

Year 8 Curriculum Plan 2026 - 2027

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English Skill focus- Comparison retrieval analysis evaluation creative writing non-fiction writing	Historical Fiction ‘Beowulf’ Writing your own quest	19th Century Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens	Poetry for writing First person narrative poetry ‘The Land of Counterpane’ by Robert Louis Stevenson	Famous People Writing to Inform Biography/ Fact File HT1	Shakespeare Romeo and Juliet	Radio Times ‘Lighthouse TV/Radio’ Scripts and News
Maths	Estimating and Rounding Sequences	Graphical Representations of Linear Equations Solving Linear Equations	Understanding multiplicative relationships: Percentages and Proportionality Graphical Representations of Data	Numerical summaries of data	Perimeter, Area and Volume	Geometrical Properties: Polygons Constructions
Science Biology Chemistry Physics	Period Table Charge and Electrical Current Transport systems	Energy and Power Energetics	Light Reaction of Metals	Density and Pressure Bioenergetics	Coordination Electrical Circuits	Genetics Reactivity Interdependence

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RSHE	Families: Being Safe and Reporting Concerns	Health: Alcohol and Cannabis	Being Safe: gang violence	Respectful relationship: stereotypes and prejudice	Health: Changing adolescent body - Puberty/ first sexual feelings	Health: Basic First Aid
Humanities History Geography RE	Medieval Life and Power 1307 - 1377 Existence of God	Extreme Environments: Polar Regions Creation Theories	Tudors and Stuarts 1425 – 1603 1603 - 1714 Environmental Issues	Weather and Climate Inspirational People	Transatlantic Slave Trade 1526 - 1867 Hinduism: India and Britain	Coasts Hinduism: India and Britain
Art	Structure and shape Form Surrealism	Colour composition Nature Human form	Drawing and painting Line and tone Van Gogh	Painting Print and digital Mixed media	Research and experiment Personal ideas Refine work	Final outcome Peer review
Computing	Computer Systems	Data Representation	Making Games	AI including AI Misuse	Sonic Pi	Monotropic Topic (3 Year rolling programme) 1: Pixel Art 2: Creating eBooks 3: Interactive Fiction
Creative Project	Music That Tells a Story (Hans Zimmer and Toby Fox)	Creation and Capture of the Moving Image	Post Production of the Moving Image	Keyboards (note identification and notes on the stave)	Composition using Keyboards (music for film and games)	Composition using Keyboards (music for film and games)

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Food	Revisiting safe working and knife skills	Identifying own equipment. (Less teacher support)	Eat well plate Having a balanced diet (saturated/unsaturated fats)	How food choice can be affected by different things.	Presentation and colour Frying, steaming	Planning for a dietary requirement.
Horticulture	Nutrients Sunflowers Compost Leaf Mould structure	Soil testing Manure/Leaf mould Prop - Division Enterprise - Xmas	Photosynthesis How seeds spread Craft Assessment	Bird feeders Birds Bird food - doughnuts Annual herbs	Enterprise - fridge magnets Prop - cuttings Spittlebugs	Prop - runners Lifecycles Bee hotels - tins Assessment
PFA Numbers relate to assessment objectives from NEN Framework	Eating at a café 1.6, 1.7, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7	Personal Hygiene 2.1	Using a Phone 1.13	Preparing a meal (with Food Tech) 1.4, 1.5, 1.9, 1.10, 1.11, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 (3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7)	Planning a Trip 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7	Visiting the Doctor/ Health 2.1 Links to RSHE Basic First Aid
SALT Numbers relate to assessment objectives from NEN Framework	(SR) Group Activities 5.2 Participated in group activity 5.4 Understands and conforms to expectations of working in a group	(CI) Communicating Information 3.5 Recounts and Explanations	(CI) Communicating Information 7.3 Understands nonverbal communication	CI – Listening and Understanding 4.6 Extracts meaning/ information (Inference)	Failure - waiting turns - winning and losing - healthy failure Sports Day Prep	(FP) Problem Solving and Thinking Skills 4.5 Makes deductions based on information available