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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 8 Curriculum Information – Autumn 2

In Year 8, students continue to build on the strong foundation laid in Year 7. To keep you informed and involved in their learning, we are pleased to share an overview of what your child will be studying this half-term across all subjects. This overview is designed to support productive conversations at home and help you feel connected to the learning taking place in school.

What will my Year 8 child be learning during Autumn 2?

Subject	Key Topics/Focus Areas
English	Students will be exploring George Orwell's novella, *Animal Farm*. They will examine how the novella functions as an allegory and a satire to critique political systems.
Maths	Students will solve linear equations with algebraic methods, model situations with algebraic expressions, learn rules for angles in parallel lines and work out how find the circumference of a circle.
Science	Students will be completing the topic forces and motion. They will then begin the topic plants and processes where they will look at plants and photosynthesis in more detail.
MFL	French and Spanish students will continue learning to talk about holidays in the present tense, before moving on to discuss their free time activities using the future tense and learn to order food.
History	Students will be studying England Turned Upside Down, exploring the political and religious tensions that challenged royal authority during the 17th century. They will investigate the causes and consequences of the English Civil War, the rise of Oliver Cromwell and the restoration of the monarchy, examining how these developments transformed the relationship between Crown and Parliament.
Geography	Students will spend Autumn 2 learning about coasts. The unit covers the key processes of coastal landscapes, the formation of several landforms and the different types of coastal management.
Art	Artists will continue to explore the 'Art Timeline' understanding the different characteristics of artists and art movements. They will develop their understanding of anatomy and proportion through observational portraits.
Music	Musicians will continue to develop an understanding of the history of popular music by discovering music from the 1970s and 80s. Students will learn to play melodies, riffs and chords on the keyboard and ukulele.
Religious Studies	After studying the origins of Islam, students will explore the Five Pillars and Six Articles of Faith, examining how Islamic beliefs and practices have evolved since the Rashidun Caliphate.
PE	Students will develop performance, stamina, and leadership skills through sports including rugby, health-related fitness, netball, basketball and badminton.

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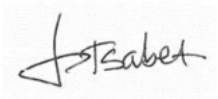
Dance	Students will be exploring contemporary dance and choreography.
Drama	Students will continue to learn and rehearse their EastEnders scripts ahead of their ROA and will also learn how to write about drama performances
D&T	Students will study graphics, textiles, and food. They will experience the workshops for the first time and make a mood light involving woodwork and CAD/CAM skills, explore weaving inspired by Tammy Kanat and macrame skills, and cook dishes such as bread rolls, lemon flan and stir fry.
PSHE	Students will develop a growth mindset, explore how to build strong support networks and learn how to set realistic short-term and long-term goals.
Computer Science	Students will be introduced to the binary number system, gaining knowledge and understanding of how it is used to represent all forms of data on a computer system, from numbers and letters to images and sound.

You can find more about our curriculum approach and how we support all learners by visiting the link below:

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If you have any questions about the Year 8 curriculum or how to support your child's progress at home, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,



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