

YEAR 8

CURRICULUM BOOKLET

2024



SWANSEA HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 9 CURRICULUM BOOKLET 2024

The Swansea High School Curriculum Booklet is designed to inform students and their parents about each of the courses they are participating in throughout the year. This includes a general overview of the topics covered each term and the formal assessment associated with each course.

It should be noted that all information in this booklet may change and is to be used as a guide only. The timing outlined for each topic within each course may change throughout the year. Similarly, the timing of each assessment task may also change from what is stated in this booklet.

Students will receive formal written notification for every assessment task they receive for each subject. This formal notification of assessment will be issued to students a minimum of 2 weeks before the due date of the task.

Specific information relating to assessment at Swansea High School can be found on the school's website. Students will also receive a Student Assessment Procedures Booklet.

Summary of Year 8 Assessment Tasks

Term One, 2024

[illegible]

Students to complete:

[illegible]

Summary of Year 8 Assessment Tasks

Term Two, 2024

[illegible]

Students to complete:

[illegible]

Summary of Year 8 Assessment Tasks Term Three, 2024

[illegible]

Students to complete:

[illegible]

Summary of Year 8 Assessment Tasks

Term Four, 2024

[illegible]

Students to complete:

[illegible]



SWANSEA HIGH SCHOOL
2024 YEAR 8 ENGLISH



Unit	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Time/ Duration	Term 1 Weeks 1 - 10	Term 2 Weeks 1 - 10	Term 3 Weeks 1 - 10	Term 4 Weeks 1- 10
Name of Unit	Australian People and Places	All the World's a Stage- Elements of Drama	Narratives- Focus on Character	Fractured Tales- Intertextuality
Texts	Poetry & Various Texts.	Drama Script	Novel	Short Stories and Film
Assessment Type Timing Weighting	Task 1 Written Response - Nonfiction Term 1 Week 9 25%	Task 2 Multimodal Group Project Term 2 Week 8 25%	Task 3 Essay Term 3 Week 9 25%	Task 4 Yearly Examination – Written Response Term 4 Week 3 25%
Note: The novel for Term 2 will be issued during class in Week 10, Term 2. Students must have finished reading the novel at home for their first English lesson in Week 1, Term 3.				



SWANSEA HIGH SCHOOL 2024 YEAR 8 MATHS



Semester 1	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4	Unit 5	Unit 6
Time/Duration	Term 1 Weeks 1-3	Term 1 Weeks 4-7	Term 1 Weeks 8-11	Term 2 Weeks 1-3	Term 2 Weeks 4-6	Term 2 Weeks 7-10
Name of Unit	Probability	Algebraic Techniques	Measurement	Ratios and Rates	Computation with Percentages	Financial Mathematics

Semester 2	Unit 7	Unit 8	Unit 9	Unit 10	Unit 11	Unit 12
Time/Duration	Term 3 Weeks 1-4	Term 3 Weeks 5-7	Term 3 Weeks 8-10	Term 4 Weeks 1-4	Term 4 Weeks 5-8	Term 4 Weeks 9-10
Name of Unit	Angle Relationships and Properties of Geometrical Figures	Equations	Pythagoras Theorem	Linear Relationships	Data Collection, Representation and Analysis	Transformations and Congruence

ASSESSMENT						
Assessment Type	Task 1 Portfolio	Task 2 Test- Fluency	Task 3 Test - Working Mathematically	Task 4 Assignment	Task 5 Test - Fluency	Task 6 Test - Working Mathematically
Timing Weighting	Progressive 10%	Term 1 Week 9 20%	Term 2 Week 4 20%	Term 3 Week TBC* 10% <i>*See class teacher for specific week</i>	Term 3 Week 8 20%	Term 4 Week 4 20%



SWANSEA HIGH SCHOOL
2024 YEAR 8 SCIENCE



Semester 1	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Time/Duration	Term 1 Weeks 1-5	Term 1 Weeks 6-10	Term 2 Weeks 1-5	Term 2 Weeks 6-10
Name of Unit	Our Earth	Natural Resources	Field Forces	Elements and Compounds
Assessment Type Timing Weighting	Task 1 Scientific Diagrams Term 1 Week 6 15%	Task 2 Independent Research Task Term 2 Week 1 15%	Task 3 Semester 1 Examination Term 2 Week 5 20%	

Semester 2	Unit 5	Unit 6	Unit 7	Unit 8
Time Duration	Term 3 Weeks 1-5	Term 3 Weeks 6-10	Term 4 Weeks 1-5	Term 4 Weeks 6-10
Name of Unit	Mixtures	Human Systems	Ecosystems	Machines
Assessment Type Timing Weighting	Task 4 Practical Task Term 3 Week 5 15%	Task 5 Human Systems Oral Presentation Term 3 Weeks 9-10 15%	Task 6 Semester 2 Examination Term 4 Week 5 20%	



SWANSEA HIGH SCHOOL 2024 YEAR 8 History



Semester 1	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3
Time/Duration	Term 1 Weeks 1-10	Term 2 Weeks 1-4	Term 2 Weeks 5 - 10
Name of Unit	Intro to History The Western and Islamic World	Expanding Contacts- Black Death	The Asia Pacific World
Assessment Type Timing Weighting	Task 1 Mediaeval History: Research and Skills Task Term 1 Week 8 25%	Task 2 Semester 1 Examination Term 2 Week 5 25%	



SWANSEA HIGH SCHOOL 2024 YEAR 8 Geography



Semester 2	Unit 1	Unit 2
Time/Duration	Term 3 Weeks 1-10	Term 4 Weeks 1-10
Name of Unit	Depth Study: Water and the World	Depth Study: Interconnections
Assessment Type Timing Weighting	Task 3 Skills Test Term 3 Week 8 20%	Task 4 Hydrological Hazard Research Task Term 4 Week 3 30%

NB: Students study History in Semester 1 and Geography in Semester 2



SWANSEA HIGH SCHOOL
2024 YEAR 8 PDH- THEORY



	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Time Duration	Term 1 Week 1 - Term 2 Week 2	Term 2 Week 3 - Term 3 Week 4	Term 3 Week 4 - Term 4 Week 5	Term 4 Weeks 6 - 11
Name of Unit	Mental Health 'Healthy Minds'	Sexual Health 'My Body, My Way'	Safety, Alcohol and Drugs 'Safety First'	Aquatics & Water Safety
Assessment Type Timing Weighting	Task 1 Mental Health Promotion Term 2 Week 2 15%	Task 3 Campaign Investigation Term 3 Week 3 15%	Task 5 Topic Test Term 4 Week 3 20%	



SWANSEA HIGH SCHOOL
2024 YEAR 8 PE- PRACTICAL



	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4	Unit 5	Unit 6
Time Duration	Term 1 Weeks 1- 7	Term 1 Week 8 - Term 2 Week 3	Term 2 Weeks 4 - 10	Term 3 Weeks 1 - 7	Term 3 Week 8 - Term 4 Week 5	Term 4 Weeks 6 - 11
Name of Unit	Mindful Movement	Cross Country & Athletics	Modified Games	Boot Camp & Fitness	Net Games	Aquatics
Assessment Type Timing Weighting	Task 2 Practical Assessment Cumulative Mark Term 2 Week 4 25%			Task 4 Practical Assessment Cumulative Mark Term 4 Week 4 25%		



SWANSEA HIGH SCHOOL
2024 YEAR 8 TECHNOLOGY



Note: Students rotate through the four context areas below depending on their allocated Technology class.

ASSESSMENT		BLOCK A-B ENGINEERED SYSTEMS		BLOCK C-D MATERIALS TECHNOLOGIES	
Type		Writing Task: Super 6 Snowy Mountains & Digital Skills Exercises	Practical Project Project Report: Mouse Trap Car	Project Report: Designer Breakfast, LEF Light, Flat Pack Tray or Wool Jumper	Practical Project: Beach Bag, Tiled Table, Drink Carry All or Skills Tester
Timing Weighting		Term 1 & 3, Week 6 20%	Term 2 & 4, Week 1 30%	Term 2 & 4, Week 5 20%	Term 1 & 3, Week 1 30%



SWANSEA HIGH SCHOOL
2024 YEAR 8 VISUAL ARTS



Semester 1	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3
Time/Duration	Term 1 Weeks 1 - 6	Term 1 Weeks 7 - 11	Term 2 Weeks 1 - 10
Name of Unit	What is Art?	Pop Art	Curious Creatures
Assessment Type	Task 1 Elements of Art Sticker Design & The Frames Worksheets	Task 2 Body of Work & Visual Art Process Diary	
Timing Weighting	Term 1 Week 7 20%	Term 2 Week 5 30%	

Semester 2	Unit 4	Unit 5
Time Duration	Term 3 Weeks 1-10	Term 4 Weeks 1-10
Name of Unit	Portraiture	Next to Nature
Assessment Type	Task 3 Portrait Painting & TEEEC Response	Task 4 Tjanpi Style Sculpture & Short Story
Timing Weighting	Term 3 Week 8 35%	Term 4 Week 4 15%



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2024 YEAR 8 DRAMA ELECTIVE



	Unit 1	Unit 2
Time/Duration	Semester 1: Term 1 Semester 2: Term 3	Semester 1: Term 2 Semester 2: Term 4
Name of Unit	Improvisation & Performance Styles	Playbuilding and The Elements of Drama
Assessment Type Timing Weighting	Task 1 Improvised Scene and Interview Semester 1: Term 1 Week 8 Semester 2: Term 3 Week 8 25%	Task 2 Group Performance and Reflection Semester 1: Term 2 Week 6 Semester 2: Term 4 Week 6 25%



SWANSEA HIGH SCHOOL
2024 YEAR 8 DRAWING ELECTIVE



	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3
Time Duration	Semester 1: Term 1 Weeks 1 - 8 Semester 2: Term 3 Weeks 1 - 8	Semester 1: Term 1 Week 9 - Term 2 Week 4 Semester 2: Term 3 Week 9 - Term 4 Week 4	Semester 1: Term 2 Weeks 5 - 10 Semester 2: Term 4 Weeks 4 - 10
Name of Unit	Observational Drawing	Experimental Drawing and Technique	Drawing with Unconventional Materials
Assessment Type	Task 1 Visual Art Process Diary & Body of Work		Task 2 Visual Art Process Diary & Body of Work
Timing	Semester 1: Term 1 Week 7 Semester 2: Term 3 Week 7		Semester 1: Term 2 Week 3 Semester 2: Term 4 Week 3
Weighting	Visual Arts Process Diary- 20% Body of Work- 30%		Visual Arts Process Diary- 20% Body of Work- 30%



SWANSEA HIGH SCHOOL
2024 YEAR 8 MUSIC ELECTIVE



	Unit 1		Unit 2	
Time/Duration	Semester 1: Term 1		Semester 1: Term 2	
	Semester 2: Term 3		Semester 2: Term 4	
Name of Unit	Popular Music		Rock Music	
Assessment Type	Task 1 Performance		Task 2 Composition	
Timing	Semester 1: Term 1 Week 5 Semester 2: Term 3 Week 6		Semester 1: Term 1 Week 9 Semester 2: Term 3 Week 10	
Weighting	35%		30%	
			Task 3 Listening Examination	
			Semester 1: Term 2 Week 4 Semester 2: Term 4 Week 5	
			35%	



SWANSEA HIGH SCHOOL
2024 YEAR 8 WORLD GAMES ELECTIVE



	Unit 1	Unit 2
Time/Duration	Semester 1: Term 1 Weeks 1 - 10 Semester 2: Term 3 Weeks 1 - 10	Semester 1: Term 2 Weeks 1 - 10 Semester 2: Term 4 Weeks 1 - 10
Name of Unit	Exploring Sports from Every Corner	Exploring U.S Sporting Culture
Assessment Type Timing Weighting	Task 2 Sports Study Semester 1: Term 2 Week 3 Semester 2: Term 4 Week 3 40%	
Assessment Type Timing Weighting	Task 1 Specialised Movement Skills Semester 1: Term 1 Week 10 Semester 2: Term 3 Week 10 30%	Task 3 Tactical and Creative Movement Semester 1: Term 2 Week 5 Semester 2: Term 4 Week 5 30%



SWANSEA HIGH SCHOOL
2024 YEAR 8 GARDENING ELECTIVE



Semester 1	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Time/ Duration	Term 1 Weeks 1- 3	Term 1 Weeks 4-11	Term 2 Weeks 1-5	Term 2 Weeks 6-10
Name of Unit	Types of Plants and Plant Growth	Garden Basics and Safety	Maintaining Gardens and Producing Food	From Garden to Table
Assessment Type Timing Weighting	Task 1 Plant Growth and Optimal Requirements Term 1 Week 10 30%	Task 2 Portfolio of Theory and Practical Evidence Term 2 Week 5 50%		Task 3 Garden to Table Term 2 Week 5 20%

Semester 2	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Time / Duration	Term 3 Weeks 1- 3	Term 3 Weeks 4-11	Term 4 Weeks 1-5	Term 4 Weeks 6-10
Name of Unit	Types of Plants and Plant Growth	Garden Basics and Safety	Maintaining Gardens and Producing Food	From Garden to Table
Assessment Type Timing Weighting	Task 1 Plant Growth and Optimal Requirements Term 3 Week 10 30%	Task 2 Portfolio of Theory and Practical Evidence Term 4 Week 5 50%		Task 3 Garden to Table Term 4, Week 5 20%



SWANSEA HIGH SCHOOL
2024 YEAR 8 GRAPHICS ELECTIVE



	Unit 1	Unit 2
Time/Duration	Semester 1: Term 1 Semester 2: Term 3	Semester 1: Term 2 Semester 2: Term 4
Name of Unit	Freehand Sketching	Orthographic / Isometric Projection
Assessment Type Timing Weighting	Task 1 Freehand Folio Semester 1: Term 1 Week 9 Semester 2: Term 3 Week 9 40%	Task 2 Orthographic Folio Semester 1: Term 2 Week 8 Semester 2: Term 4 Week 8 60%