly involved in historical tragedies and societal prejudices.

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Food	Using hands-on activities, field trips and experiments to immerse students in learning and evoke wonder.	Hands-on learning is central to the student experience. Pupils are taught a wide range of practical skills and are encouraged to work both independently and in teams to prepare, cook and present meals for target markets. This active engagement not only builds confidence and competence but also sparks a sense of wonder as students bring their ideas to life through making.
French	Using hands-on activities, field trips and experiments to immerse students in learning and evoke wonder.	Students are exposed to a variety of film, literature and music to help broaden their horizons, find new interests and foster a sense of interconnectedness with France.
Geography	Encouraging self-awareness, emotional intelligence, and moral reasoning.	Studying favelas in Rio and wealth disparities in London encourages self-awareness and emotional intelligence by helping students reflect on their own privileges and the challenges others face. It fosters empathy by revealing how inequality affects people's daily lives, access to resources, and opportunities. This understanding promotes moral reasoning, as students consider fairness, justice, and the role of society in addressing poverty and creating more equal communities.

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Health and Social Care	Using hands-on activities, field trips and experiments to immerse students in learning and evoke wonder.	Use of Case studies, life timelines, visits to nurseries or care homes. Within component 2 using health tracking, practical activities and wellness planning.
History	Using hands-on activities, field trips and experiments to immerse students in learning and evoke wonder.	Belgium Battlefields Trip: students explore the battlefields of the Ypres Salient to support their learning on the First World War. Students are able to walk in the footsteps of soldiers through the trenches and tunnels on the Western Front and pay their respects in the cemeteries that mark soldiers' final resting places. Students take part in remembrance activities at the Menin Gate, laying a wreath on behalf of the school community.
	Highlighting extraordinary people, events, and discoveries that inspire awe or investigating how a sense of awe has led to breakthroughs and creativity.	Holocaust Awareness Morning: students attend a series of talks about the Holocaust, which culminates in meeting a Holocaust survivor (or 2 nd generation). The survivor is able to share their story and explain the impact the Holocaust had on them and their family.

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Music	Highlighting extraordinary people, events, and discoveries that inspire awe or investigating how a sense of awe has led to breakthroughs and	Studies of great composers and their context to inspire and gain understanding of the 'why' music sounds like it does. Set works studies include innovations in performance practice, invention of instruments and ground-breaking compositional techniques.
Product Design	Encouraging creative expression to connect with the inner self and the transcendent.	Our curriculum encourages creative expression by providing students with opportunities to develop their own individual design ideas. Through open-ended tasks and personal responses to design briefs, pupils are able to express their thoughts, values, and interests. This creative process allows them to connect with their inner selves, imagining how their designs can have an impact on individuals or society.

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PE (GCSE)	Using art, music, literature, and nature to inspire awe, wonder, and spiritual insight.	In anatomy and physiology topic, looking at the interconnectedness of the body systems promotes a sense of awe and appreciation of the human body.
PSHE	Fostering a sense of belonging and interconnectedness with others, nature and the universe	The curriculum powerfully explores human connectedness, democratic participation, and shared values through relationships education, exploring personal identity, and learning about the dangers of stereotypes, prejudice and discrimination. Considering what community is and means and what roles we have to play within our different communities.
Religious Studies	Using art, music, literature, and nature to inspire awe, wonder, and spiritual insight.	Students will be exposed to the different ways in which Buddhists perform Puja (worship). For example, they will listen to chanting, design their own mandalas and take part in guided meditation.

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Science (Trilogy and Triple)	Highlighting extraordinary people, events, and discoveries that inspire awe or investigating how a sense of awe has led to breakthroughs and creativity.	Celebrating individuals within all Sciences – through the developed understanding of Atomic Structure, Evolution, DNA/Genetics, Electromagnetism and Climate Change
	Promoting open-ended investigations rather than just seeking right answers.	Ethical discussions around Assisted reproduction, Climate change and Genetics. Students are encouraged to consider both sides of the arguments and how Science can be used ethically to inform decisions.
	Using hands-on activities, field trips and experiments to immerse students in learning and evoke wonder.	Students take part in trips to <i>Lectures in our Society</i> . Here, they understand how Science is critical to our understanding of the world. They also see how societies are interdependent and have an equal role and impact.
	Encouraging self-awareness, emotional intelligence, and moral reasoning.	Evaluating and debating the use of scientific developments, such as IVF, from many different points of view. Students are encouraged to seek the true through a range of medias, view different sides and consider their own bias.

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Spanish	Using hands-on activities, field trips and experiments to immerse students in learning and evoke wonder.	Students are exposed to a variety of film, literature and music to help broaden their horizons, find new interests and foster a sense of interconnectedness with Spain

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Art	Fostering a sense of belonging and interconnectedness with others, nature and the universe	Personal projects allow students to engage with a variety of themes and ideas, often exploring a sense of self and belonging.
Computer Science	Encouraging self-awareness, emotional intelligence, and moral reasoning.	Topics like AI bias, data privacy, or cybersecurity ethics can prompt students to think deeply about fairness, justice, and personal responsibility.
Drama	Using art, music, literature, and nature to inspire awe, wonder, and spiritual insight.	Year 11 'Scripted Drama' – Using music to create an emotive, reflective response from the audience.
English Language	Encouraging students to reflect on their experiences, beliefs and purpose and to contemplate the big Questions of Who am I? Why am I here? What is my purpose?	To enable students to understand and appreciate the perspectives of both modern and historical writers through first hand witness accounts of experiences that have shaped their lives and spiritual awakening.
English Literature	Highlighting extraordinary people, events, and discoveries that inspire awe or investigating how a sense of awe has led to breakthroughs and creativity.	Through the poetry of Power and Conflict, we are searching for deeper meaning about what it is to be human in various contexts including the experiences on the most famous battlefields throughout the ages. To create an empathetic response to the suffering of those who have been directly involved in historical tragedies and societal prejudices.

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Food	Promoting open-ended investigations rather than just seeking right answers.	In our KS4 curriculum students study the science of food production. The learn to conduct scientific analysis of how ingredients interact to produce different outcomes with very small changes. The investigations are researched-based but results are often unexpected causing the students to have to really look at what is happening during the cooking process to understand the interactions.
French	Using hands-on activities, field trips and experiments to immerse students in learning and evoke wonder.	Students are exposed to a variety of film, literature and music to help broaden their horizons, find new interests and foster a sense of interconnectedness with France.
Geography	Encouraging self-awareness, emotional intelligence, and moral reasoning.	Studying favelas in Tunisia and wealth disparities in Nigeria encourages self-awareness and emotional intelligence by helping students reflect on their own privileges and the challenges others face. It fosters empathy by revealing how inequality affects people's daily lives, access to resources, and opportunities. This understanding promotes moral reasoning, as students consider fairness, justice, and the role of society in addressing poverty and creating more equal communities. Students look at the role of historical factors i.e. colonisation and the impact this has on current societies.

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History	Fostering a sense of belonging and interconnectedness with others, nature and the universe	The Cold War: students cover a range of topics that help them to understand the world around them today, from the tension in the Korean peninsular to the current events in Ukraine. They are able to understand how the events they study in the past are interconnected to the world around them today.
Maths	Promoting open-ended investigations rather than just seeking right answers.	Students learn to interpret graphs, deduce relationships, and prove identities—such as trigonometric equivalences—through disciplined, step-by-step reasoning. This process not only sharpens analytical skills but also nurtures a deep respect for clarity, consistency, and the objective nature of truth, encouraging students to value intellectual honesty and the pursuit of understanding.
Music	Using hands-on activities, field trips and experiments to immerse students in learning and evoke wonder.	Experience trips to local theatres for concerts eg: RPO and shows, to witness the excitement and buzz of a live professional performance.

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Product Design / Textiles	Encouraging creative expression to connect with the inner self and the transcendent.	Our curriculum encourages creative expression by providing students with opportunities to develop their own individual design ideas. Through open-ended tasks and personal responses to design briefs, pupils are able to express their thoughts, values, and interests. This creative process allows them to connect with their inner selves, imagining how their designs can have an impact on individuals or society.
PE (Core)	Fostering a sense of belonging and interconnectedness with others, nature and the universe	Students are in Houses where we have many House competitions, with students all playing their part in the House performance and showing a sense of pride and cohesiveness within their House as they work towards a common goal.
PE (GCSE)	Encouraging self-awareness, emotional intelligence, and moral reasoning.	In the socio-cultural topic we consider the contact to compete and how deviant behaviour affects the experience of all involved

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PSHE	Using hands-on activities, field trips and experiments to immerse students in learning and evoke wonder.	Visiting Alumni students demonstrating career pathways and provide aspiration for the future.
Religious Studies	Fostering a sense of belonging and interconnectedness with others, nature and the universe	Students cover a range of topics which help them to understand the world today. For example, we will examine various examples of protests and make links to modernday protests such as the BLM and Extinction Rebellion movements.

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	Promoting open-ended investigations rather than just seeking right answers.	Ethical discussions around Assisted Reproduction, Climate change and Genetics. Students are encouraged to consider both sides of the arguments and how Science can be used ethically to inform decisions.
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	Encouraging self-awareness, emotional intelligence, and moral reasoning.	Evaluating and debating the use of scientific developments, such as IVF, from many different points of view. Students are encouraged to seek the true through a range of medias, view different sides and consider their own bias.
Spanish	Using hands-on activities, field trips and experiments to immerse students in learning and evoke wonder.	Students are exposed to a variety of film, literature and music to help broaden their horizons, find new interests and foster a sense of interconnectedness with Spain

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Art	Fostering a sense of belonging and interconnectedness with others, nature and the universe	Personal projects allow students to engage with a variety of themes and ideas, often exploring a sense of self and belonging.
Biology	Encouraging self-awareness, emotional intelligence, and moral reasoning.	Evaluating and debating the use of scientific developments, such as IVF, use of stem cells, treatment of heart disease, classification of organisms, preventing and treating disease, genetic engineering and cloning, from many different points of view. Students use knowledge and moral reasoning to argue for or against a topic, whilst respecting other viewpoints
	Using hands-on activities, field trips and experiments to immerse students in learning and evoke wonder.	Biology live trip. An exciting, thought-provoking day giving students a chance to hear 5 scientists who are working at the cutting edge of their specialisms.
	Using art, music, literature, and nature to inspire awe, wonder, and spiritual insight.	Dissecting, staining and drawing the cells of a seemingly unexciting piece of celery, to highlight the complexity and beauty of the organisation of cells within plant tissues.

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Business Studies	Fostering a sense of belonging and interconnectedness with others, nature and the universe Highlighting extraordinary people, events, and discoveries that inspire awe or investigating how a sense of awe has led to breakthroughs and creativity.	Human motivation theories (Maslow, Herzberg, Mayo) reinforce the importance of workplace belonging, collaboration, and psychological needs. Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and Ethics (Theme 4: Global Business) explores how businesses operate responsibly within communities and ecosystems and encourages reflection on interconnectedness between business decisions, society, and the environment. Stories of Anita Roddick, Steve Jobs, and Sara Blakely spark awe in innovation, vision, and persistence.
Chemistry	Encouraging self-awareness, emotional intelligence, and moral reasoning.	Students will use the subject as a "window" through which to see the world and understand how Chemistry can be used, both productively and destructively, within Nature and Humanity
Computer Science	Encouraging students to reflect on their experiences, beliefs and purpose and to contemplate the big Questions of Who am I? Why am I here? What is my purpose?	Discussions on AI, social media, or data ethics can prompt reflection on personal values and the role of humans in a digital world.

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Economics	Fostering a sense of belonging and interconnectedness with others, nature and the universe	Externalities and Market Failure (Theme 1 & Theme 3). Concepts like negative externalities, public goods, and environmental degradation highlight how individuals, businesses, and nature are deeply interconnected.
English Language and Literature	Encouraging self-awareness, emotional intelligence, and moral reasoning.	Studying The Whitsun Weddings will provide the opportunity for students to discuss a number of themes such as family, loneliness and old age and reflect on their own feelings about these.
English Literature	Using art, music, literature, and nature to inspire awe, wonder, and spiritual insight.	Discussions based around poetry will enable students to gain spiritual insight.
French	Using hands-on activities, field trips and experiments to immerse students in learning and evoke wonder.	Students are exposed to a variety of film, literature and music to help broaden their horizons, find new interests and foster a sense of interconnectedness with France.
Geography	Using hands-on activities, field trips and experiments to immerse students in learning and evoke wonder.	This is supported by a trip to Naples whereby students explore the aftermath of Vesuvius and Pompeii, explore the island of Capri and the amazing geographical coastal features created by erosional and depositional processes. There is also the opportunity to highlight extraordinary events which has led to a sense of awe in terms of plate tectonics and geomorphology.

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History	Using hands-on activities, field trips and experiments to immerse students in learning and evoke wonder.	Trip to Hampton Court Palace.
	Highlighting extraordinary people, events, and discoveries that inspire awe or investigating how a sense of awe has led to breakthroughs and creativity.	Topic 2 demonstrates the power of the individual in History, focusing on how Lenin's tenacity led Russia to become the first communist country in 1917.
Maths	Using hands-on activities, field trips and experiments to immerse students in	Senior Maths Challenge and Christmas Lecture
Maths (Further)	learning and evoke wonder.	
Music	Highlighting extraordinary people, events, and discoveries that inspire awe or investigating how a sense of awe has led to breakthroughs and creativity.	Studies of great composers and their context to inspire and gain understanding of the 'why' music sounds like it does.
Physics	Highlighting extraordinary people, events, and discoveries that inspire awe or investigating how a sense of awe has led to breakthroughs and creativity.	Celebrating 'breaking stereotypes' Physicists and routes into Physics during British Science week.

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Product Design	Encouraging creative expression to connect with the inner self and the transcendent.	The curriculum encourages creative expression by providing students with opportunities to develop their own individual design ideas. Through open-ended tasks and personal responses to design briefs, pupils are able to express their thoughts, values, and interests. This creative process allows them to connect with their inner selves, imagining how their designs can have an impact on individuals or society.

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PE	Encouraging self- awareness, emotional intelligence, and moral reasoning.	Students gain a deep understanding of barriers to participation and underrepresented groups in sport, developing empathy for others and also discovering ways to support those who don't have the access to physical activity as they should.
PSHE	Encouraging self- awareness, emotional intelligence, and moral reasoning.	Creative and reflective tasks during Mental Health Awareness Week, Anti-Bullying Week etc, practical tasks that are shared with the wider school community to encourage us to think and feel more widely and to open our minds to new ideas.
Psychology	Highlighting extraordinary people, events, and discoveries that inspire awe or investigating how a sense of awe has led to breakthroughs and creativity.	Stanley Milgram and Philip Zimbardo: their controversial, ground-breaking studies challenge moral norms and deepen understanding of obedience and authority.
Religious Studies	Fostering a sense of belonging and interconnectedness with others, nature and the universe	In Philosophy, we study the Teleological argument for the existence of God which provokes our students to look out into the world. In Ethics, we explore theories such as Situation Ethics and Utilitarianism, which encourages our students to think deeply about their actions and the guiding principles behind them.

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Sociology	Highlighting extraordinary people, events, and discoveries that inspire awe or investigating how a sense of awe has led to breakthroughs and creativity.	Students will explore key sociologists such as Marx, Durkheim, Parsons, Oakley, Archer, Giddens and consider their theories and the context of their writings and the influence and significance of their thoughts in contemporary society.
Spanish	Using hands-on activities, field trips and experiments to immerse students in learning and evoke wonder.	Students are exposed to a variety of film, literature and music to help broaden their horizons, find new interests and foster a sense of interconnectedness with Spain.
Theatre Studies	Encouraging students to reflect on their experiences, beliefs and purpose and to contemplate the big Questions of Who am I? Why am I here? What is my purpose?	Year 12 and 13 'Our Country's Good' - Consideration of the impact of social, cultural, historical and political context upon characters and their actions.

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Art	Fostering a sense of belonging and interconnectedness with others, nature and the universe	Personal projects allow students to engage with a variety of themes and ideas, often exploring a sense of self and belonging.
Biology	Encouraging self-awareness, emotional intelligence, and moral reasoning.	Evaluating and debating the use of scientific developments, such as IVF, use of stem cells, treatment of heart disease, classification of organisms, preventing and treating disease, genetic engineering and cloning, from many different points of view. Students use knowledge and moral reasoning to argue for or against a topic, whilst respecting other viewpoints
	Using hands-on activities, field trips and experiments to immerse students in learning and evoke wonder.	Biology live trip. An exciting, thought-provoking day giving students a chance to hear 5 scientists who are working at the cutting edge of their specialisms.
	Using art, music, literature, and nature to inspire awe, wonder, and spiritual insight.	Dissecting, staining and drawing the cells of a seemingly unexciting piece of celery, to highlight the complexity and beauty of the organisation of cells within plant tissues.

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Chemistry	Encouraging self-awareness, emotional intelligence, and moral reasoning.	Students will use the subject as a "window" through which to see the world and understand how Chemistry can be used, both productively and destructively, within Nature and Humanity
Computer Science	Promoting open-ended investigations rather than just seeking right answers.	Student will undergo an NEA project. Student may choose any program to make and are encouraged to pick something that supports their studies, links to a hobby or that brings them joy.

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Economics	Using hands-on activities, field trips and experiments to immerse students in learning and evoke wonder.	Simulation Games (Theme 1 & Theme 2) Experiments where students act as buyers and sellers in different market structures (perfect competition, monopoly, oligopoly). These bring abstract concepts to life and evoke excitement through strategy and competition.
English Language and Literature	Promoting open-ended investigations rather than just seeking right answers.	Debates about issues like abortion, euthanasia, racism and the death penalty. Students are encouraged to research topics in depth so that they can produce written responses that are credible. These can then be used for coursework, or to inform their understanding of the unseen non-fiction texts that they have to write about in the exams.
English Literature	Encouraging self-awareness, emotional intelligence, and moral reasoning.	Othello (set text) – self-reflection and discussion about prejudice, love and loyalty, the roles of men and women in society and how these have changed.
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Geography	Promoting open-ended investigations rather than just seeking right answers.	Students create and design an independent individual investigation to explore a facet of geography which they find fascinating. These hypotheses or open questions create discussions on the role of humans on the planet, the natural processes which attract human interaction due to danger or wonder.
Geology	Using hands-on activities, field trips and experiments to immerse students in learning and evoke wonder.	Geology Field Trip to Blencathra.
History	Highlighting extraordinary people, events, and discoveries that inspire awe or investigating how a sense of awe has led to breakthroughs and creativity.	Topic 3, Native Americans: students learn the horrific story of the loss of independence of the indigenous people of North America, the scale of their displacement sometimes being described as a genocide.
	Encouraging self-awareness, emotional intelligence, and moral reasoning.	Independent research and discussions on the cause, nature and morality of witch-hunting in the Early Modern period

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PE	Highlighting extraordinary people, events, and discoveries that inspire awe or investigating how a sense of awe has led to breakthroughs and creativity.	We study the innovations in sport, how technology has enhanced human performance, increased inclusion and provided more opportunities for participation in physical activity, as well as considering the potential for further enhancement in the future.
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Psychology	Using hands-on activities, field trips and experiments to immerse students in learning and evoke wonder.	Addiction (Paper 3) Simulate operant conditioning using games. Run reinforcement schedule experiments or develop an awareness campaign for schools.
Religious Studies	Highlighting extraordinary people, events, and discoveries that inspire awe or investigating how a sense of awe has led to breakthroughs and creativity.	Throughout the curriculum we explore the work of some of the great thinkers of our time and reflect on the impact they have made on the "big questions" which humanity have been asking for thousands of years. Within the Christian component, students will investigate the work of Gustavo Gutierrez, as the founder of Liberation Theology – a movement that has reshaped how Catholicism has engaged with poverty, social justice and political activism in the modern world.

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