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Year 8:

The information below gives you a brief outline of the work we are covering with students this term.

| Subject | This term we will be studying... | Useful resources |
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| English | <p><i>Run Rebel</i> – The Verse Novel: Our enquiry: “Stories like Run Rebel, enable us to have discussions about contemporary concerns”- To what extent is this true?</p> <p>The core vocabulary students need to have a comprehensive understanding of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploitation • Suffrage • Illiteracy • Bullying • Empowerment • Liberation <p>Students will respond to the themes in these verse novels, developing their critical thinking and discussion skills. In addition, they will work on developing their reading and analytical texts to a text.</p> <p>Some poetic skills they will look at: Vocabulary patterns, refrain, enjambment, imagery, caesura, sibilance.</p> | <p>Three Things:</p> <p>Three things to read:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ‘Purple Hibiscus’ by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie 2. ‘The Crossing’ by Manjeet Mann 3. ‘Three Girls’ by Katie Clapham <p>Three things to watch:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ‘exhibitions Bend it like Beckham’ on ClickView (12A) 2. “1 mile to you’ on Netflix (12) 3. Pilot theatre: https://pilot-theatre.com/production/run-rebel/ – Returning 2024. <p>Three places to go:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Visit the theatre 2. Herbert Art gallery – Peace and reconciliation exhibition. 3. People’s museum – free to see: https://phm.org.uk//represent-voices-100-years-on/ |
| Maths | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ratio and Proportion • Algebra Expressions • Algebra Equations • Co-ordinates and Graphs • Fractions, Decimals and Percentages • Percentages • Fractions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.corbettmaths.com • www.centurytech.com • www.mathsgenie.com |
| Science | We will be studying the following key scientific concepts | Nuggets of homework are set each week on Century Tech linked to class topics. |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breathing and gas exchange Voltage and Resistance Digestion The Periodic table of elements Variation and Inheritance | <p>Students log in via the microsoft option using their school email and password.</p> <p>https://app.century.tech/login/</p> <p>www.bbcbitesize.co.uk</p> <p>https://www.mathsociety.org.uk/ks3science</p> <p>https://www.educationquizzes.com/ks3/science/</p> |
| History | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An introduction to Early Modern English history including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The causes and consequences of the Wars of the Roses The impacts of the Wars of the Roses The reign of Henry VII The reign of Henry VIII and the English Reformation The legacy of Mary I and Elizabeth I Historical skills including source analysis, evaluation of source provenance, extended writing and debate | <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zyfr8p3</p> <p>https://www.warsoftheroses.com/</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/tudors/english_reformation_01.shtml</p> <p>https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/education/resources/the-english-reformation-c1527-1590/</p> |
| Geography | <p>Why is Urbanisation a Global Issue?</p> <p>This unit looks at where people live and how this is spread out.</p> <p>It includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why are people moving to cities? What effect does this have on resources? How does urban growth affect cities? | <p>Urbanisation - KS3 Geography - BBC Bitesize</p> <p>https://clickv.ie/w/V-cz</p> |



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| RE: More questions, than answers? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can there be truth? • Why can't we agree about the origins of the universe and humanity? • God? Who are you? • God? Where are you? • How responsible are we: can animal testing ever be right? • Why would a benevolent God let his creation suffer? • Will religion lose out to science in the next century, or can they be reconciled? | <p>BBC bitesize</p> <p>The Christian Creation story - BBC Bitesize</p> <p>Is the Earth sacred? – KS3 Religious Studies – BBC Bitesize - BBC Bitesize</p> <p>Does it matter how we treat animals? – KS3 Religious Studies – BBC Bitesize - BBC Bitesize</p> |
| Art & Design | <p><i>Projects are delivered on a carousel system. The projects that groups will be exploring during the term</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Values (8M) • Symmetry and Printing (8M) • School Values • Cake slab pots • Catering | <p>About drawing - https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zp q3pbk/revision/1</p> <p>Pattern - https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zb rsnr/d/revision/1</p> <p>About Clay Tools - https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zp hv46f/revision/1</p> <p>Art Portfolios - https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zp 99y4j</p> |
| Spanish | <p>Year 8s begin building on the skills they developed throughout year 7 and apply these concepts to new topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A variety of free time activities • Expressing opinions • Using a wider range of verbs- to play, to do, to go sports • Hobbies in Spanish • Practicing and consolidating the present tense | <p>https://wordwall.net/resource/21790881</p> <p>https://wordwall.net/resource/38444088</p> <p>https://wordwall.net/resource/21790776</p> |



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| Mandarin | <p>Jinbu 1 Unit 5 Food and Drinks (one week's lesson left)</p> <p>Jinbu 2 Unit 1 Weather</p> | <p>'Go Chinese' website</p> <p>https://eu.gochinese.net/goChinese/</p> <p>MEP projects</p> |
| PE & Sport | <p>Students will be working on invasion games and swimming. The focus will be on the core skills required to participate and compete in these activities. Pupils will be made aware of when they need to be bringing swimming kit into school instead of normal PE kit.</p> <p>The assessment focus will be on warm-ups, including being able to lead a warm-up and the physiological benefits. An additional focus will be on the major muscles in the body.</p> | <p>https://www.thepeshed.com/warm-up-games</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z9ntfrd/revision/1</p> <p>https://www.twinkl.co.uk/teaching-wiki/warm-up</p> |
| Performing Arts | <p><u>Oedipus – Greek Tragedy</u></p> <p>Students explore the origins of Western Theatre through the lens of the first part of the Theban Tragedy. We will revisit dramatic strategies and develop understanding of how they relate to narrative structure, tension building and audience manipulation. Our thematic issues are family, conflict, fate, relationships and truth.</p> <p>We will explore the methods of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greek Chorus • Hymns Hands • Physical Theatre • Marking the Moment • Dramatic Irony • Narration | <p>Marking the moment - Explorative strategies - GCSE Drama Revision - WJEC - BBC Bitesize</p> <p>Guide to the Greek Chorus: 3 Examples of the Greek Chorus - 2024 - MasterClass</p> <p>Narration - Drama Resource</p> |
| Music | | |



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| Media | <p>This term. We will be exploring Sequential Art and Comic Books. Students will be exploring;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Narrative - Genre - Super-Heroes - Sequential art <p>They will also have the opportunity to create their own characters and will be making their own comic book pages.</p> | <p>Comic Life in your Curriculum plasq.com</p> <p>www.marvel.com</p> |
| Foundation | <p>This term we will be focusing on core literacy and numeracy skills whilst exploring the theme of conflict. This topic will focus on World War 2 and will</p> | <p>https://app.century.tech/login/</p> <p>www.bbcbitessize.co.uk</p> <p>www.myon.co.uk</p> <p>Renaissance Learning Login</p> <p>Times Tables Rock Stars – Times Tables Rock Stars (trockstars.com)</p> <p>Login - ReadingWise</p> <p>CENTURY Online Learning English, Maths and Science</p> |



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