

English

Students will be baselined in the Autumn term through various reading and writing activities (including phonics). The topic we will be studying this term is 'Change'. Students will develop their retrieval and inference skills through picture books and will focus on informative letter writing as well as character descriptions. Remember, if you want to support your son at home, they can access our online reading program MyON which offers over 6000 books – many of which have an audio function. Alternatively, the following websites can be useful to supporting your son's learning in both reading and writing: [English - BBC Bitesize](#) and [IXL | Maths and English Practice](#)

Learning for Life Self-Awareness: Code of conduct. Rules, what are rules and why we have at school, home and the community. Pupils personal strengths and what they enjoy in life. How to respond to positive and negative comments from others. Personal belongings, personal space, unwanted touch and consent. Changing and Growing: Pupils will learn about changes in the body during puberty then how relationships vary in people's lives. For more information on this topic visit: [Puberty and your body | Childline](#) or [Puberty - The human reproductive system - 3rd level Science Revision - BBC Bitesize](#)

SALT (Speech and Language Therapist Sessions)

Interests & friendships- Learning 'what are interests and hobbies' and identifying own interests. Developing presentation skills and sharing ideas with peers. Developing positive interactions between the group through analysis of appropriate/ inappropriate friend behaviour/ phrases and role-playing scenarios.

Preparation for Adulthood With the focus of 'Who am I?', students will identify their own likes and dislikes, what they like and don't like doing, then are introduced to basic teambuilding tasks in order to discover how well they work with others. They will begin the process of thinking about what they want to be/ do in the future, and start their Vocational Profile.

Performing arts – students will be exploring drama as a mindfulness tool, as well as to increase their confidence and social skills. They will also learn about mime and work towards a performance of a mimed script (Cu Chulainn).

STEM This term the students are working in mixed year 7 & 8 classes to explore the physics and chemistry linked to rockets through the theme of space. They will be involved in a range of practical tasks to help them understand the science, technology and maths which is used at a level they can access. Should you want to support their understanding in these subjects linked to space then take a look at: [Learning Resources - NASA](#)

ICT - Pupils will be introduced to the school's computer systems and the productive use of the Internet. They will engage with web-based 'eye-to-hand' tracking programs to make them interact more comfortably with technology. Pupils will then be taught basic computer operations and formatting tools through the basic use of Microsoft Word & PowerPoint. The early skills acquired in ICT will be instrumental to support learning in other subjects.

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Year 7

World Around Us This term, pupils will be studying their local area, exploring the geography (Chiltern Hills, map work), RE (symbol and their meaning, religious buildings in our local area) and history of Amersham (different buildings, professions and events) together. The World Around Us curriculum supports writing skills and teaches pupils how to use sources of information wisely. To help your son continue to explore the world around them, take a look at the following websites: [History - BBC Bitesize](#) & [World geography for kids | National Geographic Kids \(natgeokids.com\)](#)

PE - This term students will be involved in a range of outside activities including: Handball, football and orienteering. Inside activities will include: Sensory circuits, bench ball, basketball and trampolining. All lessons will include time in the inside gym. For more ways to help your son stay active at home, you could try: [PE Home Learning - Free Online Resources - PE Scholar](#)

Maths

For the first few weeks of school Year 7 students will be assessed for their maths strengths and weaknesses. We will also look at maths anxiety to see how students feel about maths. After assessment students will be put into working groups according to their baseline level. Students will access a curriculum of number, geometry, measures and data work appropriate to their ability. Assessments will be done at the end of teaching blocks to track progress and aid teachers in planning for future learning. . If you want to support your son further with their maths, then take a look at the online games and resources on the following websites: [IXL | Maths and English Practice](#)

Life Skills Delivered in one of our vertical year 7 & 8 classes, students will work towards six ASDAN Life Skills challenges this year and are split into different groups. The units will focus around; road safety, volunteering, mental wellbeing, leading a healthy lifestyle, preparing a simple meal and cleaning the home. To support your son in developing their independence further, encourage them to complete the booklets which are being sent home. The skills will incorporate those covered throughout the year in the life skills sessions.

Art and Technology Rotation – 1 subject per term

Resistant Materials - Pupils are introduced to working with plastics and wood as they make a key ring and maze project. As the topic is 'Change' this term, once students finish these introductory projects they will use the skills acquired to engage in a group project creating a planter from upcycling pallet timber. This will explore changing the use of discarded pallets into a useful item for the school. For ideas on projects you could try at home, visit: [30 Easy Recycled Crafts for Kids - Easy DIY Upcycling Projects \(goodhousekeeping.com\)](#) & [Upcycling at home: ideas to get crafty with your kids - BBC Bitesize](#)

Art– Pupils are building up their creative and experimental skills with an initial portrait project which includes drawing, collage, painting and some modelling work. This is a project where the pupils can really show us what they can do!

Food Tech - Pupils will be introduced to the fundamentals of food technology. This will include understanding the importance of good kitchen hygiene, healthy and unhealthy breakfasts and kitchen safety. Pupils will then go onto making a number of dishes including breakfast and lunch meals. To help inspire your son to take an interest in cooking, have a look at: [Cooking Games - Play Free Cooking and Baking Games](#)

