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**ACHIEVEMENT FOR ALL**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the final term of the school year before the summer break, we wanted to get in touch let you know our plans for learning in Year 8 in Summer 1.

### 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.

Important Links:

<https://www.think.gov.uk/>

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/39664/Road-safety-in-Norfolk>

<https://nationalhighways.co.uk/road-safety/>

<https://capt.org.uk/csw-road-safety/>

### RSHE

We will be exploring and discussing the following topics: Consent, Contraception and Parenthood, Bullying /Abuse, Social Influences. Mrs Jones and Ms Wade have attended training on the latest RSHE guidance from DofE and so we will be implementing changes from this term. We will be covering using correct names for genitalia, puberty, menstruation, consent and FGM. We will follow county guidance and Pol-ed (Police) and PHSE association resources for this and ensure that the sensitive topic is taught appropriately and mindfully.

Parents and carers have the right to request that their child is withdrawn **from the Sex Education elements of RSHE** (other than the statutory science curriculum). If you would like to discuss this, or if you have any questions about the content or how it will be taught, please contact the school office to arrange a conversation.

As mentioned in the Newsletter, we are hosting a parent consultation about RSHE on **27th April at 7 pm**. You will receive a link for this prior to the event and this will be a chance to ask any questions and feed your thoughts back to us.

### **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 or algebra (for those students in Stage F).

### **Science**

In Science this term Year 8 will be studying the topic Properties of Earth's Materials. This Chemistry topic introduces the geological history of the Earth, but also looks at how and why we use the materials we get from the Earth. Year 8 will also be studying 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 unit takes learners on a tour through the different layers of computing systems: from programs and the operating system, to the physical components that store and execute these programs, to the fundamental binary building blocks that these components consist of. The aim is to provide a concise overview of how computing systems operate, conveying the essentials and abstracting away the technical details that might confuse or put off learners.

### **Art**

Urban/digital art is the Year 8s theme in art lessons this half term. Developing on from last term this project looks at how cities have influenced approaches to art. Students will explore the work of Banksy through creating their own stencils and

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zpqxs82/articles/zd4n3qt>

### **PE**

In practical PE this half term year 8 students will be learning about tennis, wheelchair basketball and Capture the Flag.

### **Music**

In music we will be exploring the music of John Williams and Hans Zimmer. We will be composing our own piece of film music to suit a scene from 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' using keyboards, chrome music lab or Beepbox.

### **Humanities (History focus)**

In History we will be starting to look at Victorian England. We will tie in our knowledge of the Industrial Revolution to investigate what life was like in 1900 including what Victorians did for leisure. We will also look at the Reign of Queen Victoria and investigate what Victorian cities were like, alongside looking at the Poor Law and the Workhouse. We have planned our trip to Greeshall to experience a workhouse first hand.

Useful links: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zq9ysk7/articles/zhj9cmn>

**Drama**

This half term, using the set text 'Chicken', we will be exploring the themes and creating a piece of Drama related to road safety.

**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.

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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