



Curriculum Bulletin - Y8 EPS4



What Will I Be Learning About This Half Term?

English	Pupils will be studying the theme 'Storms, Islands and Us'. We will be learning about Shakespeare's 'The Tempest' and a range of storm themed poetry. We will also be learning about effective descriptive writing.
Maths	Pupils will be learning about fractions, percentages, ratio, area, volume and sequences.
Science	This half term, Year 8 will be learning about energy, ecosystems & genes and reactions
Art & Design	Pupils will continue to work on portraits inspired by the contemporary artist Keemo, and will be introduced to the mechanical collages produced by the famous artist Eduardo Paolzzi.
Design Technology	Pupils will be getting introduced to Google Sketch Up, this is a free piece of CAD software that pupils who take up DT at KS4 will use to complete coursework tasks. They will produce high quality design of different types of buildings to a range of different design specifications.
Drama	Moral Dilemmas - this unit of work provides a context in which students can examine and clarify their own values towards a range of societal issues.
Geography	Pupils will be learning about river systems, with a focus on processes, landforms and flooding. Towards the end of the term they will start to learn about international development and why there is a development gap between countries.
History	Pupils will be learning about 'Getting the Vote' and beginning 'The First World War'. Pupils will learn about the themes of war and conflict and the development of political power. This builds on the 'Industrial Revolution', where pupils learned about changes in British society. As well as previous topics studied on these themes.
ICT	Pupils will be continuing with Data Representation and then moving onto Networks and the Internet.
Languages	Pupils are learning about technology, including mobile technology. Pupils will describe their use of technology by recalling their knowledge of regular –ar verbs.
Learning for Life	Pupils will be learning discussing “ultimate” questions from religious and non religious perspectives.
Music	Pupils are continuing with their topic 'Remix'. In this topic pupils use the Mac computers to create remixes of existing songs. They will listen to a range a remixes and develop a knowledge of music samples.
Physical Education	Boys - We will be learning the skills, techniques and tactics in rugby league and table tennis. We will be analysing our own and other performances and looking at how best to improve. Girls - We will be learning further tag-rugby skills, having a bigger focus around skill application. There second lesson a week will be dance with a focus on Musical Theatre.