Year 8 Curriculum Overview

Subject	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
English	*Descriptive writing *Persuasive writing *Analytical skills studying prose extracts and short stories *Poetry skills *Diary writing *Fiction Comprehension skills *Verbal reasoning skills	*Travel writing: inform, explain, magazine articles and letters *Writing tasks: diaries, letters, reports, speeches, scripts, discursive, etc. *Poetry comparison and poetic terminology *Performance poetry *Non-fiction comprehension skills	*Creative writing and the media *Advertising *Shakespeare *Individualised examination preparation
Maths	**8 Express** *Calculating Visualising and constructing *Algebraic proficiency *Proportional reasoning **8 Pro/Dev** *Number and number system *Calculating Visualising and constructing *Probability *Algebraic proficiency	**8 Express** *Pattern sniffing *Solving equations and inequalities *Calculating space *Conjecturing *Algebra: visualising **8 Pro/Dev** *Exploring F/D/P *Proportional reasoning *Pattern sniffing *Angles *Calculating F/D/P *Solving equations	**8 Express** *Algebra: visualising *Solving equations and inequalities *Understanding risk *Data **8 Pro/Dev** *Calculating space *Algebraic proficiency *Data *Microsoft Excel
Science	*Photosynthesis and Microbes *Electricity and magnetism *Physical change	* The Earth and Beyond *Cellular Respiration *Light and Sound *Cells and Microscopes	*Metals and Acids *Energy
French	*Hobbies, holiday activities, weather *Past tense (perfect tense and imperfect tense) *Après avoir/être + past participle *Letter writing *Understanding tourist information	*Simple health problems *Shopping and pocket money *Visiting a restaurant or café *Idiomatic phrases using AVOIR (j'ai faim…) *Partitive (how to say "some")	*Structured revision and intense speaking practice

History	*Henry VIII
	  - Kings Great Matter
	  - Break from Rome
		*Elizabeth I
		  - Marriage crisis
		  - Tudor propaganda
		  - Spanish
			*Independent research project
			
			*English Civil War

	- Reformation - 'Great King Harry' Image or reality? *Edward IV *Bloody Mary - Turn or Burn	Armada - Tudor poor law *Introduction to the Stuarts *James and Charles the First - Gunpowder plot - Great Plague of London *Fire of London	*Execution of Charles II *Exam prep
Geography	*Common Entrance coursework *Flooding	*Population – changes and causes	*Revision
Latin and Classical Studies	*5th Declension nouns *Government and Pompeii *Introduction to the passive voice	*Subjunctive *Purpose clause *Past participle passive *The Odyssey	*CE revision OR project on Roman life/Introduction to Greek *Lives of Romans and Greeks
Religious Studies	*New Testament topics for CE	*Contemporary issues and people who changed the world	*Preparation for CE.
Art	*'Ash Tree Project' first hand observational drawings *Study and discuss the art of David Hockney, Vincent Van Gogh and Paul Nash *Study Surrealism and link to what stumps could become - Rene Magritte *Mixed media outcomes: collage, print etc.	*Introduce GCSE style project 'Adorn, decorate and Embellish' *Developing ideas, experimenting with materials	*Reflecting on ideas, final outcome, exploring artists work *Final display of work
Music	*Understanding the differences between major and minor *Gospel music	*Form and structure *Theme and variations *Ornamentation *Sequence	*Composition *Melody lines *Creating instrumental passages
Design and Technology	*Electronics and soldering skills. *Learning about electrical components	*Developing idea.	*Manufacture of Harford Manor stool.

	and their uses. *Introduction to the Harford Manor Project		
Computing	*Expectations and e-safety *App Design & UX	*App Design & Planning *App Build & Publishing	*JavaScript Basics
PSHEE	*Listening Skills Developing listening skills to help interaction in the classroom *Relationship and Sex Education	*Anti-Bullying Technology and the media: cyber bullying *Mindfulness Developing mindfulness techniques to help children deal with School and home life	*Keeping Healthy What should I avoid if I am to try and stay healthy? *Moving on A review of the year, review of targets achieved and missed, plans for the coming year
PE	*Swimming – stroke development and races *Gymnastics – group work and apparatus	*Swimming – survival and water polo *Fitness and cross-country	*Athletics
Games	*Rugby (boys) *Hockey (girls) *Recreational Games programme during Friday Games lessons – optional for non-squad players	*Hockey (boys) *Netball (girls) *Recreational Games programme during Friday Games lessons – optional for non-squad players	*Cricket (boys and girls) *Recreational Games programme during Friday Games lessons – optional for non-squad players