**Year 7 & 8 Curriculum**

The year 7 and 8 curriculum is based on teaching skills. Creating enthusiastic learners who learn how to learn and take full responsibility for their own learning.

* Ensure that you know what happened last lesson
* Adopt fully integrated thinking at every opportunity
* Make every activity demanding and challenging
* Use the skills framework to support all lessons

**Citizenship Skills You are a balanced and highly principled global citizen, one who thinks critically and is culturally aware yet curious to learn more about the world in which you live:**

[**Morals, Ethics and Social Justice**](http://stj-sr-vle1/StJohnsSkills/CitizenshipSkills/Morals%2C%20Ethics%20and%20Social%20Justice/) - You have developed an understanding of ethics and Values, how personal behaviour should be informed by these and how to contribute to society. You understand the importance of social justice as an element of both sustainable development and the improved welfare of all people.
[***Making a Difference***](http://stj-sr-vle1/StJohnsSkills/CitizenshipSkills/MakingaDifference/) - You understand how Human Rights underpin society, government and business work, and the importance of engaging in active citizenship and becoming an informed, active and responsible citizen.

[***Diversity***](http://stj-sr-vle1/StJohnsSkills/CitizenshipSkills/Diversity)- You understand cultural and community diversity, in both national and global contexts. You respect and value difference and can relate these to our common humanity.
[***Technological Impact***](http://stj-sr-vle1/StJohnsSkills/CitizenshipSkills/TechnologicalImpact/) - You understand the social implications of technology.
[**Self-reliance**](http://stj-sr-vle1/StJohnsSkills/CitizenshipSkills/Self-reliance/)- You have developed an understanding of how to manage aspects of your own life including intellectual, physical and emotional well-being, and managing your own financial affairs.
[**Critical**](http://stj-sr-vle1/StJohnsSkills/CitizenshipSkills/CriticalCuriosity/) - You are always finding new questions to ask and want
 to think carefully about things. You are keen to take up challenges and
 go the extra mile to find something out or to understand it more deeply.

**Information Skills You are a knowledgeable, independent inquirer who can process information and use your intellect to make meaning.**

[***Research***](http://stj-sr-vle1/StJohnsSkills/InformationSkills/Research/) - You have developed a range of techniques for accessing, evaluating and differentiating information and have learned how to analyse, synthesise and apply it.
[***Reflection***](http://stj-sr-vle1/StJohnsSkills/InformationSkills/Reflection/) - You understand the importance of reflecting and applying critical judgement, and have learned how to do so.
[***Awareness***](http://stj-sr-vle1/StJohnsSkills/InformationSkills/Awareness/) - You have developed a natural curiosity for concepts, ideas and information which are of global significance.
[***Seeing the Big Picture***](http://stj-sr-vle1/StJohnsSkills/InformationSkills/Seeing%20the%20Big%20Picture/) - You understand how to make connections between different areas of learning, in terms of both content and skills. You are interested in seeing how your learning fits together and how to apply your knowledge and skills in different contexts.

[***Interdependence***](http://stj-sr-vle1/StJohnsSkills/InformationSkills/Interdependence/) - You understand how people, places, economies and environments are all inextricably interrelated and that choices and events have repercussions on a global scale.

**Learning Skills You are a creative, open-minded thinker who can apply your knowledge both in familiar and new contexts, and reflect with self-awareness upon your learning**

[***Learning Styles***](http://stj-sr-vle1/StJohnsSkills/LearningSkills/Learning%20Styles/)**-** You understand different ways of learning and how to develop and assess your effectiveness as a learner

[***Reasoning***](http://stj-sr-vle1/StJohnsSkills/LearningSkills/Reasoning/)- You have learned to think originally and systematically and how to apply this knowledge. You are good at putting together an argument that is systematic and can draw clear conclusions from information you have.

[***Creativity***](http://stj-sr-vle1/StJohnsSkills/LearningSkills/Creativity/)- You can explore and understand your own abilities and creative talents, and how best to make use of them. You can look at a problem or task in different ways and imagine new possibilities to produce truly original work.

[***Positive Motivation***](http://stj-sr-vle1/StJohnsSkills/LearningSkills/Positive%20Motivation/)- You have learned to enjoy and love learning for its own sake and as part of understanding yourself; and you are willing to grow through thoughtful consideration of your learning.

[***Key Skills***](http://stj-sr-vle1/StJohnsSkills/LearningSkills/Key%20Skills/) *-* You have achieved high standards in literacy, numeracy and spatial understanding. You have achieved high standards of competence in handling ICT and understand the underlying process.

[***Changing and Learning***](http://stj-sr-vle1/StJohnsSkills/LearningSkills/Changing%20and%20Learning/)- You understand that there are different ways of learning and you know that you can get better at learning. You know how to reflect on your learning and develop strategies to learn more effectively.

**People Skills You are a successful communicator who works positively as part of a team and builds effective learning and social relationships**
[***Leadership***](http://stj-sr-vle1/StJohnsSkills/PeopleSkills/Leadership/) - You understand how to relate to other people in a variety of Situations, including those where you manage or are managed by others; you understand how to get things done; and you have a personal commitment to the service of others and make a positive contribution towards others.

[***Teamwork***](http://stj-sr-vle1/StJohnsSkills/PeopleSkills/Teamwork/)- You can work well with others and appreciate the value of learning with them; you understand your own ability for filling different team roles. You are an ‘interdependent’ learner; you can work well with others, while also working effectively on your own.

[***Coaching***](http://stj-sr-vle1/StJohnsSkills/PeopleSkills/Coaching/) - You understand how to develop other people, whether as their peer, mentor or as their teacher.
[***Communication***](http://stj-sr-vle1/StJohnsSkills/PeopleSkills/Communication/) - You have developed a range of techniques for communicating by different means and understand how and when to use them.
[***Emotional Intelligence***](http://stj-sr-vle1/StJohnsSkills/PeopleSkills/Emotional%20Intelligence/) - You have developed competence in managing personal and emotional relationships.
[***Conflict Resolution***](http://stj-sr-vle1/StJohnsSkills/PeopleSkills/Conflict%20Resolution/) ***-*** You understand the nature of conflicts, their impact on development and why there is a need for their resolution and the promotion of harmony.

**Situation Skills You are a flexible, resilient learner who adapts to different situations. You think strategically, take intellectual risks and can influence a range of outcomes**[***Time Management***](http://stj-sr-vle1/StJohnsSkills/SituationSkills/Time%20Management) - You understand the importance of managing your own time and have developed preferred techniques for doing so.

[***Coping With Change***](http://stj-sr-vle1/StJohnsSkills/SituationSkills/Coping_with_Change/default.aspx) - You understand what is meant by managing change and have developed a range of techniques for use in varying situations.

[***Resilience***](http://stj-sr-vle1/StJohnsSkills/SituationSkills/Resilience) – You do not give up easily. You know how to celebrate your successes but also how to persevere when learning is difficult. You are willing to learn how to manage your feelings and reactions so they help rather than hinder your learning.

[***Feelings & Reactions***](http://stj-sr-vle1/StJohnsSkills/SituationSkills/Feelings%20and%20Reactions/) – You understand the importance of both celebrating success and managing disappointment, and how you might handle these situations.

[***Creative Thinking***](http://stj-sr-vle1/StJohnsSkills/SituationSkills/Creative_Thinking/default.aspx) - You understand what is meant by being entrepreneurial, resourceful and initiative-taking, and how to develop capacities for these.

[***Risk Taking***](http://stj-sr-vle1/StJohnsSkills/SituationSkills/Risk%20Taking) - You have the independence of spirit to explore and understand how to manage risk and uncertainty, the wide range of contexts in which these will be encountered and techniques for managing them.

[***Decision Making***](http://stj-sr-vle1/StJohnsSkills/SituationSkills/Decision%20Making/default.aspx) - You can take reasoned, ethical decisions and apply thinking skills strategically, creatively and critically.