



## **Welcome to Key Stage 3**

### **Grades 7, 8 & 9**

#### **What sets us apart:**

- 1. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills**
- 2. Core Curriculum Academics**
- 3. Developing the 'whole' individual**
- 4. Our Facilities**

## 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills ... "prepare our students for their future."

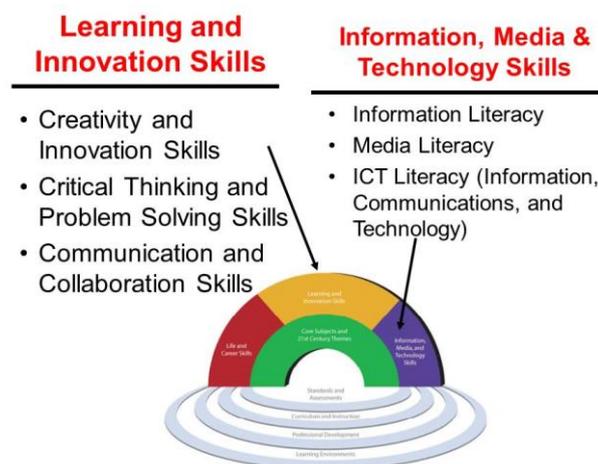
Many of our children will enter professions which do not yet exist.

How do we prepare them for this?

They need a strong foundation in the current core curriculum subjects, as well as that *something extra* which will allow them to rise to whatever challenge they may face in their future.

At present, the forefront of education emphasizes the importance of Learning and Innovation Skills, as well as Information, Media and Technology Skills.

We want to secure your child's place in the 21<sup>st</sup> century by ensuring they have a grounding in these critical skills.



All of our upper school students will be required to bring a lap-top to school, in order to develop those skills necessary to compete in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Each child will become familiar with and participate in a platform from GOOGLE EDUCATION, integrating technology into their individualized learning.

- All upper school teachers will be trained as GOOGLE EDUCATORS.
- By using G-suite for Education, a platform specifically designed to encourage collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking using advanced technology integration skills, teachers may choose to work one-on-one or with the whole class.
- Google Classroom was designed by teachers and students working together, with these goals in mind: to connect the class easily, track their progress and make greater overall achievements.
- Google Classroom is mission-control for lessons. Teachers can create lessons, distribute assignments, send feedback and see everything in one place. Instant. Paperless. Easy. Work anywhere, anytime, and on any device with G Suite for Education.

# **Core Curriculum Academics**

*We are committed to Academic Excellence.*

*We strive for each child to reach their full potential.*

We have outstanding teachers who are trained and experienced at the middle and high school levels.

We strongly believe in the importance of daily lessons in Mathematics and Literacy/English skills.

## **An Integrated Curriculum:**

- Focuses on basic skills, content and higher-level thinking
- Encourages lifelong learning
- Structures learning around themes, big ideas and meaningful concepts
- Provides connections among various curricular disciplines
- Encourages active participation in relevant real-life experiences
- Captivates, motivates, and challenges learners
- Provides a deeper understanding of content
- Offers opportunities for small group and individualized instruction
- Accommodates a variety of learning styles/theories

## **Pen on paper is still an art...**

A summary of lessons on a particular subject helps students to interact with information as they learn, allowing creativity to make that learning memorable.

In tandem with integrated learning, our students will draw, summarize, and write daily; their work may contain stories, descriptions, experiments, observations, and verses, all with visual reminders

## **Curriculum**

The future of all students enrolled will be taken into account. We will strive to work towards a smooth transition into their system of choice.

The British National Curriculum will be the base for all instruction.

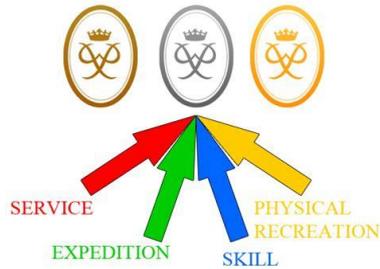
## Sample Timetable:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>8:00</b>	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics
<b>9:00</b>	Writing	Structured Reading	Writing	Structured Reading	Writing
<b>10:00</b>	Break				
<b>10:15</b>	Science	Spanish	Science	Spanish	Science
<b>11:15</b>	Geography	Vocab	History	Grammar	Geography/History
<b>12:15</b>	Lunch				
<b>12:55</b>	Novel Study	Personal Reading	Novel Study	Library	Novel Study
<b>1:35</b>	Art	Performing Arts	ICT Skills	PSHE	ICT
<b>2:15</b>	Swimming	PE	'Pre - D of E': <i>Service Expedition Skill Physical Recreation</i>	STEM	Swimming
<b>3:00</b>					

## Developing the Whole Student:

1. Developing our youth into citizens of the world
2. Local community awareness
3. Participating in environmentally charged activities
4. Working at making wise choices as a part of the whole

We will use the ethos of the **Duke of Edinburgh** scheme to provide our children with weekly enrichment activities based around the main pillars of the scheme:



Two staff members experienced with the D of E programme will lead weekly activities to facilitate the development of these skills within our children involving:

*Conservation*

*Special guests*

*Interactive field trips*

*Community service projects*

*Marine projects*

*Kayaking*

*Diving*

### **ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL FIELD TRIPS:**

Students grow personally, socially, and academically when taken out of their comfort zone and exposed to new and exciting experiences. Wherever the group chooses to explore, the week-long integrated experience will be a culmination of group fundraising and planning, as well as individual research and commitment.

Activities will be planned to enrich the curriculum and learning links will be made throughout.

# Our Facilities

We are fortunate enough to have the support of our school board and WIHL, which means that we are able to offer our students the very best in terms of school facilities:

**THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS** offers:

- The only school with a swimming pool in the Turks & Caicos Islands
- A specialist Science lab
- A well-equipped computer lab, including iPads, a suite of networked computers with internet access, projectors and the latest software...
- A brand-new, purpose-built facility designed especially for Key Stage 3 students.

Our new building will be set up with the application of technology in mind.

Students will continually help to develop aspects of *their* outdoor areas, in order to enhance their recreation time: outdoor chess table, ping-pong, basketball hoop, interactive art wall, outdoor reading area, outdoor speakers.

Classroom furniture encourages collaborative learning.





WALL LEGEND:	
	8" THICK BLOCK WALL, CEMENT PLASTER AND RENDER FINISH
	DRY WALL ON METAL FRAMES & SOUND INSULATION
FLOOR FINISH LEGEND:	
	1/4" x 1/2" NON-SKID CERAMIC TILE ON THINSET & TILE GROUT (COLOR TO BE CONFIRMED)
	CONCRETE SLAB ON BROOM FINISH w/ PENETRATING CONCRETE SEALER
	PFA GRAVEL (16-475)

