

Dear Parent/carer,

### **Re: Year 7 Curriculum Bulletin – Spring 24**

We are pleased to present this half term's curriculum bulletin to you. Here you will be able to see what your child will be studying in their subjects this half term with the exception of PSHE which will be updated on a fortnightly basis in the Principal's Newsletter. On the academy website, we have uploaded Curriculum Learning Journeys for each subject. These tell you what is studied in each subject across the students' 5 year journey at Flegg. It enables you to get to know our departments better with their subject vision and their curriculum intents making clear what they want students to achieve in their time with us. If you would like to support your child further with their understanding of the topics delivered, we have produced knowledge organisers which are on the Academy's website [Flegg High Ormiston Academy - Knowledge Organisers \(fleggormistonacademy.co.uk\)](https://fleggormistonacademy.co.uk). If you have any questions about the curriculum in any subject, please contact the relevant subject leader and Mr Guy, our Assistant Principal for Curriculum.

#### **Year 7**

**Art:** This half term students will be studying a short project that will explore the fascinating world of insects. Students will develop their skills in mark-making, pattern, colour blending and shadows. They will create art using a range of media including; drawing, mono-printing and oil pastels.

**Computer Science:** This half term, students will be studying the topic Abstraction: Understand and use techniques for decomposition, abstraction and algorithms. Use modelling and flowcharts to show algorithmic design.

#### **Dance and Drama:**

##### **DRAMA:**

This half term students will be looking at an introduction to Ancient Greek Theatre; to experiment with approaches to character through understanding the acting space and required performance style; to work as a Chorus developing vocal skills and physical skills.

##### **DANCE:**

This half term students will be studying Musical Theatre, looking at Matilda, Hairspray and The Greatest Showman developing their knowledge understanding and skills within the Musical Theatre genre.

**English:** Year 7 are going through an exciting transition from pre-existing units to new centrally produced OAT schemes of learning. Some classes have already started on the pilots – some will be starting this term and some after Easter.

Year 7 pilots are for the Ancient Origins unit – starting with Armitage's version of the Odyssey where we look at what makes an epic hero and how ancient tales influence our understanding of modern literature.

**French:** This half term, students will be learning about understanding (listening and reading) and expressing themselves (speaking and writing) on activities they do at home and expressing personal information.

**Geography:** This half term in geography we will be studying the coastal environment. We will explore the physical processes that exist at the coast and how these influence human activities.

**History:** This half term, year 7 will be studying what Medieval life was like and why some people went on Crusade.

**Maths:** This half term we will be studying powers, roots and primes. We will be exploring concepts such as exponents and radicands.

**Music:** This half term, students will continue their study of hooks and loops. The hooks unit develops keyboard and listening skills, and the loops unit introduces students to using BandLab.

**Physical Education:** Each year 7 group will complete a unit of work focussing on gymnastics, table tennis, fitness and tchoukball between September and March. The gymnastics module involves creating a routine with a range of themes and within the table tennis module you will develop a range of techniques in order to play singles. The fitness unit will focus on physical fitness components and tchoukball is a new game for pupils to learn.

**RE:** This half-term Year 7 are studying 'What is Christianity? (Easter Focus)' - In this topic pupils will learn about the traditions and Christian beliefs that underpin the Easter period. Pupils will evaluate whether Easter is still important to UK society.

**Science:** This half term we will be studying types of chemical reaction, changes of state, the rock and water cycle, and the breathing system

**Technology:** This half term students will complete a unit of work related to one of the following technology areas: Graphics, Resistant Materials and Catering. The Graphics unit culminates in students producing a pop-up graphical book. The catering unit will include students making cheese scones as well as a chocolate and pear cake while the resistant materials unit will see the students complete a project making a wooden money box.