

English: Both sets will concentrate in preparation for CE and scholarship, developing confidence to tackle unseen poetry and prose comprehension, as well as writing for a variety of purposes. Mr Whitworth will explore pre-twentieth century literature, while Miss Williamson will focus on nature and the environment.

French: This term, our preparation for CE and Scholarship will focus on refining pupils' use of the three main tenses, as well as the conditional and imperfect for Scholarship candidates. Pupils will also be preparing for their first practice oral examination. In addition to this, we will also be covering the topic of House, Home and Chores.

Maths:

Year 8 will revise the 4 Rules including decimals, percentages and fractions.
Mental Maths, Tables and CE paper practice throughout.
Number properties including primes, squares, factors, HCF and negative numbers.
Level 3 topics to continue for Set 1.
Mathletics tasks at home will help with all these topics.

PE/Physical:

The year will start with some baseline fitness assessments. This will be followed by a half term of Swimming, then Basketball and Badminton.

Science:

This term we will be learning about 'Respiration and breathing' we then continue building our knowledge of human biology by studying 'Food and digestion' which also covers health and nutrition.

History:

This term we will be looking at the arrival of the Black Death to England in 1348. This leads us onto an investigation of what events led to the Peasants Revolt in 1381 and discovering the individuals involved and political changes which arose because of the riots.

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Geography:

The Year 8's kicked off their return to school with their CE fieldwork enquiry. This required the children to collect, measure and record primary data outside of the classroom at different points along the River Glaven. The first part of the term will involve the enquiry write up which links together the theme of rivers and coasts.

Art:

In Art this term, we will be looking at how artists have explored politics through visuals and different mediums. The children will be asked to create their own political poster, inspired by something they feel strongly about. They will be using cutting techniques with craft knives and spray paint, taking inspiration from artist, Banksy!

R.S. (TPR): With *Great Thinkers and their Ideas* complete, the children will apply philosophical thinking and focus on the study of ethics and contemporary moral issues, specifically: just war, punishment, life and death and the environment, within a Christian context.

Music:

Year 8 have been exploring chord patterns and formations through the use of boom whackers. They have enjoyed learning class songs and are working towards a performance for the Michaelmas concert.

Computing:

The first half of Michaelmas term is all about e-safety. We will be using various tools and techniques that will show our children how to use the internet as safely as possible.

Design Technology:

Electronics and woodwork: This term we will be looking at the beginning stages of soldering up our circuit boards for an FM radio project.