

# Spring Term 1

# 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
	<p>Students think hard and answer lots of questions every lesson.</p> <p>Students practice and get feedback on their work.</p> <p>Exams: Mid-year exams this half term.</p>	<p>Due every Thursday at 4pm:</p> <p>1 hour Sparx Maths</p> <p>1 hour Sparx English</p> <p>Due every Friday at 4pm:</p> <p>1 hour Sparx Science</p>
Subject	What are students learning in lessons?	What could students do to extend their learning and develop their character?
Art	Cubist portraits: portraits from different angles. Study Cubism and develop a design for a collagraph print.	Be resilient: develop your skill by practising drawing portraits from different angles - use YouTube videos to help you.
Computer Science	Web design: creating and formatting web pages using HTML.	Be creative: create a blog webpage on one of your hobbies.
Drama	Exploring Shakespeare: looking at some of Shakespeare's most famous scenes and how they can be adapted using different drama techniques.	Be open-minded: Watch a Shakespeare play online - there are lots!
English	Non-Fiction Writing: how to construct an article using persuasive devices.	Demonstrate service: write an article that encourages students to be more environmentally-friendly in school.
Food Technology	Environmental, historical and seasonal food choices: Cornish pasties and empanadas, sensory appeal of different pastries.	Be curious: find out more about how the ingredients in the Cornish pasty have developed. What other foods originate from the same areas of the UK?
French	Going out and Staying in: free time activities, favourite TV show, films and music, planning an event, inviting people to your event.	Be curious: find out what the top TV shows and films are in France and other Francophone countries. Watch some episodes of appropriately aged shows.

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Geography	Ecosystems: biomes, biodiversity, adaptations, threats and conservation.	Be curious: watch "Greta: a year to save the world" to see how human actions impact fragile ecosystems.
History	From Tudors to Stuarts: Catholic threats against the reign of James I, including the Gunpowder Plot. The English Civil War: causes and consequences. Witchcraft in England 1645-7 including reasons for the increase in persecution.	Be curious: find out what happened to Margaret Cooper who was accused of witchcraft in Sussex.
Maths	Direct Proportion: unitary method, recipes and best buys. Fractions, decimals and percentages. Percentage calculations: percentage of amounts, percentage increase and decrease.	Be independent: find your favourite recipe and work out the amount of ingredients needed for 2, 8 and 20 people.
Music	Elements of music: rondo form, sonata form, notes of the bass clef, key signatures up to 3 sharps or flats.	Be determined: practice naming the notes of the bass clef until you can name them without needing to think about it.
Physical Education	Each set will study one of the following sports: fitness, OAA, 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 Winter Olympics? See if you can catch any of it between Feb 6th - Feb 22nd.
PSHCE	Keeping safe: potential abuse, risky scenarios, online exploitation, child sexual exploitation, first aid and medical emergencies, safeguarding awareness.	Be curious: find out more about first aid using the St John's ambulance videos.
Religious Studies	The Dharmic faiths: how Hindus, Sikhs and Buddhists view the world. Hinduism: the beliefs and practices of Hindus today.	Be curious: research the Hindu festivals of Diwali and Holi.
Science	Electricity: circuits, potential difference, power and energy and the efficiency of appliances. Revision: revise all units and prepare for the Science midyear exams.	Be curious: build and investigate your own circuits on "PhET circuit construction kit: DC" website. Be ambitious: revise for exams.
Spanish	Going out and Staying in: free time activities, favourite TV show, films and music, planning an event, inviting people to your event.	Be curious: find out what the top TV shows and films are in Spain and other Hispanic countries. Watch some episodes of appropriately aged shows.