


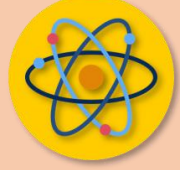







Year 8 Curriculum Overview

Subject	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Reading for pleasure	In year 8 pupils will hear the following books throughout the year as their class reader. The books they will read will be the following: Me, My Dada and the End of the Rainbow by Benjamin Dean; Nisha's War by Dan Smith; The Week At World's End by Emma Carroll; When Secrets Set Sail by Sita Brahmachari and The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by Bryan Mealer and William Kamkwamba.					
English 	Writing Styles Speaking Out!	Story telling Dystopia	Characters Poetry	Novel Adventure and Mystery focussed	World Issues Refugees	Heroes and Villains Romeo and Juliet
Drama 	Brecht	Much Ado about Nothing	The Wheel of Fortune	Pastiche	Page to stage	Picture This: Meta
Maths 	Number	Area and volume Statistics & Graphs	Algebra Real-life graphs	Decimals & Ratio Lines and angles	Fractions Straight-line Graphs	Fractions, decimals and percentages
Science 	Matter, Waves and Earth		Electro-magnetism, Organisms and Energy		Ecosystems, Forces, Genes and Reactions	
Computing 	Computer networks and the Internet	Representing data: images, sound and text	HTML 4 and CSS: an introduction	Python: Drawing	Online safety: Cyberbullying, grooming, sexting and selfies	Python: Numbers

Art 	Natural Forms Photography/Drawing	Natural Forms Drawing/ Textiles	Expression - Eyes	Expression- Eyes (cont)	Expression – Figures	Expression - Figures
History 	Depth study Why was there a 'Great War' ? Was Historian Niall Ferguson right to blame Britain?	What was life like for British Soldiers in the trenches?	Did the Treaty of Versailles make Second World War inevitable?	What was life like in Nazi Germany?	Why was there a Second World War?	Depth study How and why did the Holocaust happen?
Geography 	Development: Where has all the money gone?	Rivers: Raging rivers. What features do they create?	Plate Tectonics: How and why does the Earth move?	Natural Hazards – Nature gets revenge!	Region study: The Magical Middle East.	Crumbling Coasts: Fieldtrip to Chesil Beach and Portland Bill.
Technology 	Topics taught on rotation: Tool roll- Textile project; Shine your light – Resistant materials project and Food around the world project					
PE 	Rugby, Hockey and Gymnastics		Netball, Football and Lacrosse		Striking and fielding, Athletics and Basketball	
Religion and Philosophy 	How do I find inner happiness?) (<u>Focus Buddhism</u>)	How can there be a God if there is suffering in the world? (<u>Philosophy and Christianity</u>)	Should I hit back? (<u>Focus Christianity</u>) (<u>Cross-curricular PASHE project.</u>)	Should I hit back? (<u>Focus Christianity</u>) (<u>Cross-curricular PASHE project.</u>)	Revision and Year 8 end of Year exam.	Philosophy project (<u>Focus – a variety of main-world religious and Humanist beliefs will be explored.</u>)

Music 	Band 101	Romantic	Popular Music 1970-2010	Samba	Pop Song Writing	Rock Band
French 	Moi et ce que j'aime Talking about hobbies; your likes and dislikes	Le Petit Nicolas Studying a French film	Le week-end dernier Talking about hobbies in the past tense	Manger sain Talking about healthy eating	En ville Talking about your area and what there is to do	En vacances Describing holidays Being able to use three tenses
PASHE 	What are my dreams and ambitions? (Careers)	Autumn 2 – Body positivity (This project forms part of a cross-phase project with Frome College.)	Spring 1 – Unders/Overs This will be a cross-curricular project with R&P.	Spring 2 – Democracy	Summer 1 – Healthy and Unhealthy Relationships	Summer 2 – How do I handle peer pressure?
Worship theme 	Community	Wisdom	Joy	Hope	Community	Joy
Visits, Visitors and performances			London Theatre visit Stand up against Violence		Battlefields London Museum	Thorpe Park Prom

Suggestions on how you can support your child at home:

- Hear your child read and have discussions around the book together
- Support your child with practicing their times tables
- Support your child with completing their homework
- Encourage participation in after-school clubs, sports and art activities and tap into community resources with visits to a library, museum, zoo or theatre