



Brannel School Year 7 Curriculum Overview

Year 7 is a year of **foundations, confidence and schema building**. Students develop the essential knowledge, vocabulary and routines needed to access more complex ideas as they move through school. They learn how subjects work, how knowledge is organised, and how to notice, name and explain ideas accurately. Through themes such as cause and effect, structure and pattern, rules and systems, and identity and belonging, this guide outlines what students will learn, how subjects connect, and how we support them to grow academically, personally and socially.

What will I learn in Year 7?			
Tutor Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Settle into Year 7 and establish positive routines. Develop reading fluency and understanding through daily tutor-led reading. Strengthen character and wellbeing through Personal Development Passport activities. Learn to be Ready, Respectful and Safe every day. 	English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read a range of fiction, poetry and non-fiction Learn how writers create atmosphere and meaning Build confidence in creative and analytical writing Develop vocabulary, expression and reading fluency
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen number skills and calculation fluency Build early algebra understanding Explore shapes, angles, probability and proportions Apply maths to real-life situations 	Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn about particles, cells, energy and forces Develop scientific enquiry and practical skills Understand how the human body works Explore ecosystems, materials and the universe
Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study your local area and how places change Explore world biomes and climates Learn how natural resources shape people's lives Investigate coasts, global trade and development 	History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn what happened in 1066 and why it mattered Explore Medieval life and how society was organised Study the Reformation and changing beliefs Discover why the English Civil War happened
Spanish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn to talk about yourself, your family and daily life Describe your home, school and hobbies Grow confidence expressing opinions Practise real-life Spanish (food, weather, holidays) 	Computing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn how to stay safe and responsible online Understand how computers and data work Explore binary, networks and simple encryption Create programs using Scratch and Micro:bit



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RE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about Judaism, Christianity and Islam • Explore important stories, beliefs and values • Understand how faith shapes people's lives • Build respect and curiosity for different worldviews 	PSHE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build positive friendships and understand what healthy relationships look like • Learn how to stay safe online and recognise misinformation • Explore equality, community values and how to be respectful to others • Develop confidence in setting goals, managing money and making sensible choices
PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take part in a wide range of sports • Improve fitness, coordination and teamwork • Learn rules, tactics and healthy habits • Build confidence through physical activity 	Art	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore drawing, colour and pattern • Learn printmaking, clay and collage techniques • Study the work of different artists • Create and present your own artwork
Drama	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build confidence speaking and performing • Explore pantomime, Shakespeare and devised theatre • Work as part of an ensemble • Create and perform original scenes 	Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build confidence using the musical elements through performance and listening. • Develop simple melodic, rhythmic and chord-based compositions. • Learn effective rehearsal habits in pairs and groups. • Improve accuracy, timing and expressive control. • Experience a range of musical styles and techniques.
Design Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn safe and accurate use of tools • Explore how designers solve real problems • Develop early modelling and making skills • Design and test simple products 	Food & Nutrition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about nutrition and healthy eating • Prepare dishes safely and hygienically • Understand food groups, seasonality and origins • Explore the science behind cooking