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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the final half term of the school year before the summer break, we wanted to get in touch for one last time and let you know our plans for learning in Year 8 in Summer 2.

English

In our final term of English, students will be working in two groups to create and perform their own play. Learning about the different features of plays, as well as learning to advertise their plays, students will use all they have learned to produce their own play, containing a beginning, middle and end.

Students will also be reading the following book; **Son of the Circus: A Victorian Story**

Geography Focus (Humanities)

In this term's Geography lessons, students will be investigating local geography including Lessingham and Wroxham. Students will analyse the following, population, tourism, and the water cycle. Using all the information they have learnt about, students will produce and present a presentation all about the local area. We will also be focusing on map skills and learning how to read Ordnance Survey maps including 4 and 6 figure grid references.

RSHE

Financial Choices and Media and Digital Safety.

Philosophy and Ethics

In this term's Philosophy and Ethics lessons, we shall be discussing the **big question** - 'How was the world created?'

Maths

Stages A-E will be completing studies on Measures, while Stage F will complete Measures as well as begin Algebra. All students will then have knowledge reviews targeted to their stage and individual class needs to help fill any gaps in mathematical learning identified by stage teachers. There will be a low-stakes end of year assessment in Maths, to inform future planning and grouping.

Science

In Science this half-term Year 8 will be finishing off the topic Properties of Earth's Materials before moving on to study the topic Physical Properties of Matter. This is a Physics topic which uses ideas about particles to understand lots of different physical changes we see around us.

Computer Science

This term, students will be introduced to programming and Mircobits.

Art

Year 8s are continuing the theme of urban/digital art in lessons this half term. Students have explored the work of Banksy through creating their own stencils and using spray paint and this term the focus will be on using digital software to create artwork.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zpqs82/articles/zd4n3qt>

PE

In practical PE this half term year 8 students will be preparing for sports day events/races and rounders.

Music

In music this term we will be creating a 'class band', using the keyboards, ukuleles, electronic drum kits and guitars to create a performance of a popular song. We will perform and record the song at the end of the term.

Drama

An introduction to script work, using scene starters and developing our own scripts.

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!

All homework assignments will be placed within Google Classroom - As mentioned before, frequent engagement with Reading Plus will really help reading comprehension, fluency and speed which will have rewards across the curriculum. Please remember to record reading at home in planners so students can access the reward scheme

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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