

Autumn Term 2

Year 8

Please use this route through to find out what students are learning in the classroom and beyond.

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How should I plan my time?	Assessment	Home Learning
	Students think hard and answer lots of questions every lesson. Students practice and get feedback on their work. Exams: No formal exams this half term.	Due every Thursday at 4pm: 1 hour Sparx Maths 1 hour Sparx English Due every Friday at 4pm: 1 hour Sparx Science
Subject	What are students learning in lessons?	What could students do to extend their learning and develop their character?
Art	Impressionism: paint an Impressionist style painting from a photograph. Colour mixing and brushstroke techniques in the style of the Impressionists.	Be proactive: take photos you could use to paint from.
Computer Science	Computer Hardware and Software: computer components, types of software and how the operating system manages them.	Be curious: Research what components are contained in the first ever iMac.
Drama	Greek Theatre: Greek myth and the techniques used: Greek chorus, narration, character development.	Be curious: read other Greek myths online or in a book from the library. Which is your favourite?
English	Dracula: a Gothic fiction text, learn about characterisation and how to use Gothic conventions in writing.	Be independent: practise writing a Gothic story using Gothic conventions.
Food Technology	Why food is cooked: reduction sauces. Starchy carbohydrates: pastry dishes from around the world. Shortening: shortcrust pastry used in savoury dishes and investigating ingredients for shortening.	Be curious: learn about pastry dishes from around the world. What ingredient combinations are there?
French	Holidays: your usual holidays, describing a holiday in the past, ideal holidays.	Develop confidence: practise your key tenses and vocabulary by creating a timeline for a holiday with descriptions.

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Geography	Coasts: wave features, erosion and depositional landforms, social, environmental, economic impacts of coastal erosion.	Be curious: research Durdle Door and the Jurassic coast.
History	Elizabeth as Queen: problems and challenges at home and abroad including the Spanish Armada.	Be curious: find out about Elizabeth I's visit to Sussex in 1591.
Maths	Solving equations 1: one step, two step, forming and solving. Angles in parallel lines. Circumference: circles and part circles.	Be curious: using a piece of string measure the circumference of different sized circles. Divide the circumferences their diameters - what do you notice?
Music	Rhythms of the world: African drumming, Samba, Blues. polyrhythms, cyclic patterns.	Be curious: listen to some samba or bhangra music. Do you have a favourite piece?
Physical Education	Each set will study one of the following sports: basketball, hockey, rugby, table tennis, badminton, trampolining, football or handball. For each sport students learn: preparation, execution, follow through for skills, basic rules of the sport, competitive gameplay.	Be Curious: Are you excited to watch or track the cricket this term? The Ashes between 21st Nov - 8th January!
PSHCE	Healthy relationships: anatomical changes in puberty, emotions, intimacy in relationships, identity, consent, rule of law, pregnancy and abortion, contraceptives, STI's.	Be curious: read 'help me out - relationships' on CBBC website.
Religious Studies	Islam: the life and significance of the Prophet Muhammad, and the core beliefs and practices of Muslims today.	Be curious: research halal and haram foods in Islam.
Science	Forces and Motion: changing speed and motion, how objects can be changed to increase speed. Plants and Processes: plants as organisms and how plants are adapted for photosynthesis.	Be creative: experiment by growing cress seeds in different conditions and see how the growth is affected.
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