

## KS3 Opening Minds Curriculum Plan 2014-15

In Year 7 students study Geography, History, R.E and Personal, Social and Health Education through an Opening Minds programme which supports students in developing personal, learning and thinking skills.

Year 7	Content summary
<b>Smart Brain</b>	What are the PLT's: Personal, Learning and Thinking Skills? What does the term democracy mean and how can we apply this to our Opening Minds lessons? What tools do we need for learning? What kind of learner am I and what impact will this have on my learning?
<b>Global Affairs</b>	What global affairs are currently in the news? Who were Martin Luther King and Malcolm X and what did they campaign for? How did religion shape the behaviour of Martin Luther King and Malcolm X? Why do people migrate from place to another? What is an asylum seeker and refugee? What do the United Nations do and how important are human rights? What are the main festivals celebrated by different religions? How has Christmas changed through the ages and what similarities and differences can be seen with a modern day Christmas celebration?
<b>Time</b>	Where are the global glacial environments located and what are the different types of glacier? Why are glaciers melting? What landforms are produced from glacial erosion? What is chronology and how has technology changed through time? What are the beliefs and values of the followers of Buddhism and Islam and how is the concept of 'eternal' relevant?
<b>It's Not Fair</b>	What does the term Fair-Trade mean and what work do the Fair-trade Foundation do? How is a Fair-trade product farmed, refined, produced and distributed? How is the United Kingdom financially governed and how is the budget decided? What are the underlying reasons behind why some countries are richer than others?
<b>Relationship and Sex Education</b>	Why are honesty, loyalty, understanding and respect important in relationships? What physical and emotional changes take place at puberty and how do we manage them? What rights and responsibilities are there within relationships?
<b>Conflict</b>	What is conflict and what types of conflict are there? Is conflict the same as bullying and how can we prevent or stop it? Who had the best claim to the throne in the 1066 Battle of Hastings? Why did William conquer at Hastings? How can we create our own re-enactment of the Battle of Hastings? What global water conflicts exist and how can we ensure that water consumption is managed sustainably?
<b>Dragon's Den</b>	How can we create a product to meet a given brief? What is involved in creating a successful business plan and how can we create our own successful business plan? What skills do we need to focus on when researching, designing, costing, making, presenting and evaluating a product? How can we prepare ourselves to answer questions on our product?