

Year 8

Art: This half term, students will be working on the 'Water' project. They will learn about how other artists represent water and things under the sea. They will experiment with new techniques to express this theme such as creative typography. They will develop ideas that include ways of representing the texture and colour of water. They will explore ideas surrounding the lost village of Shipden and develop imaginative designs for a clay version of a lost villager from Shipden.

Computer Science: This half term, students will study: Python programming: algorithms, assignment statements, variables

Dance and Drama: Students alternate between dance and drama each half term. They will study either the drama topic or the dance topic this half term.

Dance: This half term students will be studying dance through the decades. Focusing on how dance started in the 1920's and then progressed through looking at disco in the 1970's, and Hip Hop in the 90's.

Drama: This half term students will understand what melodrama is including the historical context.

They will be introduced to stock characters and develop their performance skills to meet the needs of the stock character.

English: Year 8 will be looking at different sonnet forms and learning a range of poetic terminology, alongside a study of the Bible as literature and its importance in influencing literature as a whole.

French: Students will be learning about understanding (listening and reading) and expressing (speaking and writing) themselves on the topic of school. (school uniform and subjects)

Geography: This half term, we will be studying the structure of the earth, the hazards this can create. We will investigate the impacts natural hazards have on the human population and how humans respond to these challenges.

History: This half term year 8 will be studying the growth and impacts of the Slave Trade.

Maths: This half term year 8 will be looking at Algebra unit 2 which involves calculating and simplifying with algebraic expressions

Music: In rotation 1 we are exploring four-chord songs using ukuleles and keyboards, with a focus on developing ensemble skills through group work. The ukulele unit includes arranging and vocal skills, while the keyboard unit includes the opportunity to perform multiple parts within a song.

Physical Education: This half term, year 8's will be on a rotation of either Football, Basketball, Netball and or Rugby. Pupils will continue to develop and improve on key skills and techniques involved within each area but with a focus on resilience.

RE: Ethical Theory: In this unit, students will delve into various ethical theories, examining their principles and applications in real-world scenarios. By analysing moral dilemmas and engaging in ethical discussions, learners will develop a strong ethical foundation, promoting empathy, informed decision-making, and responsible actions in their lives and communities.

Science: Year 8 will be investigating the chemical reactions of acids and alkalis and learning about the digestive system.

Technology: Hospitality and Catering - Students will be looking at healthy eating and the function of ingredients this half term and making whole grain raspberry bars and Pasta Ragu. Resistant Materials – Students will be making an acrylic phone stand.

Graphics: Students will build on the skills gained in year 7 to look at dye at print techniques to produce a personalised branded t shirt.

PSHE: This half term Year 8 will be studying 'Law and Order' exploring where laws come from, how they differ to rules, who is involved in the legal process and a look at the proceedings that take place in a court room.