

Year 8 – Summer Term 1&2 2025 (April - July) What will I be learning?

English -

In year 8 students focus on three different themes; each class is focusing on different themes throughout the year

Themes: racism, literature and genre and family.

Which texts might students read?

Boy in the Striped Pyjamas

Role of Thunder

Frankenstein

Ghost Stories

Holes

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Percy Jackson

Bone Sparrow

What will skills will students learn?

How to make inferences, to be able to compare, make connotations, develop your
understanding of how to use past and present tense and how to explore the idea of a
moment in time within your creative writing. You will also develop your skills writing
articles and reviews.

Mathematics

Depending on which class you are in you will be focusing on the following topics at different stages of the term:

- Transformation
- Real life graphs
- Decimals
- Fractions, decimals, ratios and percentages
- Construction and loci
- Lines and angles
- Number properties
- Sequences
- Probability

Science

What will I be learning about?

- Animals vs Plants
- Exploring space
- Reactivity
- Earth and its atmosphere inc. rocks and the rock cycle

PE

You will be focusing on different skills within

- Swimming
- Fitness
- Handball
- Basketball



Humanities

History - You will be learning history of slavery with specific reference to the Transatlantic Slave Trade Geography - You will be focusing on the continent of Asia; with specific focus on where people live, globalisation and informal settlements.

RS -

PSE - A focus on careers; what careers are available to you and what skills do you need?

Performing Arts

Music - Keyboard skills and form & structure

What is in each lesson?

Pitch and the stave, understanding of the stave/letters of pitch and how they relate from symbol to sound, notes of the keyboard, Keyboard skills, Treble clef/notes of the stave, Performances of pieces. Rhythmic question and answer, Binary Form, Ternary Form, Insulation and creating own Composition

What will I learn?

musical alphabet/line/space notes/middle C/ledger lines/phrase for the lines/spaces refining/embedding skills above and the importance of performance techniques, Binary form AB, Ternary Form ABA, Rondo Form ABACADA, Melody, Drone, Ostinato, Harmony, Treble Clef, Pitch Notation

Drama - **Melodrama**: Develop understanding of the genre and this will lead and focusing on how to deal with and resolve **bullying** through drama.

Languages

Spanish – You will be learning and using key Spanish phrases and words for food and mealtimes – using opinions, ordering in a restaurant and planning/organising food for party. Describing parties and a cultural focus on Mexico. You will also learn how to arrange to go out in Spanish using conditional tenses.

French - You will be learning how to explain what you have done during the school holidays, where you have visited, what you did on holiday and you will be able to give your opinion of your experiences. Then you will be moving on to look at festivals in particular French festivals. You will be taught how to say which festivals in like and dislike, you will be able to describe the festivals and then what you did at the festivals e.g. what food was available and what you ate.

Technology

Art: You will be focusing on developing your pen drawing skills with specific to Andrea Joseph. You will then move to explore the work of Andy Warhol and pop art you will study his life and work. You will you his work as inspiration to develop your own piece.

D&T rota:

Spring 1 - you will continue to move between three teachers where you will do a different project with each. Topics include

- Logos and ICT safety
- Functional ingredients and nutrition
- Jewellery

Spring 2

- Combined textiles/wooden project to create a functional product (x2 rotations)
- Designing and making a new food product