



Dear Parents and Carers

The Year 8 team hope you had a brilliant Easter break and we are looking forward to having the Year 8 students back for the Summer term!

English

Within this term's English lessons, students will be reading a play script called 'Chicken!'. This play is all about road/bike safety as well as peer pressure. Students will be looking at attributes of characters, the importance of informing people about road/bike safety, understanding why we use apostrophes and producing in groups their own road safety script

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.

History

In this term's History lessons, we shall be looking at The Victorian Ages. Within this topic we shall also be taking a trip to Gressenhall to look at what a workhouse was and what it entailed. We shall also be taking a trip to Strangers Hall in Norwich to recap everything we have learnt from The Tudors.

RSHE

We will be exploring and discussing the following topics: Consent, Contraception and Parenthood, Bullying /Abuse, Social Influences - We will follow county guidance for this and ensure that the sensitive topic is taught appropriately and mindfully. If you would like to ask more questions about this, please let me know.

Philosophy and Ethics

In this term's Philosophy and Ethics lessons, students will be looking at the argument 'Science vs Religion'. Students will be able to describe the scientific account of creation as well as the Biblical account of creation

Maths

During Summer term 1, students will be learning all about the following topics: statistics, measures and time/money or algebra

Science

In Science this half-term Year 8 will be studying the topic Earth Science. This Chemistry topic gives an introduction to the geological history of the Earth, different types of Rocks, how they form and how they weather.

Computer Science

In this term's Computer Science lesson, students will be studying layers of a computer system. Students will be able to explain how a computer operates and be able to explain what artificial intelligence (AI) is and how it is evolving everyday within the 21st Century.

Art

In art lessons this half term, we will be continuing with the same project on 'Landscapes'. We will explore the impact of the industrial revolution on landscape artwork, making connections to history lessons, as well as exploring sustainability and climate change. We will then refine our ideas to design and create a final piece.

PE

Year 8 students will be learning about outdoor adventurous activities and striking and fielding games including a visit from Norfolk SEN cricket who will be delivering a session for us.

Music

In music this term we will be studying music and film. We will be listening to famous film scores by composers such as John Williams and Ennio Morricone, as well as composing our own music to suit a film clip.

Drama

To support the study of a playscript in English, students will be exploring scripts focusing on scene starters and different ways of interpreting character.

Homework

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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