

Year 8 Curriculum

Autumn term 2026



Subject	Autumn Term 1		Autumn Term 2
Art	<u>Still Life – An Introduction</u>		<u>Response to Still Life – A Ceramic Project</u>
Computer Science	<u>App Development</u>		<u>Computer hardware and software</u>
DT	<u>Food</u> Staple Foods Healthy Eating Planning Practical Activities	<u>Textiles</u> Developing sewing machine skills Constructing a pattern	<u>Product Design</u> Shaping metals CAD / CAM Target markets Automation
Drama	<u>Rotation Project 1: Blood Brothers</u>		
English	Viewpoint Writing – Don't get me started! Literary Heritage – Sherriff's <i>Journey's End</i> and the poetry of the First World War		
French (Dual Linguists)	Introductory Language		Introducing and describing yourself
Geography	<u>Frozen Continent: Antarctica</u> Students will consider every aspect of Antarctica, ranging from the climate, who owns it, animals that live and hazards faced.		<u>What is Development?</u> Focus on development using the case studies of Ghana and the UK
History	<u>The Tudors – Introduction and the Catholic Church</u> Enquiry – How far did the Reformation change England?		<u>Problems faced by Elizabeth I</u> Enquiry – How did Elizabeth I overcome the problems which she faced?
Maths	Fractions – four rules. Fractions decimals and percentages conversion. Solving linear equations, including brackets and x on both sides. Substitution into expressions and formulae. Simplifying and sharing into a ratio, including exchange rates and recipes.		Percentages of amounts Compound Measures – speed, distance, time. Mass, density, volume. Conversions between speeds and times.
Music	<u>Performance Study and Context</u> Dvorak 'Largo' and the Romantic period		<u>Ensemble Arrangement and Performance</u> The Blues

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PE	Rugby and Basketball (Boys) Netball and Hockey (Girls)	Hockey and Acro (Boys) Health Related Fitness and Basketball (Girls)
PSHE	<u>Law and Order</u> British Values / What is the Law? / The role of the Police	<u>Law and Order</u> The Criminal Justice System / Reform v Punishment Debate
RE	<u>Christianity – Are humans incapable of being good?</u>	<u>Christianity – Can we be saved?</u>
Science	Topic 1: Earth and Space (Physics) Topic 2: Combustion (Chemistry) Topic 3: Plants and reproduction (Biology)	Topic 4: Light (Physics) Topic 5: Food and Nutrition (Biology)
Spanish (Core)	La Comida	Las vacaciones
Tutorial	Exploring prejudice	Exploring democracy – pressure groups
Wider-Curricular	Culture Day (23.10.26)	Year 8 Communion (25.11.26) Year 8 Winter House Games Christmas Concert
Other	School opens for Year 8 students (04.09.26) School Photographs (16.09.26)	Year 8 Progress Review (03.12.26)