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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is incredible that it is already time to write and tell you what we will be learning about this half-term. We have had a very productive half-term, with a real highlight being Hautbois. If you haven't seen the photos yet - please head over to the school website to see Year 8 being adventurous and having fun.

We have worked hard, had fun, and made some wonderful connections between different areas of the curriculum, which has been superb.

If you would like to support your child's learning at home, we thought it would be helpful for you to have a more detailed idea of what we are learning about:

English

During this term, students will be learning how to speak and write persuasively! They will create persuasive leaflets, persuade people to attend our school as well as create an advert to persuade people to visit Japan. Our focus will be all around Japan, this will link with our Geography lessons of Asian countries. Our reading book this term will be 'My Awesome Japanese Adventure'. This is a book all about the adventure of someone visiting Japan, and discussing the culture, traditions, and places of interest within Japan.

You can always help by reading together, either aloud or just encouraging them to make time to read at home. We will be using the school library regularly and will also have a book box that relates to our learning in the classroom. The best homework is to read regularly and this will have the greatest impact on progress, regardless of how fluently they are able to read.

Geography

Within this term's Geography lessons, we shall be looking at China and India. We will be looking at what human and physical geographical features are and how we can identify them within pictures and around our school. We shall be looking through atlas and maps and improving our skills using a globe, identifying different Asian countries as well as understanding the difference between continents and countries.

RSHE

We shall be exploring and discussing the following topics: Drugs, Alcohol and tobacco, Managing Risk and personal safety, Puberty and Sexual Health.

Interventions

We will continue to explore many different areas of Personal Development, building on our Speech and Language skills, and discovering new memory Aides.

Philosophy and Ethics

Students shall continue to look at Crime and Punishment, discussing capital punishment. Students will also highlight features of a democracy and alternatives to democracy and finally create a presentation to identify the UK's main political parties.

Maths

During this term, students will be learning about the following topics: Multiplication and Division, Geometry, and Algebra.

Science

In Science this half-term Year 8 will be studying the topic Atoms, Elements and Compounds.

Computer Science

In Computer Science this half term, students will be learning about binary digits and how they can be used to create/represent both text and numbers.

Art

In Art this half term, students will continue to work on the topic Human Figures

PE

In practical PE this half term year 8 students will be learning about creating and participating in their own obstacle course and playing basketball

Music

Students will be looking at how chords are made and played on a keyboard. They will develop a melody and chord performance as well as perform either a solo or paired keyboard performance.

Drama

Students shall be looking at the use of mime within their Drama lessons this term. From Charlie Chaplin to Mr Bean via rollercoasters.

Homework

In Year Eight, homework will be encouraged but optional. It has the most impact when it is relevant and curriculum related and whenever possible, we will seek to ensure it relates to some aspect of our classroom learning. Please speak to me if you think your child could manage more or needs less!

If you have any questions or want to let us know about anything your young person is achieving or concerned about outside of school or at home, please do let me know. We will be delighted to work together and it is very important to us to see your whole child, not just their school bit!

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