

Year 8 Curriculum Content 2023-24

Year 8 Curriculum Content	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
English	Dystopian Fiction Using evidence, Impact of writer's choices (Reading)	Opinion Writing Writer's Voice, Structure and Coherence (Writing)	The Arrival Writer's Voice, Structure and Coherence (Writing)	Women in Shakespeare Using evidence, Impact of writer's choices (Reading)	A Monster Calls The impact of writer's choices, Using evidence (Reading)	Animal Farm The impact of writer's choices, Using evidence (Reading)
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ratio & scale Multiplicative change Multiplying & dividing fractions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working in the Cartesian plane Representing data Tables & probability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brackets, equations and inequalities Sequences Indices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fractions & Percentages Standard Index Form Number sense 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Angles in parallel lines & polygons Area of trapezia & circles Line symmetry & reflection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The data handling cycle Measures of location
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ecosystems 2: Respiration and Photosynthesis Energy 2: Work and Heat Transfer Reactions 2: Chemical Reactions and Energy Waves 2: Wave Effects and Wave Properties 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electromagnets 2: Magnetism and Electromagnets Matter 2: Elements and the Periodic Table Organisms 2a: Breathing 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Genes 2: Evolution and Inheritance Earth 2: Climate and Earth's Resources Organisms 2b: Digestion 	
DT and Food	Students study Design Technology with timbers, food preparation and nutrition and textiles across the year.					
	Food: Development of food safety knowledge to include food storage and cooking with meat and fish. Food provenance, food miles and the impact on the environment. Micronutrients, nutritional value of vitamins and minerals. A range of healthy recipes using macronutrients and introduction to cooking with meat (or meat alternatives). Food Science.		Design Technology with timbers: Renewable and non-renewable energy sources, sustainability, soldering, timber joints, timber finishes, manufactured boards, mechanisms. A range of practical skills to cover the projects covered.		Textiles: Technical textiles, 'e' textiles, circuits and electronics, hand stitching.	
Art	Perspective	Perspective	Under the Sea: printing techniques	Under the Sea: printing techniques	Architecture: Hundertwasser and other artists	Architecture: Hundertwasser and other artists

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History	Thematic Study: When was it best to protest? Study of popular protest through time	Thematic Study: When was it best to protest? Study of popular protest through time	Industrial Britain: The British Empire.	Industrial Britain: The British Empire.	Industrial Britain: Causes and impact of the Industrial Revolution.	Industrial Britain: Causes and impact of the Industrial Revolution.
Geography	Critical Geography and changing landscapes Migration	Critical Geography and skills: Migration and settlement	Landscape builders: Coastal landscapes	The wider world: Asia Physical features, ecosystems, population	People and the planet: Wasteful world , climate change, pollution, problems with waste, solutions	Investigation in Geography: Weather and climates/microclimate investigation
Computing	Media: Vector Graphics	Layers of Computing Systems	Developing for the Web	Representations – from Clay to Silicon	Introduction to Python Programming	Mobile App Development
French	T'es branché: Media, genre and opinions	Paris, je t'adore: A visit to Paris, past tense	Paris je t'adore: A visit to Paris, past tense	Mon Identité: Relationships and interests	Mon Identité: Relationships and interests	Chez Moi, Chez Toi: House and home area
German	Hallo! Introducing myself, language basics	Die Schule: School	Die Schule: School	Familie und Freunde: Family and friends	Freizeit: Free time activities	Mein Zuhause: House and home area
Personal Development	Lessons: Islam – RE Tutor time: Law and the Justice System	Lessons: Islam – RE Tutor time: County Lines	Lessons: Pilgrimages – RE Tutor time: Moral Thinking	Lessons: Pilgrimages - RE Tutor time: Drug and Alcohol Awareness	Lessons: Relationships and Sex Education – PSHE Tutor time: Drug and Alcohol Awareness	Lessons: Relationships and Sex Education – PSHE Tutor time: Signs and Symbols
PE	Max performance – Athletics	Invasion games	Net games and creative (dance/gym)	Max performance - Fitness	Striking and fielding and Net games	Invasion games
	Knowledge of the major muscles and the movements the create. Knowledge of fitness components and fitness testing. Rules of the activities covered. Knowledge of the 3 phases of a warm up.					
Music	Blues music – performing, improvising, culture	Blues music – performing, improvising, culture. Christmas music	Hooks and Riffs - Repeating patterns in music, performing, keyboards, ukuleles	Hooks and Riffs - Repeating patterns in music, performing, keyboards, ukuleles	Reggae, performing, using chords, band skills	Developing band skills, performance

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Drama	Non-naturalism, use of props to aid performances	Non-naturalism/skills, continuation of use of props and building of skills to create performances	Rosa Parks, devising drama unit focusing on Rosa Parks and why she is a key part of history	Rosa Parks, continuation of devising drama unit	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime, use of a script to create performances from	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime, continuation of script work
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