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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Year 8 Curriculum Information – Summer 1

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 Summer 1?

Subject	Key Topics/Focus Areas
English	Scholars will explore Gothic fiction, focusing on how writers construct the sublime to evoke awe and terror.
Maths	Students will be introduced to Statistics where they will learn about how to calculate the averages and spread of a set of data.
Science	Scientists will be learning about acids and alkalis. In this chemistry topic students will learn the chemical differences between acids and alkalis and how acids and alkalis react and the products formed, giving plenty of opportunities for practicals.
MFL	Students will continue learning how to talk about their daily routine, health and fitness, increasing their range of language and use of extended sentences. They will then move onto discussing their future plans for their education.
History	Students continue with their study of the Transatlantic Slave Trade, exploring the reasons for its abolition before moving on to look at the causes and impact of the Industrial Revolution in Britain.
Geography	Geographers will be continuing their studies of Tectonics, finding out about the 2024 earthquake in Japan. After this, students will begin their penultimate module of the year, Weather and Climate.
Art	Artists will continue to explore the 'Art Timeline' exploring world art, recreating artistic styles in creative and original ways. Skills and knowledge will be developed and refined in a range of drawing and painting mediums.
Music	After being given a theme students are taught how to add musical variation and create a unique piece of music, creating a theme and variation piece.
Religious Studies	Students will focus on the key beliefs, teachings and practices of Hindu Dharma and compare them to the three Abrahamic Religions.
PE	Students will be moving onto their summer activity rotations which will include Athletics, Tennis, Badminton, Rounders, Softball and cricket.

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<b>Dance</b>	Students will explore a variety of different dance moves inspired by Just Dance and social media trends. The challenge will be to perform to a range of different music sources, genres and styles, maintaining tempo and movement accuracy throughout.
<b>Drama</b>	Students will be looking at the famous Shakespeare and how to properly use his language. This will be combined with the skill of stage combat where students will be taught how to properly and safely create realistic fight scenes for an audience.
<b>D&amp;T</b>	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.
<b>PSHE</b>	Students will build their understanding of identity by looking at gender, sexual orientation, and the impact of stereotypes in society.
<b>Computer Science</b>	Students will explore the creative computing pathway by learning about graphic design and the production process of digital media, creating their own digital graphics.

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

[Curriculum Overview | Avonbourne Boys' and Girls' Academies](#)

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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