



**AVANTI HOUSE**  
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**2019-2020**

**Programmes of Study**

**Key Stage 3**

**Sanskrit**

# SANSKRIT

## OVERVIEW OF COURSE

Sanskrit is taught as an ancient language i.e. with the purpose of learning grammar and translating texts from the Ancient Indian library. Texts include Mahabharata, Bhagavad Gita and Ramayana. Pupils will develop skills in grammatically analysing texts, which in turn helps to improve the generic grammar skills across the Indo-European language tree. Pupils have the opportunity to study Sanskrit at IGCSE level and even further at A level.

## PROGRAMME OF STUDY

Term	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Autumn 1	Devanagari letters	Instrumental case	Plural Nouns
Autumn 2	Vowel combinations	Dative and Ablative cases	Translations
Spring 1	Consonant Combinations	Genitive and Locative Cases	Present Tense
Spring 2	Simple Sentences	Feminine Nouns	Past and Future Tense
Summer 1	Accusative Case	Neuter Nouns	Translations
Summer 2	Translations	Dual Nouns	Vedic Maths

## SKILLS / KNOWLEDGE / UNDERSTANDING

Students will be expected to develop the following knowledge, skills and understanding:  
 A variety of listening, reading and writing skills are developed around the Devanagari script. Students will be able to transcript passages from key texts.

## METHODS OF ASSESSMENT

We will use a range of assessments:

- Formal tests / examinations
- Tracking of quality of class and homework through books/folders

We will also use a range of different styles of feedback to students:

- Extensive (deep) marking in which the teacher provides formative comments for future improvement which the student is expect to act on in the following lesson.
- Acknowledgment marking, where the teach concisely marks the piece of work, highlighting positive work and addressing major misconceptions.
- Non-written feedback which can take the form of verbal, peer and self assessment.

## HOW PARENTS / CARERS CAN HELP

The Packs provided to pupils are self-explanatory and are written in English with explanations of the grammar and how to use the vocabulary. Parents can go over this with the pupils and ensure they understand the learning. Flash cards are a great way to help the pupils learn the vocabulary given.

## RECOMMENDED READING / OTHER RESOURCES

- Mahabharata series by Warwick Jessop
- Bhagavad Gita
- Ramayana