



BIBLICAL HEBREW CURRICULUM AREA STAFF

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BIBLICAL HEBREW CURRICULUM INTENT

Biblical Hebrew is a linguistic adventure with a difference. Ancient Hebrew is linguistically distant from Modern European languages and employs structures and techniques in which **deeper meanings can be understood about how Jewish narratives are constructed and how their writers thought of their world and expressed that understanding**. It is beautifully rich in its theology and world view and **deepens within our pupils' links to their historical heritage**. Our students will **develop their linguistic competence** in the original language of Biblical Hebrew through the **study of vocabulary and grammatical structures**, using this knowledge to understand the meaning of unseen passages of Biblical Hebrew and with it **develop a thorough appreciation of Biblical Hebrew literature**. Students will not only **develop their**

translation skills but develop transferable skills like their ability to analyse and evaluate and compare and contrast ideas, values and social practices. Our curriculum lays the groundwork for further study in future textual studies and encourage students to progress to higher education courses in Hebrew / Theology / Biblical Studies, whether linguistic or non-linguistic.

BIBLICAL HEBREW CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Students study Nach in KS3 which lays the foundations for the study of GCSE Biblical Hebrew

Year 9: Biblical Hebrew					
Autumn Term		Spring Term		Summer Term	
Autumn 1		Spring 1		Summer 1	
TOPIC: Grammar WEEKS: 6		TOPIC: Grammar WEEKS: 6		TOPIC Set Text 1 and grammar WEEKS: 6	
KNOWLEDGE	ASSESSMENT	KNOWLEDGE	ASSESSMENT	KNOWLEDGE	ASSESSMENT
Grammar: syllables, vowels, sheva, definite article, gender and number including dual plural, adjectives, rule, construct state, vowels of the conjunction vov, the letters, מ"מ letters.	Weekly vocabulary tests	Grammar: the tenses, cohortative, jussive, softened imperative, infinitives, vov conversive and conjunctive	Weekly vocabulary tests MID-YEAR EXAM WHOLE-SCHOOL ASSESSMENT DATA COLLECTION POINT	Set text 1: Judges 7 Grammar: letter functions: ה(12 functions) and ה (preformative, comparative), Passive Kal binyan	Weekly vocabulary tests

SKILLS		SKILLS		SKILLS	
Recognition of prefixes and suffixes for verbs		Recognition of different tenses		Recognition of the different uses of ה and ה	
Autumn 2		Spring 2		Summer 2	
TOPIC: Grammar WEEKS: 6		TOPIC: Grammar WEEKS: 6		TOPIC: Set Texts and Grammar WEEKS: 6	
KNOWLEDGE	ASSESSMENT	KNOWLEDGE	ASSESSMENT	KNOWLEDGE	ASSESSMENT
Grammar: Use of dagesh, inseparable prefixes with pronominal suffixes, possessive pronominal suffixes, introduction to verbs, Kal binyan.	Weekly vocabulary tests End of term test on Grammar	Grammar: Niphal: all tenses, uses of Niphal	Weekly vocabulary tests	Set text 1: Judges 8 Grammar: piel and pual, Hiphil and Hophal, Hispael binyanim	Weekly vocabulary tests END OF YEAR EXAM WHOLE-SCHOOL ASSESSMENT DATA COLLECTION POINT
SKILLS		SKILLS		SKILLS	
Recognition of pronominal prefixes and suffixes for past future and participles		Recognition of Kal and Niphal		Recognition of all binyanim	

Year 10: Biblical Hebrew

Autumn Term		Spring Term		Summer Term	
Autumn 1		Spring 1		Summer 1	
TOPIC: Set Texts WEEKS: 6		TOPIC: Set Text 2 WEEKS: 6		TOPIC Set Texts 2 WEEKS: 6	
KNOWLEDGE	ASSESSMENT	KNOWLEDGE	ASSESSMENT	KNOWLEDGE	ASSESSMENT
Judges 9	Exercises on Judges set texts: comprehension	1 Kings Chapter 2 – 1 st half	MID-YEAR EXAM WHOLE-SCHOOL ASSESSMENT DATA COLLECTION POINT	1 Kings Chapter 3	
SKILLS		SKILLS		SKILLS	
Being able to extract answers from the text		Being able to extract answers from the text		Being able to extract answers from the text	
Autumn 2		Spring 2		Summer 2	
TOPIC: Set Texts WEEKS: 6		TOPIC: Set Texts WEEKS: 6		TOPIC: Revision WEEKS: 6	
KNOWLEDGE	ASSESSMENT	KNOWLEDGE	ASSESSMENT	KNOWLEDGE	ASSESSMENT
Analysis questions on Judges	Exercises on Judges set texts: comprehension	1 Kings Chapter 1 – 2 nd half	Exercises on 1 Kings set texts: comprehension	Revision of grammar	END OF YEAR EXAM WHOLE-SCHOOL ASSESSMENT DATA COLLECTION POINT
SKILLS		SKILLS		SKILLS	
Being able to search out the linguistic devices used in Biblical Hebrew to convey different emotions: anger, sarcasm etc.		Being able to extract answers from the text and to search out the linguistic devices used in Biblical Hebrew to convey different emotions: anger, sarcasm etc.		Application of grammar skills to the set texts	

Year 11: Biblical Hebrew

Autumn Term		Spring Term		Summer Term	
Autumn 1		Spring 1		Summer 1	
TOPIC: Set Texts 2 WEEKS: 6		TOPIC: Revision WEEKS: 6		TOPIC: Revision WEEKS: 6	
KNOWLEDGE	ASSESSMENT	KNOWLEDGE	ASSESSMENT	KNOWLEDGE	ASSESSMENT
1 Kings Chapter 5 - 1 st half	Weekly tests on Set texts	Revision of Set Texts	Weekly tests on Set texts	Revision of Set Texts	
SKILLS		SKILLS		SKILLS	
Being able to extract answers from the text and to search out the linguistic devices used in Biblical Hebrew to convey different emotions: anger, sarcasm etc.		Being able to extract answers from the text and to search out the linguistic devices used in Biblical Hebrew to convey different emotions: anger, sarcasm etc.		Being able to extract answers from the text and to search out the linguistic devices used in Biblical Hebrew to convey different emotions: anger, sarcasm etc.	
Autumn 2		Spring 2		Summer 2	
TOPIC: Set Texts 2 WEEKS: 6		TOPIC: Revision of Set Texts WEEKS: 6		TOPIC: WEEKS:	
KNOWLEDGE	ASSESSMENT	KNOWLEDGE	ASSESSMENT	KNOWLEDGE	ASSESSMENT
1 Kings Chapter 5 – 2 nd half	MOCK EXAM 1 WHOLE-SCHOOL ASSESSMENT DATA COLLECTION POINT	Revision of Set Texts	MOCK EXAM 2 WHOLE-SCHOOL ASSESSMENT DATA		
SKILLS		SKILLS		SKILLS	
Being able to extract answers from the text and to search out the linguistic devices used in Biblical Hebrew to		Being able to extract answers from the text and to search out the linguistic devices used in Biblical Hebrew to convey different emotions: anger, sarcasm etc.			

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BIBLICAL HEBREW CURRICULUM SEQUENCING

The sequence in Biblical Hebrew begins with a logical introduction to the language, grammar, vocabulary and sentence construction of the Hebrew Bible and Old Testament, followed by readings in set biblical texts. One set biblical text is studied at a time to avoid confusion between the stories.

EXAM INFORMATION FOR GCSE QUALIFICATIONS IN THIS SUBJECT AREA

Click each link below to view the full specification:

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