



YEARS 7 & 8
SOLEFIELD SCHOOL,
SEVENOAKS

Tuesday 8th March 2022

CURRICULUM IN YEARS 7 AND 8

English CE exam

French CE exam

Maths CE exam

Science CE exam

Latin (optional at CE)
exam

Geography (through
Enquiring Minds
coursework)

History (through
Enquiring Minds
coursework)

Theology, Philosophy
& Religion (through
Enquiring Minds
coursework)

Diploma (Prep School
Baccalaureate)

Art

Drama (film
production in Year 7
& celebration at end
of Year 8)

Computing

Music

STEM (Science,
Technology,
Engineering and
Maths)

Scholarship
Pathway

Post Exam
Programme

Enquiring Minds

- This unique programme allows boys to gain the practical skills needed in each subject (Geography, History and Theology, Philosophy & Religion) and to delve deeper into topics by analysing, questioning and debating their Enquiry Question in each subject per term.
- Lessons are delivered by the three Heads of Department (Geography – Mrs Payne, History – Mr Cramp & TPR – Mrs Shanmuganathan). All are highly passionate about their subjects and have a depth of subject knowledge that allows them to focus on the development of each individual child.
- The terms are split as follows:
 - Sustainability, Ethics, Conflict, Climate, Continuity and Change
- Throughout each term, students look at the connections between the subjects as well as thinking about why each Enquiry Question has been chosen. Termly projects are then submitted in a variety of different forms and assessed against a range of different skills and competencies. Students self-assess themselves against this same criteria. Students are provided with the skills that they need to succeed in the modern world. This ranges from Leadership, Collaboration, to Independent working.

Senior School Diploma

- Over Years 7 & 8 pupils should evidence all of the following to achieve their Senior School Diploma (similar to Prep School Baccalaureate)
- Independent learning
- Leadership (meeting, assembly, teaching a lesson)
- Creativity through Music, Art, Drama, ICT, writing an article for the Acorn or similar
- Social responsibility (ie charity work, commitments outside of school)
- Collaboration
- Self-awareness (reflection, target-setting)
- Life skills (ie cookery, First Aid)
- Awareness of careers and the world of work
- International understanding
- Academic excellence (progress or achievement) -evidenced in at least 5
- pieces



Scholarship Pathway

- Uniquely at Solefield, every pupil in Years 7 and 8 has the chance to prepare for scholarship of their choice, using time during the school day and maximising the academic profit from our small class sizes and the individual study programmes we currently offer.
- Each boy follows a Scholarship Pathway on Tuesday afternoon –
 - Academic
 - Art
 - Drama
 - Music
 - Sport
 - STEM (Lego Room) and ICT

DEVELOPING SKILLS FOR LIFE

Increased independence and maturity in studying

Developing resilience and learning to persevere

Staff "mentor" as well as form tutor

Learning to work in depth

Taking a pride in learning and researching

The advantages of working more closely with other pupils outside of your year group who are also talented in your area of expertise – challenge, competition, mutual exchange of ideas

Wider range of experiences

Advice about careers

Responsibilities

- **Top of the school; get to shine.**
- **Help us in running school; form times and reading with younger ones.**
- **Positions of responsibility.**
- **Make a genuine difference.**
- **School Council, Eco Team.**
- **Mentors for younger pupils.**

Sport

All in teams

Success

Coaching

Tournaments

Dinners

Running clubs and helping

Football tours



Post Exam Programme

- Collapsed timetable post CE (approx. 3 weeks)
- Trips and visitors - skills for life
- Setting up businesses and raising money for charity
- Great Solefield Bake Off
- First Aid
- Photography
- Orienteering
- Making and playing crazy golf
- Den building & survival skills
- Velodrome
- Recording studio
- Film-making for Gala
- Drama
- Teaching assistants
- Spanish & tapas making
- Boules
- And others.....

Fun stuff!

- Residential "fun" trip post CE
- Year 8 Common Room
- Gala for parents at end of Year 8
- Diploma Day + trip
- Friendships made for life

Relationships with staff

"Solefield's greatest strength is to help the children to believe in themselves, helping them to discover what their strengths are" -
Year 8 Parent

"The encouragement from teachers and pupils has made me improve as a person. The commitment from the teachers is off the scale. Almost every second of every day, the teachers are encouraging you to do your best so you can achieve the best you can" - Year 8 Pupil