



ST MICHAEL'S

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

SHELL YEAR

PRE-GCSE BRIDGING YEAR

DEAR PARENT

The Shell Year at St Michael's is designed primarily as a bridging year link between Year 8 at St Michael's Preparatory School and Year 10 (entry year) at Hautlieu School. We recognise the need to accommodate those pupils who have a desire to stay on island for secondary school education and continue in a co-educational environment.

With this in mind, we have developed the curriculum for this year, called Shell Year, aligning our provision with Hautlieu's GCSE offering in Year 10. In effect this year is a pre GCSE year by design and the course content, delivery and assessment for all academic subjects is outlined in the pages that follow. In the core disciplines of Maths and English, the Year 8 classes are currently streamed into three small sets according to ability and the Shell pupils will access the appropriate grouping.

Further tuition is delivered in these two subjects within the school's extra mural provision where the assessment criteria (exam papers) will inform the curriculum content. Distinct from the Year 8 cohort, the Shell pupils will undertake a Core Skills programme imbued with skills tuition, all of which are detailed herein. Moreover the PSHE provision sets out to coordinate and ultimately award the Shell pupils with the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.

The Shell year naturally plays out against a backdrop of the prep school environment with advantages including class size and extra mural provision such a setting would enjoy.

We thank you for your interest in the St Michael's Shell Year and invite you to make an appointment with me should you wish further clarification.



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Head Teacher - St Michael's School



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ENGLISH LITERATURE

Exam Board	Edexcel (igcse)
Course	Edexcel GCSE English Literature
Curriculum Content	Study a Shakespeare play and a post-1914 British play or novel <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop skills to analyse language, form, structure and maintain a critical style Study a 19th-century novel and a poetry collection from the Pearson Poetry Anthology <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop skills to analyse language, form, structure and maintain a critical style
Delivery	1 x 60 minute lesson per week extra-curricular provision
Assessment	One modified paper based on text studies

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Exam Board	AQA
Course	AQA GCSE English Language
Curriculum Content	Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One literature fiction text and a descriptive or narrative writing Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One non-fiction text and one literary non-fiction text• Writing to present a viewpoint
Delivery	1 x 60 minute lesson per week extra-curricular provision
Assessment	Paper 1 (1hr 45mins)



MATHEMATICS

Exam Board	AQA
Course	Foundation Tier
Curriculum Content	Subject Content Areas Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number; algebra• Ratio, proportion and rates of change• Geometry and measures• Probability and statistics
Delivery	1 x 60 minute lesson per week extra-curricular provision
Assessment	Paper 1, 2, 3 Foundation



BIOLOGY

Exam Board	Edexcel
Course	IBioF
Curriculum Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic 1 – Key concepts in biology• Topic 2 – Cells and control• Topic 3 – Genetics• Topic 4 – Natural selection and genetic modification• Topic 5 – Health, disease and the development of medicines
Delivery	1 discreet 35 minute lesson per week
Assessment	Paper 1 Foundation





CHEMISTRY

Exam Board	Edexcel
Course	IChemF
Curriculum Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic 1 – Key concepts in chemistry• Topic 2 – States of matter and mixtures• Topic 3 – Chemical changes• Topic 4 – Extracting metals and equilibria• Topic 5 – Separate chemistry I
Delivery	I discreet 35 minute lesson per week
Assessment	Paper 1 Foundation

PHYSICS

Exam Board	Edexcel
Course	IPhysF
Curriculum Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic 1 – Key concepts of physics• Topic 2 – Motion and forces• Topic 3 – Conservation of energy• Topic 4 – Waves• Topic 5 – Light and the electromagnetic spectrum
Delivery	I discreet 35 minute lesson per week
Assessment	Paper 1 Foundation



GEOGRAPHY

Exam Board	Edexcel (igcse)
Course	Edexcel GCSE Geography B
Curriculum Content	Global Geographic Issues Tectonic and Climate Hazards UK Geographical Issues Rivers and Coasts People and Environment Issues Global inequality and Economic Development
Delivery	3 discreet 35 minute lessons per week
Assessment	Modified Paper 1 (1 hour 30mins) - based on studied topics



SPANISH (optional)

Exam Board	Eduqas
Course	Identity and Culture
Curriculum Content	Youth Culture Self, relationships, technology and social media Lifestyle Health, fitness, entertainment & leisure Customs and Tradition Food, drink, festivals and celebrations The Wider World Local and regional features and characteristics of Spanish speaking countries
Delivery	1 x 60 minute lesson per week extra-curricular provision (optional)
Assessment	Set of Foundation papers covering the four following skills <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Listening, speaking, reading and writing





FRENCH

Exam Board	Eduqas
Course	Identity and Culture
Curriculum Content	Youth Culture Self, relationships, technology and social media Lifestyle Health, fitness, entertainment & leisure Customs and Tradition Food, drink, festivals and celebrations The Wider World Local and regional features and characteristics of French speaking countries
Delivery	4 discreet 35 minute lessons per week
Assessment	Set of Foundation papers covering the four following skills • Listening, speaking, reading and writing

HISTORY

Exam Board	Edexcel
Course	History of Medicine and Public Health c1000
Curriculum Content	Medicine in Medieval England c1000-1400 AD including Black Death Medicine in Renaissance England c1400-1700 including Great Plague Medicine in the 18th and 19th century including Vaccination and Cholera Medicine in modern Britain 1900- present day including Penicillin and Lung Cancer
Delivery	3 discreet 35 minute lessons per week
Assessment	Edexcel Paper 1



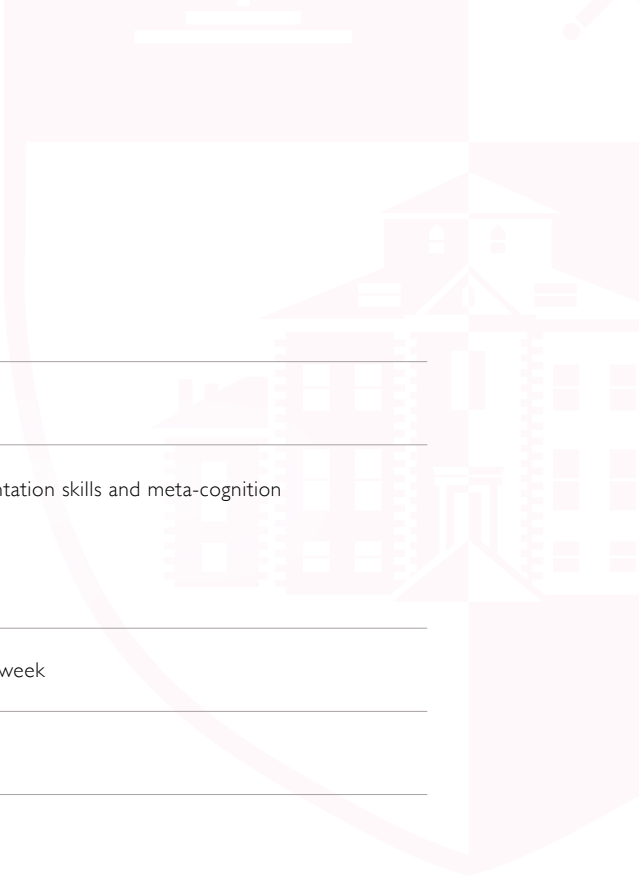
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Exam Board	AQA
Course	AQA Religious Studies (short course)
Curriculum Content	Section A: The study of religious beliefs and teachings Buddhism, Christianity Section B: Thematic Studies: Religious, Philosophical and Ethical Studies Theme A: Relationships and families Theme B: Religion, peace and conflict
Delivery	1 x 60 minute lesson per week extra-curricular provision
Assessment	One modified paper based on text studies



CORE SKILLS

Exam Board	Non-examinable
Course	Core Skills
Curriculum Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Study skills, touch typing, presentation skills and meta-cognition• Speaking and listening skills• Debating, current affairs• Music technology
Delivery	3 discreet 35 minute lessons per week
Assessment	Continuous assessment



PSHE

Exam Board	Duke of Edinburgh's Award
Course	DofE Bronze Award
Curriculum Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Volunteering section: 3 months• Physical section: 3 months• Skills section: 3 months• Expedition section: 2 days/ 1 night• 3 more months in one of the Volunteering, Physical or Skills sections
Delivery	2 discreet 35 minute lessons per week
Assessment	Continuous Assessment





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