

BIS CURRICULUM INFORMATION BOOKLET 2025-2026 Key Stage 3



Dear Parents

At BIS Hanoi, we aim to inspire original and creative thinking in our students. We want our students to engage with their learning by using the tools of enquiry and reflection that we will teach them during their education at BIS Hanoi.

Our curriculum at Key Stage 3 and 4 has its roots in the British tradition of scholarly excellence. Our curriculum creates caring global citizens through the expectation of service to our local community and the encouragement to allow all students to place this service within a global context. Our curriculum is built to offer our students a balanced, broad curriculum that enables rich learning opportunities to learn languages, deepen knowledge of the world, experience a vibrant sporting programme and expand their creativity through the arts. We also strongly believe that all students should have the chance of participating in opportunities that allow them to flourish and expand their potential. Therefore, through Nord Anglia we can provide the unique offerings of Juilliard for our performing arts and MIT for our computing and technology strands.

Alongside our formal curriculum, we offer a rich, vibrant extra-curricular activity programme. This allows our students to explore their abilities in activities such as Model United Nations, the Duke of Edinburg International Award, international sporting competitions and the visual arts.

We also offer our students the ability to be successful in the exams that they present for at each stage of their education. We build into our curriculum assessment opportunities that are rigorous and prepare each student for their final exams at BIS Hanoi - the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. To be successful in these final exams, we prepare our students carefully with internal assessment at key points throughout the first three years, then students move onto a high-performing two-year course studying a range of subjects that enable students to perform in the internationally recognised Cambridge and Edexcel IGCSE qualifications.

After completing their IGCSE exams, students move on into our sixth form, where they will embark on their International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme studies. With successful completion of their IB studies, the majority of our students will continue their studies in universities all over the world, including North America, the United Kingdom, continental Europe, Korea, Japan, Singapore and Hong Kong.

We wish your child a joyous journey through BIS Hanoi and should you have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Mr Lee Falconer – Head of Secondary

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Curriculum Overview

Rationale

Our KS3 curriculum provides a strong foundation for our IGCSE and International Baccalaureate programmes of study. At BIS we are committed to supporting students to grow as reflective and responsible global citizens. Globally, the world is developing and innovating at such a pace that we are currently preparing students for jobs that don't exist yet, using technologies that haven't been invented, to solve complex problems we don't even know are problems yet.

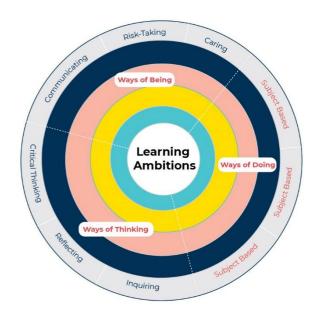
At BIS we believe that when students possess the appropriate skills for the future, they can be agile, use their voices to create change and thrive as they enjoy their learning journey.

Assessment

Over the past 2 years our teachers have engaged in reflection and evaluation of our assessment model. Reviewing the most up-to-date research and best practice in education and incorporating student voice to consolidate our learning ambitions:

- Ways of Being
- Ways of Thinking
- Ways of Doing

Balancing key academic skills with IB learner profile attributes is essential for our KS3 students to build effective approaches to learning and effort that will create their success in KS3 and beyond.



Ways of Being allow development in becoming effective communicators; risk-takers that see mistakes as learning opportunities; and caring individuals who can navigate social and cultural differences with understanding.

Ways of Thinking provide opportunities for students to become excellent inquirers that use good academic practices; critical thinkers who can analyse perspectives, data and sources whilst using reflection to adapt and improve their approaches to learning.

Ways of Doing are the skills needed for students to perform academically at subject level. It incorporates all the different learning activities in the classroom, homework, and variety of assessment tasks. You can find the subject-specific Ways of Doing assessment grids on our website. These will be used to assess the level your child has attained. Students are assessed using the four learning ambition level descriptors:

- exceeding
- expected
- developing
- supported

Skill Development

In addition to ensuring a top-quality education in each of our subject areas we would also like to share the breadth of the skills that we are developing in your child to become a confident 21st century learner.

'WAYS OF' Key Stage 3 Curriculum Overview				
Ways Of Thinking	Reflecting		Inquiring	Critical Thinking
Ways of Being	Risk-taking		Communicating	Caring
		Way	ys of Doing	
English, Vietnamese & Korean	Conceptual Understand	ing	Terminology	Structure
Mathematics	Number	Algebra	Geometry & Measures	Statistics & Probability
Science	Knowledgeable		Investigative	Analytical
Geography	Knowledge		Skills	Understanding
History	Knowledge		Skills	Understanding
Art	Recording		Developing	Presenting
Computing	Creative		Computational	Technical
Drama	Performers		Literate	Perceptive
Music	Performers		Literate	Perceptive
STEAM	Versatile		Evolutionary	Collaborative
Spanish & French	Reading	Writing	Speaking	Listening
Physical Education	Fitness		Skill Acquisition	Understanding

Effort

"Continuous effort – not strength or intelligence – is the key to unlocking our potential." Winston Churchill

We believe it is vital that students value effort and determination, both in their work and outside of lessons. Significant importance is placed on the assessment of effort at BIS Hanoi and each student's report will contain information about the level of effort your son/daughter is applying to their classwork and homework across their individual subjects. A scale from 4 (outstanding) to 1 (requires improvement) will show you how much effort is applied to each of these areas. The 4 to 1 scale is used in primary and has been adopted by secondary in the interest of consistency.

In our modern world, students who apply more time, thought and energy in their work and lives outside the classroom are more likely to become resilient and determined individuals. These characteristics will make them more able to work with new and future questions raised

by our ever-changing society. By assessing effort, we are creating students that will thrive as global citizens in modern life and succeed in dealing with future challenges.

Assessment

To remain ahead of our practice in our approaches to teaching and learning and to ensure we are developing a whole range of skills, we have identified that making judgements on students based on one formal exam, is a limited approach.

Students should be able to document their academic skills and understanding in different settings. This is supported by the IB programme where students undertake many assessment forms including: oral assessment; group and individual assessment; research-based presentations; data analysis; the creation of physical art forms; extended writing; multiple choice and written exams. Whilst we still place importance on preparation for and achievement in external exams, we feel we need to provide a balanced number of opportunities at KS3. Therefore, students will be assessed throughout the year by their subject teachers and this will inform the 'Ways of Doing'. We will provide you with a holistic overview of your child's performance from a variety assessment activities.

Our research-informed approach means that our assessment aims to encourage learners to develop by:

- Prioritising transferrable skills and positive learning habits
- Consisting of a variety of types and opportunities
- Involving students in assessing their own work and setting targets for future achievements
- Be ongoing to allow students to develop strategies to become better learners
- Give students the time, opportunities and motivation to improve their performance and approach by acting on targets



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English

8 lessons per two-week cycle.

Curriculum Aims

In English we aim to develop students' skills in the four main areas: Reading, Writing and Speaking & Listening. We encourage students to develop a love of reading through exploring texts drawn from different historical and global contexts. Exposure to different types of Literature help students to develop a greater understanding of the way in which writers achieve effects and the opportunity to view the world from different perspectives.

	Term 1	Term 2	Term3
Year 7	Myths and Legends Students will develop their analytical skills exploring a range of myths and legends in this genre from across the globe. Including a selection of short stories from the anthology Tomo.	Shakespeare An introduction to Drama – Students will develop their writing skills, whilst exploring Shakespeare's work 'The Tempest". The contextual issues raised by the text will also be explored.	Bound by the Media Students study a range of non-literary/media texts (e.g., adverts, leaflets, articles) to develop their understanding of multi-modal texts and how the written word can take many forms in society.
Year 8	Conflict Students explore the theme of conflict from different perspectives. This includes war poetry and a novel providing a child's perspective of experiencing conflict	Shakespeare Students will further develop their knowledge and understanding of analysing drama through an exploration of Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet.	Global Issues Students explore a range of significant global issues through the analysis of collection of literary and non-literary texts.
Year 9	Gothic Students examine the literary genre of Gothic Horror. This includes considering the significant features of the genre, including context, narrative tools, setting and characterisation.	Modern Drama Students will begin to prepare for iGCSE literature through the study of a modern piece of drama, developing their skills and knowledge of the genre.	International Poetry Students will explore how issues of race, gender and identity cross national and international borders, through poetry and other texts. We will also introduce approaches to unseen textual analysis.

Resources

Should you have any questions about the English curriculum, please do not hesitate to contact me: harry.normanwalker@bishanoi.com

Mr Harry Norman-Walker (Head of English)

Mathematics

7 lessons per two-week cycle.

Curriculum Aims

In Mathematics we aim to provide a broadly based and balanced education, to identify and develop to the full the mathematical abilities of each student and to give students the confidence to communicate their ideas clearly.

The National Curriculum is divided into five main areas:

- Mathematical processes and applications
- Number
- Algebra
- Geometry and Measures
- Statistics

Curriculum Content

	Term 1	Term 2	Term3
Year 7		 Introduction to probability Ratio and Proportion Angles, Constructions and Tessellations Sequences and Functions 	 Measures, Estimation and Accuracy Perimeter and Circumference Introduction to the Data Handling Cycle
Year 8	 Data Handling Cycle (Discrete data only) Decimals, Place Value and Rounding Expanding, Factorising, Solving & Rearranging Properties and Measures with 2D Shapes Fractions, Decimals & Percentages Properties of Number and Indices 	 Sequences Functions and Real-life Graphs Graphs of Linear Equations (y=mx+c) Angles Theoretical Probability 	 Constructions and 3D Shapes Transformations
Year 9	 Pythagoras (and Trigonometry) Place Value, Indices, Standard Form and Surds Expressions and Formulae Sequences, Functions & Graphs Ratio and Proportion Percentages 	 Estimation, Bounds, Compound Measures, Area & Volume Data Handling Cycle (Discrete & Continuous) Equations and Inequalities 	 Angles, Bearings, Constructions and Transformations Probability

Resources

We use a variety of resources in lessons, most of which are posted on the OneNote class notebook. To help with revision and homework we use online platforms, such as <u>Sparx maths</u> and <u>www.drfrostmaths.com</u>.

Students can also choose to participate in the KS3 Problem of the Week ... which is posted on the Maths corridor whiteboard each week.

To extend our keenest students, we participate in the Junior and Intermediate UKMT Maths Challenges and/or the University of Waterloo Gauss contest, dates permitting. More information can be found on these events here: http://www.ukmt.org.uk/ and CEMC.

Should you have any questions about the Mathematics curriculum, please do not hesitate to contact me at: luke.field@bishanoi.com

Mr Luke Field (Head of Mathematics)



Science

8 lessons per two-week cycle of general science in Years 7 and Year 8. In year 9 students will learn with different specialist teachers.

Curriculum Aims

In Science we aim to provide a broadly based and balanced education which will provide the foundation for further science learning at IGCSE Biology, Chemistry and Physics or IGCSE Coordinated and Combined Sciences.

Year 9 students will start to learn topics to prepare them for their IGCSE studies, alongside a focus on enquiry and investigation on science projects that will develop their understanding of the application of science across the three disciplines.

Curriculum Content

	Term 1	Term 2	Term3
Year 7	 Investigating Science 7A Cells 7G Particle Model 7B Reproduction 7E Separation Techniques 7K Forces MIT Challenge 	 7D Ecosystems 7J Electrical Circuits 7H Atoms, Elements, Compounds 7F Acids and Alkali 7I Energy 	 Revision & End of Year Exam KS3 Enquiry Project – The Colours of Nature KS3 Science Exhibition
Year 8	 Working Scientifically 8A Food and Nutrition 8L Earth and Space 8E Combustion 8F Periodic table 8I Fluids 	 8G Metals and Acids 8C Breathing and Respiration 8K Energy transfer 8J Light 	 Revision & End of Year Exam KS3 Enquiry Project – The Colours of Nature KS3 Science Exhibition
Year 9	 P1 – Motion, Density, Mass and Weight B1 Characteristics of living things B2 – Cells C1 – States of matter C12 – Experimental techniques 	 B3 – Movement into and out of cells B4 – Biological Molecules C5 – Energy changes C6 – Physical and Chemical changes C7 – Acids and Bases P1 – Forces, Energy, Work, Power 	 Revision & End of Year Exam KS3 Enquiry Project – The Colours of Nature KS3 Science Exhibition

Resources

In Year 7 and 8 the students are following the Exploring Science scheme of Work based on the English National curriculum.

Websites

- http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks3/science/
- http://www.brainpop.com
- http://home.howstuffworks.com
- https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsooa4yRKGN_zEE8iknghZA
- https://www.fuseschool.org/users/sign_in?PHPSESSID=015fda18c1a02eb499a0572e843615d
- http://www.darvill.clara.net/myon.htm
- https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=scishow+kids
- https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqOoboPm3uhY_YXhvhmL-WA
- https://www.discoverychannel.co.in/in/en.html
- http://www.darvill.clara.net/

Should you have any questions about the Science curriculum, please do not hesitate to contact me: yvonne.mckenna@bishanoi.com.

Ms Yvonne McKenna (Head of Science)



Art & Design

3 lessons per two-week cycle.

Curriculum Aims

Learning and taking part in Art and Design activities contributes to the achievement of all young people to become:

- Successful independent learners who develop their creativity using a range of skills. They will be able to communicate their ideas and feelings through visual forms.
- Confident individuals who are able to analyse the world around them. They learn to try out new ways of working, take risks and work without fear of failure.
- Responsible citizens who learn to understand, respect, value and engage with not only their own cultures and traditions, but the cultures and traditions of others.

It is the aim of the department to inspire and build confidence in all students regardless of prior experience or current personal ability. Students will hopefully acquire a love of Art, Craft and Design that will inspire them to build a lifelong desire to learn about their own culture and that of others.

Curriculum Content

	Term 1	Term 2	Term3
Year 7	Core knowledge formal elements	3D project	Colour Paint project
	Print Draw project		
Year 8	Print Draw project	3D project	Colour Paint project
Year 9	3D project	Print Draw project-	Colour Paint project

Resources - Sketchbook

Students are expected to keep a working sketchbook throughout each year at BIS. They will be expected to add to this in lessons and in homework tasks. This will include critical study pages and creative developments with different forms of reviewing and refining tasks. This sketchbook should be kept and presented to a high standard and not used for unrelated doodles.

Students will upload their best work for their sketchbook on a digital portfolio to record their successes.

Should you have any questions about the Visual Arts curriculum, please do not he sitate to contact me: michael.mitchell@bishanoi.com.

Mr Michael Mitchell (Head of Art & Design)

Computing

2 lessons per two-week cycle.

Curriculum Aims

At KS3, our Computer Science program aims to empower students with essential skills in computational thinking and creativity to navigate and shape the digital world effectively. Students will master fundamental computer science principles, preparing a solid groundwork for future studies. They will develop problem-solving abilities through hands-on coding experiences and gain exposure to cutting-edge technologies shaping our digital landscape.

Curriculum Content

	Term 1	Term 2	Term3
Year 7	Algorithms and Programming (using Scratch) Christmas project	Understanding Computers Webpage Development - HTML	Webpage Development cntd. Physical Computing (using Microbits)
Year 8	Algorithms and Programming (using Python) Christmas project	Understanding Networks and the Internet Webpage Development – HTML & CSS	Webpage Development cntd Mobile App Development
Year 9	Next steps in Python Christmas project	Understanding Al Webpage Development – HTML, CSS & JavaScript	Webpage Development cntd Binary Basics

Resources

The main resources for students will be online, with resources posted on Microsoft Teams. It may be necessary to download software to student devices. It will be necessary for students to own laptops with keyboards rather than tablets.

Should you have any questions about the Computing Science curriculum, please do not hesitate to contact me: karen.mccathie@bishanoi.com

Mrs Karen McCathie (Head of Computer Science)

Digital Citizenship

1 lesson per two-week cycle

Curriculum aims

Our new Digital Citizenship curriculum is focused on engagement in the digital domain for mastering responsible and effective digital engagement. From fostering empathy in online interactions to cultivating a positive digital footprint, this course empowers you to make informed decisions, think critically, and contribute ethically to the digital world. Join us to become a proficient and conscientious digital citizen.

Our curriculum is built around the BIS Hanoi Aide Memoire:

Respect- I use technology to explore multiple perspectives and engage with others, showing the same respect and empathy as I would in person.

Care- I am proactive when using technology. I make informed decisions that keep myself and others safe and maintain a positive digital footprint.

Reflection- I take responsibility for my actions and seek to challenge my biases.

Enquiry- I think critically about what I find online and use multiple sources to confirm facts and opinions.

Integrity- I use technology to promote good and do what is right in my community and the online world. This includes citing sources of ideas, information and images of others.

Perseverance- I experiment with technology to get the best from it and use it to help me meet challenges no matter how hard they are.

Curriculum Content

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Year 7	Digital Literacy – Using Microsoft Tools effectively	Online Safety and Cyberbullying.	Digital Literacy – Excel
Year 8	Privacy, data and online tracking	Digital Literacy – Excel and Referencing skills Responsible use of Social Media	Digital Citizenship Project
Year 9	AI – how it works and how to use it correctly	Digital Literacy: Research and referencing skills Excel	Digital Citizenship Project

Resources

The main resources for students will be online, with resources posted on Microsoft Teams.

Should you have any questions about the Digital Citizenship curriculum, please do not hesitate to contact: karen.mccathie@bishanoi.com

Mrs Karen McCathie (Head of Computer Science)

Dance

1 lesson per two-week cycle.

Curriculum Aims

All students should be enabled to participate in and gain knowledge, skills and understanding associated with the physical and artistic practice of dance. Students should be able to learn sequences of movements in a variety of styles whilst building technical and performance skills. They should have opportunities to improvise, choreograph and perform their own creative dances in response to a range of stimuli and share with an audience. Students will be expected to engage in discussions about their own and professional dance practice, reflecting and responding thoughtfully on their experiences.

Key Values of the Dance curriculum (using the Juilliard approach)

- Success for all: Regardless of students' career aspirations in the arts, Juilliard Creative Classroom materials are designed with the fundamental belief that all children have artistic capacities that can—and should be—developed beyond what they ever thought possible.
- Active and exploratory learning: Students, especially in the performing arts, learn best through exploration and hands-on application of artistic skills and concepts.
- Igniting creativity: It is vitally important to engage students in meaningful artistic experiences— ideally, their own experiences. Ownership of their learning helps students find their own artistic voice. Inviting students to think and work imaginatively can have lasting effects in all academic subjects.
- Inquiry and reflection: Fostering curiosity leads to student motivation, an impetus for hard work and achievement. Looking back on one's experiences crystalizes learning and develops valuable metacognitive skills.
- Meaningful encounters with high-quality works of dance, drama, and music.

Curriculum Content

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Year 7	Students will follow a Juilliard project learning how to make effective dances. They will learn about dance elements and how to successfully structure and perform a piece of dance.	Story Telling in Dance. Students will study a range of dances which tell stories from different styles, cultures and contexts. They will use these as inspiration for choreographing and performing their own Dance Stories.	Music and Movement. This unit examines different relationships between movement and music or sound.
Year 8	Jump London. Students will use the Urban Extreme Sport of 'Parkour' to build physical and creative skills in order to perform high energy and intricate dance routines.	Dance in 'The Modern Musical' Students will learn dance technique and chorography from a range of popular musicals seen on Broadway and the West End.	Modern Musical Project. In this collaborative project, students will focus on one performing arts discipline to choreograph and perform in a recital of a well-known modern musical.
Year 9	Cultures Connect. Learn the technique, choreography and process of British/Bangladeshi choreographer Akram Khan. Use his process to choreograph a group dance on a 'Big Idea'.	Exploring Set Movement Vocabulary. In this unit students learn movements or movement phrases and explore their creative potential.	Dance for Camera Project. Research film making techniques and go on location to perform, film and edit a Dance for Camera.

Resources

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Ms Victoria Bradley (Head of Performing Arts)

Design & Technology

2 lessons per two-week cycle.

Curriculum Aims

- Design and Technology encourages creative and critical thinking as well as developing practical design and making skills. Lessons will be mainly taught in the makerspace. Technology lessons will be project-based and interdisciplinary in nature. The aims of the curriculum are that all students:
- Explore the world around them to find solutions to real world problems
- Design, develop, make, test and evaluate solutions through the use of prototyping
- Identifyopportunities to transferskills developed in the discrete STEAM subject lessons and apply them in a practical, problem-based setting.
- Learn new ways of using technology to solve problems

Curriculum Content

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Year 7	Desk tidy- woodworking Introduction to tools, materials and workshop safety Design briefs and specifications		3D printed assisted device User centred design Design thinking skills
Year 8	 Recycled device sleeve- textiles and plastics Sustainable design Materials knowledge 		Laser cut clocks Design movements Design principles
Year 9	Cardboard chair Modelling and itera Ergonomics and an		Enterprise • Manufacturing processes

Resources

Useful software/websites:

- Vectr
- Onshape
- Canva
- STEAM with MIT collaboration on Global campus

Should you have any questions about the Design & Technology curriculum, please do not hesitate to contact me: michael.mitchell@bishanoi.com.

Mr Michael Mitchell (Head of Art & Design)

Drama

2 lessons per two-week cycle.

Curriculum Aims

All pupils should be enabled to participate in and gain knowledge, skills and understanding associated with the artistic practice of drama. Pupils should be able to adopt, create and sustain a range of roles, responding appropriately to others in role. They should have opportunities to improvise, devise and scriptdramaforoneanotherandarangeofaudiences, as well astorehearse, refine, share and respond thoughtfully to drama and theatre performances.

- 1 To maintain and/or stimulate lasting pupil curiosity, interest and enjoyment in Drama. To create an atmosphere where pupils wish to learn, so that they come to enjoy Drama because they are active participants init.
- 2 To enable pupils to be familiar with a body of knowledge, principles, skills, techniques and vocabulary related to Drama.
- 3 To enable pupils to develop a range of desirable personal qualities such as perseverance, concern for others, initiative and independence. Students will work independently and as part of a team in varied activities.
- 4 To employ teaching methods and resources that allow all pupils (irrespective of their gender, ethnic origin, academic ability, etc.) to have equal access to Drama and to experience success and enjoyment in their work.

Curriculum Content

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	Term 1	Term 2:	Term 3
Year 7	The Way of Improvisation This unit explores the concept of improvisation through a variety of drama games and exercises. Students will develop their understanding of themselves as performers and global citizens.	Shadow Theatre This unit explores the theatrical elements of space, character, movement and narrative using shadow theatre. The unit focuses on the Juilliard Core Work: <i>The Magic City</i> .	Film Project In this unit, students will explore a variety of filmmaking techniques through the Juilliard Core Work: Ellis Island. They will collaborate to devise, record and edit their own short film culminating in a showcase at the end of the year.
Year 8	Theatrical Clowning Students will explore the elements of space, character, mime and movement through the lense of theatrical clowning. The unit focuses on the Juilliard Core Work: Pss Pss	Drama in 'The Modern Musical' Students will learn drama skills techniques from a range of popular musicals seen on Broadway and the West End. This includes stage and lighting design, puppetry and acting.	Modern Musical Project. In this collaborative project, students will focus on one performing arts discipline to devise and perform in a recital of a well-known modern musical.
Year 9	Contemporary Scripted Performance This unit focuses on the Juilliard Core Work: Pipeline. Students will focus on key skills for scripted performance and develop their understanding of expressing subtext.	Devised Theatre for Youth Using a given stimulus, students will devise their own piece of theatre for a younger audience. This unit will focus on the Juilliard Core Work: Me & My Shadow	Shadow Theatre This unit expands on the learning from Year 7 and focuses on developing full-scale shadow theatre performances. The unit will include stage design, lighting, and sound techniques. The Juilliard Core Work focuses on: The Magic City

Resources

Should you have any questions about the Drama curriculum, please do not hesitate to contact me: victoria.bradley@bishanoi.com

Geography

3 lessons per two-week cycle.

Curriculum Aims

A high-quality geography education should inspire in pupils a curiosity and fascination about the world and its people that will remain with them for the rest of their lives. Teaching should equip pupils with knowledge about diverse places, people, resources and environments, together with a deep understanding of the Earth's key physical and human processes.

Geography is excellent at developing your child's critical thinking skills and awareness of local, national and global issues. Developing and deepening these skills is fundamental in ensuring that your child is fully prepared for life after they finish their schooling.

The main skills that we focus on in Geography are:

- Teamwork
- Justification
- Evaluation
- Information Processing
- Enquiry
- Creativity
- Communication

Curriculum Content

	Term 1	Term 2	Term3
Year 7	Foundations of Geography Earths Systems	Global Economies	Geographies of Food
Year 8	Changing Populations Coasts	Earths Ecosystems	Changing Places
Year 9	Natural Hazards Development	21st Century Challenges	Climate Change

Resources

We use a variety of resources designed and developed by teachers to suit the topics taught and the abilities of all of our students. The resources provide a thorough overview of the key knowledge, understanding and Ways of Thinking, Being and Doing skills our KS3 Geographers should develop throughout their learning journey with us.

Below is a list of recommended websites which are valuable for reinforcing what your child

has learnt in lessons.

- www.senecalearning.com
- <u>www.timeforgeograpy.co.uk</u>
- BBC Bitesize for KS3 Geography https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zrw76sg

Should you have any questions about the Geography Curriculum, please do not hesitate to contact me: eleanor.forsyth@bishanoi.com

Miss Eleanor Forsyth (Head of Humanities)



Global Citizenship

1 lesson per two-week cycle.

Curriculum Aims

The curriculum fosters global citizenship through cultural awareness, critical thinking, and empathy. It promotes social responsibility, community engagement, and addressing global challenges. Communication skills, environmental awareness, and conflict resolution are developed. Students explore global issues, practice civic engagement, and understand digital literacy. The curriculum emphasizes peace, human rights, and active participation. Overall, it equips students to be informed, compassionate, and responsible global citizens.

Our curriculum is built around the BIS Hanoi Aide Memoire:

- **Respect** I recognise other people's identities, treat them with dignity and understand it is important for them to make their own choices.
- Care- I work with others to make the world a more equitable and sustainable place.
- Reflection- I take responsibility for my actions and seek to challenge my biases.
- Enquiry- I am curious of the wider world and actively develop a sense of my role as a global citizen.
- Integrity- I choose to do the right thing and I am committed to justice, fairness and equity.
- **Perseverance-** I am conscious that I will face challenges as I need to experiment with different ideas and approaches to develop my role as a citizen.

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Year 7	What are the values of a global citizen?	How are human rights upheld around the world?	Global Citizenship Showcase
Year 8	What is my role in the local community?	What is my role in the global community?	Global Citizenship Showcase
Year 9	Global Debates	Global Debates.	Global Citizenship Showcase

Resources

Teacher developed materials and resources are used to support student lessons where appropriate. We believe that encouraging students to develop their own understanding of what it means to be a global citizen allows them to explore a wide range of issues and perspectives.

As a result, we do not prescribe a specific course or textbook but do provide students with lesson resources through their OneNote workbooks. Additionally, we encourage our students to bring their own passions and interests into our lessons and local charities are often an excellent starting point for many students.

Should you have any questions about the Global Citizenship Curriculum, please do not hesitate to contact me: eleanor.forsyth@bishanoi.com

Miss Eleanor Forsyth (Head of Humanities)

History

3 lessons per two-week cycle.

Curriculum Aims

In the History curriculum we aim to give students the knowledge and skills needed to become critical thinkers and to develop within them an open-minded, curious, and truly international perspective. Our syllabus reflects this aim and presents opportunities for students to engage with a wide range of topics drawn from different regions and periods. We have devised the Year 9 programme of study to enable all students to move on to IGCSE History with confidence.

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Year 7	1.What is History? 2.How similar were ancient civilisations in Asia?	3. How did Kings consolidate power? 4.How did Medieval Japan compare to other civilisations?	4.What made the kingdoms of Medieval Africa so powerful?
Year 8	1.What were the impacts of the British and Spanish Empires? 2.How successful were female rulers Elizabeth I of England and Dowager Cixi of China?	3.How did people resist colonial rule? 4.Why does slavery still exist in the 21st Century?	5. How did Americans fight for Civil Rights?
Year 9	1. how far was it a turning point for progress? 2.What are the key strengths and weaknesses of different political systems?	3.Why and how did Genocides happen in Germany and Cambodia? 4. What were the most important turning points in WW2?	5. How does the Media shape our understanding of historical events?

Resources

Teacher developed materials, documentary films and internet resources are used to support student lessons where appropriate. We believe that encouraging students to develop their own enquiry and research skills allows them to explore a diverse range of sources of evidence.

As a result, we do not prescribe a specific course or textbook but do provide students with knowledge organisers for each unit of work throughout KS3 alongside key word lists which aim to help and support students access the subject language in order to demonstrate and practice their Ways of Being, Thinking and Doing skills.

Should you have any questions about the History Curriculum, please do not hesitate to contact me: eleanor.forsyth@bishanoi.com

Miss Eleanor Forsyth (Head of Humanities)

Korean

5 lessons per two-week cycle (Korean students only)

Curriculum Aims

The Korean Curriculum aims to the development of skills in reading, writing and speaking and listening through:

- The teaching and development of literary reading strategies.
- Understanding structure, language, viewpoints and context of literary texts.
- Writing of a range of texts for different purposes and audiences.
- Understanding how to structure, organize and punctuate texts.
- Learning to talk effectively in a range of situations.
- Understanding Korean life and society thorough study of important Korean Literature.

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Year 7	관점을 바꾸어 쓰는 시 내가 느끼는 <윤동주>의 시	동화 속 인물에게 목하기	소설 속 인물과 사건에 주목하기 <나비를 잡는 아버지> 연극
Year 8	내가 느끼는 시 -시 낭송 수업 시 속에서 보물찾기	소설 속 작가의 의도 찾기	문학 속 소재의 역할 소설 속 공간 탐구하기
Year 9	내가 느끼는 시 - 시 낭송 수업 시 이해 프로젝트	소설 속 인물과 갈등 이해하기	작가의 의도 탐구하기 소설 이해 프로젝트

Resources

Should you have any questions about the Korean curriculum, please do not hesitate to contact me: cristian.garcia@bishanoi.com

Mr Cristian García (Head of MFL)

Modern Foreign Languages

4 lessons per two-week cycle.

Students have the choice in KS3 whether they would like to learn either French or Spanish.

Curriculum Aims

Students at BIS Hanoi have the opportunity to learn either French or Spanish at KS3. The course aims:

- To develop students' productive language learning skills; writing and speaking.
- To develop students' receptive language learning skills; reading and listening.
- To introduce students to ideas and aspects of French and Spanish speaking countries, igniting a passion for the culture and improving students' cultural awareness.
- To be aware of major differences between languages and that there are different registers and concepts that exist in different languages.
- To use appropriate language in a range of different contexts, exposing students to a range of vocabulary and grammar.

Through their study of French or Spanish, students will be able to complete a variety of cross-curricular projects focusing on the culture of the country. By exposing our KS3 students to as many aspects of the target culture as possible, making links with the student's own experiences.

Curriculum Content

	Term la	Term 1b	Term 2a	Term 2b	Term3
Year 7	My Life	My Free time	MFL Magazine Inquiry Project	My School	My Family
Year 8	Holidays	My Hobbies	MFL Magazine Inquiry Project	A Party	At Home
Year 9	Les Francophones / Los Hispanohablant es	Welcome to Montreal/ Welcome to Madrid	Healthy Living	Young people's rights and the Environment	Project

Resources

In Years 7, 8 and 9, students follow a bespoke curriculum which exposes them to many aspects of the culture as well as focussing on their reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. Students have access to the Sentence Builders online platform (www.sentencebuilders.com) for their weekly homework.

Should you have any questions about the MFL curriculum, please do not hesitate to contact me: contact me: cristian.garcia@bishanoi.com

Mr Cristian García (Head of MFL)



Music

2 lessons per two-week cycle.

Curriculum Aims

Students study a wide ranging and exciting Music curriculum that lends itself to cross-curricular links. They are encouraged to take part in various extra-curricular opportunities to continue to develop their creativity and confidence.

- 1 To influence students' development in and out of school by fostering personal development and maturity, creating a sense of achievement and self-worth, and increasing students' abilities to work with others in a group context.
- 2 To bring together intellect and feeling and enable personal expression, reflection, and emotional development.
- To develop students' critical skills: their ability to listen, to appreciate a wide variety of music, and to make judgments about musical quality. It also increases self-discipline, creativity, aesthetic sensitivity, and fulfilment.
- 4 To develop an appreciation and understanding of music from around the world, including the culture and context from which it derives.

Curriculum Content

	Term la	Term 1b	Term 2	Term 3
Year 7	using a variety of muand form a band. They will learn basic ukulele, guitar and bedevelop their vocal to Students will explore effectively with othe	ning how to perform usical instruments skills on the drums, wass guitar and echnique.	Exploring the Juilliard Creative Classroom through Ensemble Performance: Through a range of genres and Core Works, we explore the concepts of improvisation, and the musical roles within an ensemble.	Origins of Film Music Students explore the origins of music in film through live performance in the style of Silent Cinema and concepts such as 'Micky-Mousing'. They will produce their own original film score.
Year 8	Keyboard Skills, and Lullabies Establishing musical foundations through keyboard and vocal skills, whilst exploring lullabies from around the world.	Notation through Technology, Young Musician of the Year Introduction to formal notation through Musescore notation software. Student compositions will be chosen to represent the school in Nord Anglia Young Musician of the Year.	Music in 'The Modern Musical' Students will learn music skills and techniques from a range of popular musicals seen on Broadway and the West End.	Modern Musical Project In this collaborative project, students will focus on one performing arts discipline to devise and perform in a recital of a well- known modern musical.
Year 9	International Festival/Composin g with Tech Part 1 (Blues Jazz): Introduction to Music Technology through chord progressions, harmonic direction and MIDI instruments. Source material from the Blues and Jazz Eras.	Winter Minimalism + Band Project: Use of Notation Software to explore the concept and musical features of minimalism. Opportunity for students to form bands to perform a seasonal piece.	The Rite of Spring: Juilliard Creative Classroom Core Work. Exploring and experimenting with the core musical concepts of pitch, rhythm, metre and timbre.	Composing with Tech Part 2 (Latin) and Modern Film Music Students continue to develop their music technology skills, DAW's Interfaces and Microphones. They will end the key stage with a mixed performance and composition project for a Film.

Resources

- https://helsinginkaupunginorkesteri.fi/en/musiikkia-pahkinankuoressa https://helsinginkaupunginorkesteri.fi/en/content/orchestra-small-village
- https://www.musicca.com/lessons
- https://www.musictheory.net/lessons

Should you have any questions about the Music curriculum, please do not hesitate to contact me: victoria.bradley@bishanoi.com

Ms Victoria Bradley (Head of Performing Arts)



Physical Education

4 lessons per 2-week cycle.

Curriculum Aims

Physical Education (PE) is essential in developing students' competence and confidence to participate in a wide range of physical activities that become central to their lives—in and out of school. A high-quality PE curriculum not only gets students active, but also enables them to enjoy, succeed, and grow through a variety of meaningful experiences whilst having fun.

Our hybrid curriculum combines the strengths of both concept-based and traditional sport-based approaches. This ensures that students experience a broad, balanced, and meaningful curriculum that supports physical development through diverse sports and activities, emotional development by building confidence, resilience, and self-awareness, character and personal development through teamwork, leadership, and ethical decision-making and physical literacy, empowering students with the motivation, confidence, and competence to be active for life.

By combining conceptual learning with skill and sport-specific development, we support students to progress in a holistic manner, enhance the relevance and inclusivity of PE for all learners, provide richer, more meaningful experiences that connect physical activity to life lessons and nurture lifelong engagement in physical activity and well-being.

We are doing more than just getting students active; we are delivering transformative learning experiences that develop the whole child—emotionally, physically, and personally. Through our hybrid curriculum, every student has the opportunity to build a stronger, lasting connection with Physical Education—one that supports success in school and in life.

Curriculum Content

	Themes Covered	Examples of activities covered
Year 7 Exploring physical literacy	Confidence and motivation	Kickball, tee-ball, gymnastics, basketball, badminton, Gaelic
Year 8 Exploring Personal Development	Resilience and emotional Intelligence	football, aquatics, pickleball, volleyball, fitness and athletics, tag rugby, football, sports acro, parkour, handball,
Year 9 Exploring Character Development	Sporting Values and redefining competition	parkour, Hariupali,

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Mrs Adrienne Taylor (Whole-school Head of Physical Education)

Vietnamese

5 lessons per two-week cycle.

Curriculum Aims

The Vietnamese Curriculum aims to the development of skills in reading, writing and speaking and listening through:

- The teaching and development of reading strategies.
- Understanding structure, language, viewpoints, and context of texts.
- Writing of a range of texts for different purposes and audiences.
- Understanding how to structure, organize and punctuate texts.
- Learning to talk effectively in a range of situations, such as: individual presentations, debate, and drama.
- Through the study of important Vietnamese Literature and World Literature texts, students will build up a core of knowledge of Vietnamese and World Literature development of the last century up to the present day.

Curriculum Content

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Year 7	I. TRUYỆN NGĂN 1. Truyện dân gian - Truyện truyền thuyết: sự việc - Truyện cổ tích; nhân vật - Truyện ngụ ngôn: Bài học - Truyện cười: Tình huống gây cười 2. Truyện ngắn hiện đại: - Gió Lạnh Đầu Mùa (Thạch Lam) - Chiếc lá cuối cùng (OHenry) - Mô tả bối cảnh - Kết thúc truyện => Rèn luyện kỹ năng tạo lập văn bản tự sự II. VĂN BẢN NHẬT DỤNG - Văn bản hướng dẫn - Văn bản thuyết minh - Các đặc điểm kỹ thuật của thể loại - Rèn luyện kỹ năng tạo lập văn bản hướng dẫn và thuyết minh	III. THƠ Thơ và các đặc điểm kỹ thuật thơ ca - Thơ đần gian - Thơ Trần Đăng Khoa Nhận dạng các kỹ thuật ngôn ngữ tu từ trong thơ. IV. VĂN BẢN MIÊU TẢ - Văn tả cảnh - Văn tả người V. VĂN BẢN PHI VĂN HỌC Tranh cổ động -Các kỹ thuật của tranh cổ động	VI. TIẾU THUYẾT Dế Mèn Phiêu Lưu Ký - Xây dựng phát triển nhân vật - Dẫn dắt, phát triển tình huống truyện - Sáng tạo trong văn miêu tả VII. VĂN BẢN NHẬT DỤNG - Văn viết thư - Nhật ký
Year 8	I. THƠ 1. Thơ dân gian - Ca dao về tình yêu quê hương, đất nước - Ca dao về tình cảm gia đình 2. Thơ hiện đại - Quê hương - Tế Hanh - Đoàn thuyển đánh cá - Huy Cận - Bức tranh quê - Hà Thu - Khi con tu hú - Tố Hữu - Vế quê hương - Định Hải II. VĂN BẢN NHẬT DỤNG - Văn bản hành chính đơn thư - Văn bản thông báo	III. TRUYỆN NGẮN - Thẳng ăn cắp; Răng con chó nhà tư sản - Nguyễn Công Hoan - Tình huống truyện - Ngôn ngữ đối thoại - Các dạng câu hỏi đọc hiểu IV. VIẾT CHO MEDIA - Phóng sự - Bản tin V. VĂN BẢN PHI VĂN HỌC Văn bản quảng cáo - Các đặc điểm kỹ thuật của văn bản Quảng cáo	VI. TIỂU THUYẾT - Đất Rừng Phương Nam - Xây dựng nhân vật - Miêu tả trong kể chuyện - Các loại câu hỏi đọc-hiểu - Văn miêu tả VII. VĂN BẢN NHẬT DỤNG & NGH! LUẬN - Văn bản thuyết minh - Nghị luận thảo luận

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Year 9	I. TIỀU THUYẾT Tiểu thuyết hiện đại "Tất Đèn"- Ngô Tất Tố - Xây dựng bối cảnh và không khí truyện - Kỹ thuật mô tả trong kể chuyện - Xây dựng nhân vật và tình huống điển hình - Dẫn dắt kể chuyện - Đọc hiểu văn bản và các dạng câu hỏi đọc hiểu II. VĂN BẢN PHI VĂN HỌC Các đặc điểm kỹ thuật của thể loại của: - Tranh biếm họa - Truyện tranh	III. THƠ Thơ hiện đại: Anh Thơ/ Vũ Đình Liên, Xuân Quỳnh - Hình ảnh trong thơ - Các kỹ thuật tu từ trong thơ - Phân tích văn bản thơ IV. VĂN BẢN PHI VĂN HỌC - Văn bản báo chí: Môi trường Công nghệ Vấn đề về trẻ em	V. TRUYỆN NGĂN Truyện Ngắn Nam Cao (Lão Hạc, Bài Học Quét Nhà) - Đọc hiểu - Phân tích đoạn trích - Viết văn miêu tả VI. VĂN BẢN NGHỊ LUẬN - Văn bản thuyết phục - Văn bản lập luận - Viết để khuyên VII. VĂN BẢN PHI VĂN HỌC - Bộ ảnh về phụ nữ và trẻ em

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Mrs H Nguyen (Head of Vietnamese)



Vietnamese Studies

5 lessons per two-week cycle of Vietnamese Studies in KS3.

Curriculum Aims

Teaching should focus on developing students' skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing based on a foundation of core grammar and vocabulary. It should help students to find it as easy as possible to adapt to their new environment. It should also provide suitable preparation for further study.

Curriculum content

	Term 1	Term 2	Term3
	Myself	My school	My house
Year 7	yourself Family Physical description	subjects timetable likes and dislikes describing teachers	Where is my house Describing my house Learning objects Using opinions
	Holiday	Food	Free time
Year 8	Countries Means of transports Holidays activities Past tense/future tense opinions	Food routine Whatyoueatandwhen Opinion onfood Learn a recipe	Sports Cultural activities Opinion Past/future tense invitations
	My town	Health	Work
Year 9	Where is my town Services Buildings Activities to do Opinions Ideal town	Food Sports Illness Wellbeing	Professions After school opportunities Ideal job Wellbeing at work

Resources

In Year 7, 8 and 9 students follow the Happy Vietnamese Text Books and Que Viet Books with a digital textbook and resources www.tiengvietonline.com.vn/index.php/2014-02.../tieng-viet-vui

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Mrs H Nguyen (Head of Vietnamese)

Ways of Learning

1 lesson per two-week cycle

Curriculum Aims

The Ways of Learning curriculum is a space to equip our students with the self-awareness, skills, habits and mindset to empower them to make smart learning choices. We want our students to thrive both in an academic domain and in the wider, global context. In order to do so they must ensure they are aware of their own learning strengths and limitations and the strategies they need to adopt in order to be successful.

Our curriculum is built around the BIS Hanoi Aide Memoire:

- **Respect** I actively participate, demonstrating that I understand the importance of active listening. I seek perspectives in and outside the classroom to challenge my understanding and opinions.
- Care- I take care in my learning to produce high quality, unbiased work, which includes interrogating sources to understand the strengths and limitations within research and results.
- **Reflection-** I take responsibility for understanding the challenges I face and seek to find alternative approaches to my learning processes in the future.
- **Enquiry** I am systematic in building habits for planning, questioning, researching and developing relevant solutions to problems.
- **Integrity-** I develop well-supported arguments and ideas through organised notetaking to summarise, cite and list sources of ideas, information and images of others.
- **Perseverance-** I understand good learning is challenging and use effective tools to ensure that I stretch myself just beyond by current ability.

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Year 7	Perseverance- academic transition, learning journey, stretch zone and mindset	Respect- active listening and roles in a team	Care & Reflection- Considering on our Future
Year 8	Perseverance- Learning journey, stretch zone and mindset	Enquiry & Integrity- Research skills	Care & Reflection- Considering on our Future
Year 9	Reflection- Introduction to the options process. Considering on our Future	Enquiry & Integrity- Research skills	Care & Reflection- Considering my skills in our Future

Should you have any questions about the Ways of Learning curriculum, please do not hesitate to contact me: sarah.rothenburg@bishanoi.com.

Ms Sarah Rothenburg – Assistant Head- Wellbeing



Wellbeing

One lesson every week, in addition to time in registration each morning.

Curriculum Aims

The aim of the Wellbeing curriculum is to provide students a balance of essential life skills they need to successfully navigate challenges they face now and in their future. It should also provide opportunities for students to recognise and enhance their own wellbeing by developing their self-awareness, taking responsibility for their own time management and learning to feel positive about themselves.

The course focuses on group discussion activities, which involve the students in communication and listening skills, leadership and learning how to co-operate and negotiate. There are also enrichment opportunities to work with the BIS community.

Students are presented with situations in which they must work with others, to analyse information, to consider moral and social dilemmas and to make choices and decisions.

By working together on school and community projects, students have the chance to develop key skills they will require in an ever-changing world.

The key themes are:

- Celebrating Diversity and Equality
- Relationships and Sex Education
- Staying Safe, online and offline
- Health and Wellbeing
- Organisation and Communication

Curriculum content

	Term 1	Term 2	Term3
Year 7	Organisation & Time Management Self-esteem Emotional Literacy Mental Health - Resilience	Relationships Peer Coaching Puberty Body Image Sex Education	Nutrition Drugs Physical Health Managing Conflict Communication skills Identity and Diversity
Year 8	Mindfulness Organisation & Time Management Self-esteem Friendships (dealing with conflict). Relationships	Relationships Peer Coaching Puberty Body Image Sex Education	Nutrition Drugs Physical Health Managing Conflict Communication Skills (debating) Identity and Diversity
Year 9	Mindfulness Organisation & Time Management Self-esteem Friendships (dealing with conflict). Relationships	KS3 Wellbeing Festival Puberty Body Image Sex Education	Nutrition Drugs Physical Health Managing Conflict Communication Skills (debating) Identity and Diversity

Assessment is continual, based on student participation and implementation of the core values within the course.

Should you have any questions about the Wellbeing curriculum, please do not hesitate to contact me: rob.taylor@bishanoi.com.

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