



Our Senior Prep Curriculum Rationale

As we move into the Trinity Term at The Oratory Prep School, we are pleased to present an updated overview of our Senior Prep Curriculum.

Our curriculum is designed to equip pupils with the necessary skills and knowledge to succeed not only in their academic pursuits but also in their future lives. At the heart of our curriculum is the belief that learning should be meaningful and relevant to our pupils' everyday experiences, and we strive to develop an interconnected approach that highlights the connections between subjects.

This term, our pupils will continue to explore key themes and topics, linking subjects through a common thread and central question. Through this approach, our pupils will understand the relevance and importance of each subject, whether it is Science, Geography, or History.

We aim to inspire our pupils from the outset of each theme, with expert introductions designed to capture their curiosity and spark their enthusiasm for learning. Pupils may also participate in a range of activities, workshops, or trips, which will culminate in an end-of-term assessment.

Our commitment to excellence in education means that we are constantly reviewing and refining our curriculum to ensure that we provide the best possible learning experiences for our pupils.

Overview of Year 5 – Year 8 Themes

	Michaelmas	Lent	Trinity
Year 5	Walk on the wild side Is the world we live in a 'Wild' Place?	Chocolate What role does Chocolate play in your life?	Beyond Britain What impact has Britain had on the world around it?
Year 6	The world around us Does where you come from make you who you are?	Chaos and order Can chaos build progress?	Codebreakers Is problem solving the most important skill?
Year 7	Power and control Can you have power if you are not a leader?	Dynamic developments How has innovation changed the world for the better?	A moment in time Do humans learn from history?
Year 8	Revolutionary change What is the risk of not changing?	Movement and travel Why do people move around the world?	Courage and bravery What makes a person Courageous?



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Key Aspects of Learning	Core Skills	Immersive and Experiential	Breadth of Curriculum	Characteristics	Information, Media and Technology
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independence Critical thinking Leadership Creativity Communication Organisation Collaboration Reflection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rich text centred Piques curiosity Provides a purpose and context for learning Is relevant and significant Builds knowledge and skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Maths Science Humanities The Arts Technology Language/Culture PSHE Perspectives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curious (questioning) Innovative (risk taking/disrupting/creating) Adaptable Resilient Moral Purpose (Newman Values) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication (G suite and Chromebooks) Computational Thinking Computer Science E-safety
Opportunities our curriculum provides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breadth and balance in subject -specific learning Excitement and engagement Challenge and ownership Development of oracy, comprehension and writing skills Mastery approach in Maths Practical and physical experience Application of learning to different context 				
Relationships	Self-awareness; relationships to others; global relationships and cultural diversity, awareness of identity.				
Experiences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forest School; Eco awareness; Sporting endeavours and opportunities; Musical and Drama opportunities; Local links. Educational trips; Visiting speakers/workshops. 				