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ACHIEVEMENT FOR ALL

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A Happy New Year to all our Year 8 families! The Year 8 team and myself are very much looking forward to a new term of teaching our class. Thank you for all the lovely messages and gifts you sent at the end of last term, we were both very touched and enjoyed opening them on Christmas morning!

English and History

In English this term, we will be looking at Shakespeare and Romeo and Juliet. We will be learning about who Shakespeare was and themes of Romeo and Juliet. Students will have the opportunity to either perform or/and direct an extract from Romeo and Juliet to perform in front of the class.

In line with Shakespeare, within History, we shall be investigating The Tudors. Investigating the character of Henry VIII, analysing what went wrong within the Battle of Bosworth and highlighting important historical events that happened during The Tudor times.

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.

<u>RSHE</u>

We will be exploring and discussing the following topics: Positive Relationships, Relationship Values, Forming and maintaining respectful relationships.

Philosophy and Ethics

During this term, students will be learning about Pressure Groups, Media and Censorship.

<u>Maths</u>

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

<u>Science</u>

In Science this term, students will be looking at Energy Changes

Computer Science

In Computer Science this half term, students will be developing their skills on Scratch.

<u>Art</u>

In art lessons we will be starting our project on 'Landscapes', by looking at landscape artists from Turner and Constable and asking questions about sustainability and climate change. We will develop use of line, perspective and texture through a variety of media including pencil, painting and collage.

<u>PE</u>

In practical PE this half term year 8 students will be learning about Badminton and Fun Fitness.

<u>Music</u>

In Music this term, students will be looking at and researching British Folk Music. We will use traditional folk songs to create modern arrangements and perform these as an ensemble.

<u>Drama</u>

In Drama we are going to be developing social skills through characterisation and role play. We will also be looking at superheroes and creating our own.

<u>Homework</u>

In Year 8, 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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