

English

The topic we will be studying this term is 'Journeys'. Students will be reading adventure stories and writing action stories as well as a newspaper report. Some selected pupils will be using Little Wandle phonics to support their reading and spelling skills.

Life Skills

Year 8 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.

Learning for Life

Self-awareness: What pupils like and dislike in life and their learning. Lesson links to future career options and setting goals for aspirations. Personal strengths, self-esteem and how what people say can affect others mental health. Self-Care & Support: Pupils will learn how to keep safe (with a little first aid) online and out of school and how to report concerns and who trusted adults are. **SALT (Speech and Language Therapist Sessions)**
To develop an awareness and the identification of a range of emotions and how they are presented (including anxiety). Students will develop the skills to appropriately respond to others thoughts, feelings and emotions.

Preparation for Adulthood

With the focus of **'My Journey to Work'**, students will start thinking about what they need in order to work, from the skills and qualities needed to getting ready in the morning. They will explore types of jobs and add to their Vocational Profile.

Community Art- We are creating a large perspex art work to be displayed as part of the Waddesdon Manor Christmas schools display. Pupils work in teams and have to

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.

ICT - Pupils in ICT will revisit Word & PowerPoint, using information from the Internet to reinforce the basic skills acquired in the first year. They will then be introduced to different types of computing devices, together with a basic understanding of how they work. Pupils will be taught file management skills, as well as additional formatting and presentation tools in Word & PowerPoint to further develop their skillset for use in other subject lessons.

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World Around Us-

Pupils will begin to learn about the threat of climate change by investigation the difficulties of living in "impossible places" or ultra-harsh (hot, cold and wet) environments. They will be introduced to the concept of sustainability and begin to think about how they can make a difference in their own lives to saving the planet. The students will also be learning about the beliefs and practices of Hinduism, Sikhism and Christianity as well as comparing the various beliefs surrounding the Creation of the World. The World Around Us curriculum supports writing skills and teaches pupils how to use sources of information wisely.

Maths

The first week of term will be review and assessment. Students will continue do number work focusing on the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division as well as problem solving using these operations. Some students will begin algebra and coordinate work. Students will also cover geometry and statistic topics appropriate to their ability. Assessments will be done periodically to track progress and aid teachers in planning for future learning.

PE - Outside activities including: Handball, rugby, football and orienteering. Inside activities including: Sensory circuits, basketball and trampolining. All lessons will include time in the inside gym.

Art and Technology Rotation – 1 subject per term

Resistant Materials - Pupils are introduced to structures and knockdown fittings as they design and make a pencil case project. Students will also develop their understanding of CAD software as they incorporate laser cut engravings into their project. Incorporating this terms topic 'Journeys', once students have completed this project they will use the skills and knowledge acquired to design and make a car project.

Art – Pupils will be designing chocolate bar wrappers. They will be looking at simple marketing, product design, graphic design on Publisher and making a model chocolate bar to fit into their wrapper. They will also get an opportunity to do a taste challenge to help them decide on their own product.

Food Tech - Pupils will be introduced to the fundamentals of food technology. This will include recapping the importance of good kitchen hygiene and kitchen safety. Pupils will then go onto making a number of dishes including soups, salads and sweet and savoury pies.

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)

