

Key Stage 3 Report

Understanding progress & assessment

Year 7



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Art & Design

Year 7 Units of Study

During year 7 you will study the following units of work in Art, for more information regarding the learning objectives within each unit of work please see the unit plan and knowledge organiser which is presented in your child's sketch book.

Unit Title	Approximate number of weeks	Term unit completed
Drawing Skills	10	Autumn
Painting skills	6	Spring
Personal Response - Landscape Painting	5	Spring

Year 7 Assessment

In Art and Design, students are assessed using a combination of baseline tests, teacher-led practical activities, homework and student-led personal response activities for each project.

How can my child improve?

For individual targets on how to improve, please see the feedback sheets in sketch books after each end of unit review.

How can my child extend their learning?

Visiting galleries, drawing from direct observation, taking photographs, watching video tutorials

Useful websites:

www.thestudentartguide.com

www.henitalks.com

www.tate.org.uk

www.ted.com



Drama

Year 7 Units of Study

During year 7 you will study the following units of work in Drama.

Unit Title	Approximate number of weeks	Term unit completed
Text in Action: <i>The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas</i>	17	Spring
Devising Drama: Physicality and Chilling Tales	14	Spring
Responding to Live Theatre	6	Summer

Year 7 Assessment

In Drama, students are given verbal feedback on their contributions to both the development and performance of theatre throughout the unit, as well as an end of unit performance.

How can my child improve?

Students can improve in Drama by consistently applying the verbal feedback received during lessons.

How can my child extend their learning?

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

www.digitaltheatreplus.com



Design Technology

Year 7 Units of Study

During year 7 you will study the following units of work in Design Technology:

Unit Title	Approximate number of weeks	Term unit completed
Responding to a design brief	3	Autumn
Generating Ideas	3	Autumn
Paper & Board	4	Summer
Materials 1	4	Summer
Materials 2	4	Summer

Year 7 Assessment

In Design Technology, students are assessed using their written responses to questions as well as using success criteria to guide them through the initial design skills, such as drawing and modelling.

How can my child improve?

For individual targets on how to improve, students should refer to the success criteria in their folders, which highlights their current attainment and explains to them what they need to do to progress.

How can my child extend their learning?

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

www.technologystudent.com



Food Technology

Year 7 Units of Study

During year 7 you will study the following units of work in Food Technology. Pupils will develop a range of practical skills and will be assessed both practically and on the theory based topics.

Unit Title	Approximate number of weeks	Term unit completed
Unit 1- Food hygiene and safety, healthy eating and developing knife skills	6	Autumn
Unit 2- Nutritional needs and developing practical skills	6	Autumn
Unit 3- Practical skills and end of year assessment	6	Summer

Year 7 Assessment

In Food Technology, students are assessed using their written responses to questions and will have practical skills assessed using success criteria which describes what they need to do to progress.

6 assessment points will take place- 2 per unit:

Baseline, veg stir fry, macronutrients, Palmiers, Granola bars and end of unit test.

How can my child improve?

For individual targets on how to improve, students should refer to the success criteria in their folders, which highlights their current attainment and explains to them what they need to do to progress.

How can my child extend their learning?

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

www.technologystudent.com



English

Year 7 Units of Study

During year 7 your child will study English Language and English Literature within the following units of work. For more information regarding the learning objectives within each unit of work please see the Unit Plan in their exercise book.

Unit Title	Approximate number of weeks	Term unit completed
The Natural World: responding to nature poetry and writing about the natural world with a focus on blog posts.	14	Autumn
The Power of Stories: Analysing character in A Monster Calls and exploring a range of genres through creative writing.	12	Spring
Shakespeare's World: Introducing Shakespeare and his language through comedies and review writing.	11	Summer

Year 7 Assessment

In English, students are given regular feedback on their contributions to class tasks, individual and group activities as well as formative and summative review points for each unit. For more information regarding content within each unit of work, please see the Unit Plan for the relevant topic that your son/daughter is currently studying within English.

How can my child improve?

For individual targets on how to improve and a breakdown of skills assessed, please refer to the specific feedback given for the review points in your child's exercise book.

How can my child extend their learning?

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

www.gcsepod.com



French

Year 7 Units of Study

During year 7 you will study the following units of work in French.

Unit Title	Approximate number of weeks	Term unit completed
greetings/ numbers/ age/months	7	Autumn
school bag / my pet.	6	Spring
"C'est perso".	10	Summer
"Mon college".	6	Summer

Year 7 Assessment

In French, students are assessed using a combination of regular vocabulary tests, regular translation tests, teacher-devised homework writing tasks, independent and creative projects (such as producing a poster to describe my school bag), speaking activities in class (such as interviews and role-plays), listening and reading activities in class, end of units assessments (assessing the four skills of Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking).

How can my child improve?

For individual targets on how to improve, please consult your French exercise book and the feedback given after each writing homework task and after each end of unit assessment. Also refer to the end of the French book, to the dedicated pages and support sheets on how to produce a good written piece of work (feedback marking support mat).

How can my child extend their learning?

- Vocabulary weekly practice on [QUIZLET.com](https://www.quizlet.com/) (carry out at least 3 activities and then take a test)
- Further vocabulary practise: [memrise.com](https://www.memrise.com/)
- Translation and sentence-building: [duolingo.com](https://www.duolingo.com/)
- [bbc.co.uk/bitesize](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize)



Geography

Year 7 Units of Study

During year 7 you will study the following units of work in Geography, for more information regarding the learning objectives within each unit of work please see the Unit Plan for the relevant topic that your son/daughter is currently studying within Geography. More specific information regarding the key knowledge within each topic can be found in the Knowledge Organiser which is found in your child's exercise book.

Unit Title	Approximate number of weeks	Term unit completed
Geographical Skills	7	Autumn
What is Development?	7	Autumn
Why are Rivers important?	6	Spring
What are the opportunities and challenges facing Africa?	6	Spring
What is Weather and Climate?	6	Summer
Climate Change Project	5	Summer

Year 7 Assessment

In Geography, students are assessed using a combination of assessed starter activities, homework, individual and group activities and end of unit assessments. Assessments throughout the year will consist of a varying blend of tasks and activities which tests the knowledge and understanding from the variety of units studied throughout your time at St. Hilda's.

How can my child improve?

For individual targets on how to improve, please refer to the specific feedback given for the end of unit assessments in your child's exercise book. To extend your own learning, make use of the knowledge organiser for each unit for your child to self-evaluate and self-assess their knowledge and understanding of different topics. This is something you can encourage by asking them questions about content within the knowledge organiser.

How can my child extend their learning?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zrw76sg>

<https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>

History

Year 7 Units of Study

During year 7 you will study the following units of work in History. Specific information regarding the key knowledge within each topic can be found in the knowledge organiser which is found in your child's exercise book.

Unit Title	Approximate number of weeks	Term unit completed
Historical skills	3 – 4 Weeks	Autumn
Why did William win the Battle of Hastings? How much did Britain change as a result of the Norman Conquest?	8 - 9 weeks	Autumn
What is the significance of the Black Death?	4 weeks	Spring
Tudor Society - Catholics vs Protestants: who won?	10 weeks	Spring
Tudor Society - Was Elizabethan England a Golden age?	3 weeks	Summer
Migration: Why do people want to come to Britain? How has this made Britain more diverse?	5 weeks	Summer

Year 7 Assessment

In History, students are assessed using a combination of assessed starter activities, homework, individual and group activities and end of unit assessments.

How can my child improve?

For individual targets on how to improve, please refer to the specific feedback given for the end of unit assessments in your child's exercise book.

How can my child extend their learning?

www.gcsepod.com

Liverpool Museums - <https://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/my-home-my-museum>

ICT/Computing

Year 7 Units of Study

For information regarding the learning objectives within each unit of work, please see the assessment objectives for each unit on Teams. A knowledge organiser for each unit is uploaded to Teams and students have a paper copy in their folders in school.

Unit Title	Approximate number of weeks	Term unit completed
Collaborating Online Respectfully	7	Autumn
Spreadsheets	6	Autumn
Introduction to Scratch	6	Spring
Creating games in Scratch	6	Spring
Using Networks	6	Summer

Year 7 Assessment

In IT/Computing, students are assessed when they join in Year 7 by a baseline test. For each unit that they study, students will be assessed using a combination of an end of unit assessment test, the practical/theoretical activities that they have participated in during lessons, and using their homework. At Key Stage 3, this work will be evidenced and marked mostly via Microsoft Teams.

How can my child extend their learning?

Students can explore and develop their coding skills outside of lessons, by using one of the following websites;

<https://code.org/learn>

<https://www.sololearn.com>

<https://scratch.mit.edu/>



Mathematics

Year 7 Units of Study

During year 7 you will study the following units of work in Maths, for more information regarding the learning objectives within each unit of work please see the unit plan and knowledge organizer which is presented in your child's exercise book at the start of each unit.

Unit Title	Approximate number of weeks	Term unit completed
Analysing & Displaying Data	3	Autumn
Number skills	4	Autumn
Expressions, Functions & Formulae	3	Autumn
Decimals and measure	4	Autumn
Fractions	3	Spring
Probability	3	Spring
Ratio & Proportion	3	Spring
Lines and angles	4	Spring
Sequences & Graphs	4	Summer
Transformations	4	Summer

Year 7 Assessment

In Maths, students are assessed using assessed starter activities, homework and an end of unit check in test.

How can my child improve?

For individual targets on how to improve please see the DIRT sheets in exercise books after each end of unit check in test.

How can my child extend their learning?

www.mymaths.co.uk

www.vle.mathswatch.co.uk

www.corbettmaths.com



Music

Year 7 Units of Study

During year 7 you will study the following units of work in Music.

Unit Title	Approximate number of weeks	Term unit completed
Building Bricks of Music	7	Autumn
Keyboard and Notation	6	Autumn
Programme Music	6	Spring
The Music of China	5	Spring
Reggae	6	Summer
Rock and Popular Music	6	Summer

Year 7 Assessment

In Music, students are assessed at the start or end of lessons through listening exercises. They are assessed each term on their composition or performance skills.

How can my child improve?

For individual targets on how to improve pupils can refer to their MADTSHIRT rulers in their books.

How can my child extend their learning?

www.bcbitesize.com

www.teoria.com

www.musicfirst.co.uk

[Also, listening to Spotify to further their knowledge of music genres.](#)



Physical Education

Year 7 Units of Study

During year 7 you will study the following units of work in PE. For more information on what skills and knowledge students will develop please see the unit plan. Learning objectives are cross transferable and will be applied to each sporting activity that students complete.

Unit Titles (Girls)		Unit Titles (Boys)			Approximate number of weeks	Term unit completed
Set 1	Set 2	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3		
Get to know me!		Get to know me!			3	Autumn
Netball		Football	Badminton	Multi-skills	3	Autumn
Football	Badminton	Rugby	Rugby	Football	3	Autumn
Dance	My PB	Badminton	Football	Fitness	3	Spring
Badminton	Football	Dance	MyPB	Basketball	3	Spring
My PB	Dance	Football	Badminton	Multi-skills	3	Spring
Rounders & Athletics		Cricket & Athletics			6	Summer
Cricket & Athletics		Softball & Athletics			6	Summer

Year 7 Assessment

In PE, students are assessed using baseline assessments at the start of the year and teacher led practical activities throughout each sport/physical activity. Students are assessed in both isolation/skill practices, match play, competition or created routines.

How can my child improve?

Students can improve their skills and ability to apply skills in match play by attending extra-curricular clubs. We have an extensive timetable with activities running before school, lunch time and after school. Students can also improve by represent the school in various sports in the local and wider areas testing their ability against students from other schools.

How can my child extend their learning?

Students can extend their learning by keeping active whilst at home by joining a local sports club or why not try starting one of these as a family:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/exercise/couch-to-5k-week-by-week/>
<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/>

Religious Studies

Year 7 Units of Study

During year 7 you will study the following units of work in RS.

Unit Title	Approximate number of weeks	Term unit completed
An introduction to RE - The Island	6-8	Autumn
What does it mean to be a person of faith? Christianity	6-8	Autumn
What does it mean to be a person of faith? Hinduism & Sikhism	6-8	Spring
What do religions believe about life after death?	6-8	Spring
What does it mean to be a person of faith? Buddhism	6-8	Summer
What can we learn from sacred texts?	6-8	Summer

NB: Due to some classes being taught by two teachers the order in which units are completed may vary to the table above.

Year 7 Assessment

In Religious Studies, students are assessed using a combination of written and oral classwork in addition to end of unit examinations. Specific information regarding the key knowledge within each topic can be found in the Knowledge Organiser.

How can my child improve?

For individual targets on how to improve, please refer to the specific feedback given for the end of unit assessments in your child's exercise book.

How can my child extend their learning?

Your child can extend their learning by using the knowledge organisers they have been provided with and by accessing the home learning booklets and revision resources on Microsoft Teams.

Science

Year 7 Units of Study

During year 7 you will study the following units of work in Science.

Unit Title	Approximate number of weeks	Term unit completed
Forces and Motion	6	Autumn
Particles and Elements	6	Spring
Space and Waves	5	Spring
Cells, tissues and organs	5	Spring
Acids and Alkalis	6	Summer
Reproduction and variation	5	Summer

Year 7 Assessment

In Science, students are assessed by started activities, quizzes, tasks, practical investigations, homework and end of unit learning checks/assessments. There are usually two review home works during each topic to assess the students' progress during the topic as well as the learning check at the end of the topic.

How can my child improve?

For individual targets on how to improve see DIRT sheets at the end of each learning check and additional teacher comments.

How can my child extend their learning?

<https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z4kw2hv>

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/>

<https://www.fuseschool.org/>

Watching Science documentaries.

Reading about Science in books, magazines, on-line and the news.



Spanish

Year 7 Units of Study

During year 7 you will study the following units of work in Spanish.

Unit Title	Approximate number of weeks	Term unit completed
My Life	12	Autumn
Free Time	12	Spring
School	12	Summer

Year 7 Assessment

In Spanish, students are assessed using a combination of regular vocabulary tests, regular translation tests, teacher-devised homework writing tasks, independent and creative projects (such as producing a poster to describe my school bag), speaking activities in class (such as interviews and role-plays), listening and reading activities in class, end of units assessments (assessing the four skills of Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking).

How can my child improve?

For individual targets on how to improve, please consult your Spanish exercise book and the feedback given after each writing homework task and after each end of unit assessment. Also refer to the end of the Spanish book, to the dedicated pages and support sheets on how to produce a good written piece of work (feedback marking support mat).

How can my child extend their learning?

www.quizlet.com/en-gb

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

www.memrise.com



Assessment Dates for the Forthcoming Term

During form time each Monday students are working on 'Learn to Learn'. This involves them learning how best to work independently, looking at how to develop skills of organisation and beginning to understand how to revise. As a part of this we are providing the following dates for students as an indication as to when they will have in class assessments over the forthcoming term. The numbers after each subject indicate the unit number that is being assessed.

These dates are only guidance and are subject to change depending on the progress of individual classes.

The class teacher will notify students as to the exact date of any assessment.

Week	Week beginning	Subjects
1	03/01/22	
2	10/01/22	Music 2 Listening DT 5 (Rotation 1)
3	17/01/22	Science 2 RS 2 Maths 2 & 3
4	24/01/22	PE 4
5	31/01/22	
6	07/02/22	Music 3 Skills Food 4 (Rotation 1) ICT 3
7	14/02/22	Spanish 3 Music Skills 3
Half Term		
8	28/02/22	PE 5
9	07/03/22	Music Listening 3 Art 3 Science 3
10	14/03/22	Maths 4 & 5 Food 1 (Rotation 2) English (to complete either week 10, 11 or 13)*
11	21/03/22	DT 1 (Rotation 2) Geography 3 & 4
12	28/03/22	French 3 Music 4 Skills RS 3&4
13	04/04/22	Music 4 Skills Spanish 4 ICT 4