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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 8 Curriculum Information – Spring 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 Spring 2?

Subject	Key Topics/Focus Areas
English	Y8 scholars will master the Gothic creative writing unit by developing skills in creating ominous settings, utilising the sublime and pleasing terror, and employing antithetical elements to control tension and build atmosphere.
Maths	Year 8 mathematicians will focus on manipulating and problem solving with ratios, as well as exploring how to find the area of a circle.
Science	Year 8 scientists will be looking at interactions and interdependence. Within this biology topic students will look at food chains, food webs, adaptations of organisms to different environments and natural selection.
MFL	Year 8 French and Spanish students are learning how to talk about illnesses and role play scenarios in a doctor's surgery. They will be developing confidence in expressing themselves in all three tenses across a range of situations.
History	Year 8 Historians continue with their investigation into how the 'world turned upside down' in the 17 th century, investigating the impact of Oliver Cromwell and why the English monarchy was eventually restored before moving on to explore the Transatlantic Slave Trade.
Geography	Year 8 geographers will be introduced to tectonics where students will begin to develop an understanding of the processes leading to tectonic hazards.
Art	Year 8 artists are continuing to add to their 'Art Timeline' learning about the Cubist art movement and the concepts explored in the work of Picasso, Braque and later their influence on David Hockney.
Music	Year 8 will continue to understand the key devices within a piece of popular music and understand how chords, bass, and melody work together to create an effective piece of music as a performer, composer and appraiser.
Religious Studies	Having studied the three Abrahamic Faiths, Year 8 students are introduced to the three Dharmic Faiths of Hindu Dharma (Hinduism), Buddhism and Sikhi (Sikhism).
PE	Students will perform complex tactics and creative processes (Fit to Perform), demonstrate good knowledge of anatomical structures (Fit for Life), develop their knowledge of complex tactics and creative processes and will communicate these ideas with good verbal and non-verbal skills (Fit to Lead) through Rugby, Volleyball, Football, Gymnastics and Table Tennis.
Dance	This term in Dance, we continue to take our students on a journey through time as they gain insight into how dance has developed decade by decade.
Drama	Year 8 are beginning to create devised performances responding to the play DNA by Dennis Kelly. They will use this play in influence original 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.

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PSHE	Students will be looking at the importance of regulating emotions, physical and mental wellbeing and how to cope with stress.
Computer Science	Students will explore the Python random library and how random number generation is used in games. Students will then apply their programming knowledge to create, test, and refine a functioning program.

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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