



An Ashmole Trust School

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 'Excellence, Aspiration and Care'

11th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Year 8 Curriculum - Autumn Term 2024

Welcome back to the new school year, I hope you all had a lovely summer.

I am delighted to announce that your child's pastoral support team has expanded. Miss Fitzgerald has been appointed to the position of Assistant Head of Year 8, who will be supporting Miss Miller, Head of Year 8. We also have a dedicated Pastoral Mentor for Year 8, Miss Mouskides. We also welcome Mr Morley, Form Tutor and Miss Dimante and Mrs Shah, Co-tutors to the year group. I will continue as Assistant Head Teacher with responsibility for Year 8. Please find the tutor list below.

As a school, we are fully committed to making every effort to give your child an excellent standard of education. Our ambition is to bring vision, energy, very high expectations and enthusiasm for all within an inspiring curriculum. This curriculum will continue to evolve to meet the needs of a dynamic society, and incorporate innovative approaches to teaching and learning and vocabulary acquisition. Please find an outline of what your child will be learning this term in the table below.

The pastoral focus for tutor time this term is Forming Caring Relationships and Building Resilience, and there will be many opportunities for students to participate in a wide range of sporting, creative and musical activities.

I hope your child enjoys the term and I look forward to collaborating with you further to ensure your child's academic success and personal development.

Yours faithfully

Mr Watton
Assistant Head Teacher

Tutor Groups Year 8

2024-2025 Tutor Group	2024-2025 Form Tutor
8HIS	Mr Hibbert
8AGN	Ms Agnew
8KAU	Mrs Kaur
8GAB	Miss Gardner
8MAB	Mr Makopa
8MOY	Mrs Mootosamy
8SMK	Miss Smith
8MOR (was TOG)	Mr Morley
8MIR	Mrs Miranda

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Year 8 Curriculum Outline Autumn Term 2024

Subject	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
Art	Observational drawings of Animals	Studies of animals inspired by Iain MacArthur
Drama	Physical Theatre	Social Media
English	Crime Fiction	War Poetry
Food	Carbohydrates & Fibre Contextual Challenge: Why do we need carbohydrates and fibre in our daily diets? How can what we eat be modified to incorporate more fibre?	
French	Holidays	Food, Festivals & Future Trips
Geography	Should we allow people to exploit the Amazon rainforest?	How should we measure development?
History	To what extent are all revolutions the same? (English Civil War, French Revolution, American War of Independence)	Did industrialisation change Britain for the better? (Industrial Revolution and Victorian Society)
Mathematics	Number Properties Positive and Negative Numbers Rounding and Estimation	Length and Area 3D Shapes
Music	Ode to Joy: Developing understanding of melody and harmony, resulting in a fully harmonised AABA composition	
PE	Handball Table Tennis	Football Dance Basketball
PSHE	Reminder - what is PSHE and how does it link to our lives? Online safety – digital literacy, safe and respectful online behaviours, online gaming and how the internet can affect self esteem Where to get help and advice Basic First Aid	Human Rights Democracy, government and parliament
Religious Studies	Does God exist? (Theism, Atheism)	Why do we suffer? (Christianity, Buddhism, Atheism)
Science	Light and Sound	Periodic Table Metals, Acids and Alkalis
Spanish	Holidays in the past tense	Phone, music and tv programmes