

**YEAR 8 TOPIC OVERVIEW FOR ALL SUBJECTS**

SUBJECT	AUTUMN 1	AUTUMN 2	SPRING 1	SPRING 2	SUMMER 1	SUMMER 2
ENGLISH	Sporting heroes - interpreting and analysing language through a range of non-fiction texts with accompanying writing opportunities to persuade	The mystery genre and pre 1914 prose – developing analysis of structure through short stories with accompanying opportunities for creative writing	Elizabethan tragedy: Macbeth – developing language analysis and appreciation of textual background with opportunities for evaluative writing	Writing strategies - developing awareness of audience and purpose through analysis and production of print media texts	Great writers: poetry - developing comparison skills through the use of the work of renowned poets and accompanying contextualising texts	Twentieth century fiction - consolidating reading skills including language analysis and evaluating their impact on readers
MATHS	Integers, Measures, Probability	Fractions, decimals, percentages Expressions and formulae Angles and 3D shape	Equations and graphs Calculations Transformations	Sequences and roots Collecting and representing data	Ratio and proportion Algebra Construction and 3-D shapes	Analysing and interpreting data Calculation Functional maths
SCIENCE	Health and Lifestyle The Periodic table and Separation Techniques Electricity and Magnetism		Ecosystems and Processes Metals and Acids Energy		Adaptations and Inheritance The Earth Motion and Pressure	
HISTORY	Charles I and the English Civil War	The Making of the UK	The Industrial Revolution	Empire and Expansion	The Slave Trade	Civil Rights in the USA
GEOGRAPHY	Population	Restless Earth	Urbanisation	Rivers	China	Coasts
RST	Impact of Religion in Britain	Human Nature (who am I)	Tolerance and Respect. (Places of Worship) Muhammad	Is there a life after death? (death rituals/funerals)	Abraham and Moses	Prejudice
FRENCH	"Mon quartier": Places in town and directions. Grammar: Il y a, on peut	Arranging to meet/go out. Grammar: Modal verbs (vouloir/pouvoir)	"Ca c'est mon truc": Clothes, weather, weekend activities. Grammar: Regular Present Tense (er verbs)	"Destination vacances": Holidays. Grammar: Present Tense (ir/re verbs)	"Bouger c'est important": Sports and Hobbies. Grammar: Je voudrais, j'aimerais +infinitive; Perfect tense of 'aller'	"Le monde des medias": TV programmes + film genres, discussion of "les choristes". Grammar: Perfect tense with avoir
GERMAN	Shopping and food	Illness and Healthy Living	Technology and Reading, including subordinating conjunctions	TV and Cinema, incl. discussion of "Das Wunder von Bern"	School: School subjects and opinions, German education system	Future Plans, incl. future tense
MUSIC	Intervals and harmony, performing and composing using clashing and blended harmony. An introduction to chords.	Chord sequences and harmonic progressions. Performing a 12 bar blues.	Theme and variations; a study of the musical form through listening, performing and composing.	Ground Bass through the years from Pachelbel's Kanon to Ben E. King's Stand by Me.	Modes and tonality through the ages. Performing and composing using modes.	Modes in popular music, dance and rock. Composing and sequencing dance music.
ART	Children's book illustration based on Roald Dahl's revolting Rhymes. Pupils research a variety of Artists including Quentin Blake to help inform their own ideas. Pupils will design the illustrations to support a section of the rhyme in their own style.		Street Art. Pupils will learn a variety of techniques from drawing, mono printing to frottage and study the art work of Banksy and Shepard Fairey.		Art/textiles - Upcycling creatures, using hand stitching techniques, surface embellishment, machine skills, planning, construction and evaluation.	
TECHNOLOGY	The following topics are taught in rotation: Product Design - Pupils will gain an understanding of Branding and Corporate values aiming to produce a logo design of their own. They will be able to explore using a range of materials suitable to produce a mobile phone case using their 3d skills. Food Technology - Pupils develop their knowledge and understanding of Diet and Nutrition within the body and produce theory work and practical pieces as a result of experimentation.			The following topics are taught in rotation: Product Design - Pupils will gain an understanding of Branding and Corporate values aiming to produce a logo design of their own. They will be able to explore using a range of materials suitable to produce a mobile phone case using their 3d skills. Food Technology - Pupils develop their knowledge and understanding of Diet and Nutrition within the body and produce theory work and practical pieces as a result of experimentation.		
COMPUTING	Databases		Web Design	Python		Graphics
PE	Boys – rotation system of Winter games (rugby/football), indoor net games, indoor invasions games, swimming, health related exercise and gymnastics/dance Girls – rotation system of Winter games (netball/rugby/football), indoor net games, dance, swimming, health related exercise, trampolining and gymnastics.			Boys – rotation system of cricket, athletics, tennis, outdoor and adventurous activities Girls – rotation system of rounders, tennis, athletics, outdoor and adventurous activities		
PSHCE	Next Steps <b>Personal Relationships</b> Anti-Bullying	<b>Careers</b> Why do people work? What is the law relating to work?	<b>Citizenship</b> Human Rights What are they and what is their importance?	<b>Sex and Relationship Education</b> Contraception STI's HIV/AIDS	<b>Citizenship</b> Communities and Groups Racism Anti-Social Behaviour	<b>Healthy Eating and Lifestyle</b> Balanced diets Exercise Managing Stress