



Monday 30th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Curriculum Information – Autumn 1

As part of our commitment to strengthening communication between parents/carers and the Academy, we would like to ensure that parents and carers are able to easily access information on what their child is learning at school, to enable positive discussions and support around this at home.

What will my Year 8 child learn during Autumn 1?

English	Year 8 will explore poetry focused on social justice, analysing context, form, structure, and literary devices.
Maths	Students will study powers, roots, prime factorisation, rounding to appropriate accuracy, and finish by multiplying and dividing fractions and mixed numbers.
Science	Students will study human digestion and nutrition, including food labels, explore light waves, reflection, and refraction in physics, and conclude with space physics.
MFL	Year 8 will discuss holidays, using past, present, and future tenses to describe travelling abroad.
History	Students will study the Reformation, focusing on Henry VIII's break with Rome and the religious upheaval that followed.
Geography	Year 8 will explore the distribution of global populations, factors affecting population growth and decline, and reasons for migration.
Art	Students will study portraiture and anatomy, focusing on drawing techniques inspired by Leonardo Da Vinci and the Italian Renaissance.
Music	Year 8 will learn about the history of popular music, from the 1950s to the 1970s, playing melodies, riffs, and chords on the keyboard and ukulele.
Religious Studies	Students will explore the Islamic perspective on the Biblical narrative, the impact of Muhammad (pbuh) and the Rashidun Caliphate, and Sunni-Shi'a differences.
PE	Students will develop fluency in skills under pressure (Fit to Perform), demonstrate stamina (Fit for Life), and lead others confidently (Fit to Lead) through Handball, HRF, Netball, Basketball, and Badminton.
Dance	Inspired by <i>The Greatest Showman</i> , students will develop physical performance skills, focusing on technique and creating class routines based on the musical.
Drama	Students will explore naturalism in an extract of <i>Room 13</i> in the style of Stanislavski, applying their Year 7 skills to portray believable characters.
D&T	Students will study graphics, textiles, and food. They will create a point-of-sale display, explore weaving inspired by Tammy Kanat, and cook dishes like pizza, muffins, and Bolognese.
PSHE	Building on Year 7, students will focus on boundaries, consent, and managing conflict in relationships.
Computer Science	Year 8 will explore Data Representations, learning how binary digits are used to represent text and numbers.

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Yours sincerely,

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