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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Year 8 Curriculum – Autumn Term 2025

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

I am delighted to let you know that our pastoral support team remains largely unchanged. Miss Chandler continues to be the Head of Year 8, Ms Gadher is our Pastoral Mentor and all Personal Form Tutors remain with their tutor group. We also welcome Mr Chapman to the role of Assistant Head of Year 8, he will be supporting Miss Chandler over the course of the year with pastoral matters and we have two new Co-Personal Tutors in Ms Duce and Mr Elmi. Please find the tutor list below:

8ZYL – Miss Zylyfi

8GRC – Miss Green

8MIC – Mrs Webster

8PET – Ms Pereira

8GHN – Mrs Ghazi-Gadouche

8EDY – Miss Dylgjeri

8ISN – Mr Isnardi

8NOJ – Mr Norfolk

8SWM – Miss Swingler

At Ashmole, we are strongly dedicated to delivering an outstanding education to every student, guided by our core values of excellence, aspiration, and care. We aim to support both academic success and personal development through a curriculum that is stimulating, ambitious, and adaptable to the changing world. We maintain a strong focus on high-quality, inclusive teaching, uphold high expectations rooted in our school values, and prioritise the development of a rich vocabulary to prepare our students with the knowledge and skills essential for their future.

The pastoral focus for this term is in developing oracy skills, the importance of respect and learning more about the global economy. We are dedicating more time to further enhance students' oracy skills and they will all be given the opportunity to present to their form group over the course of the year. As ever, there will be many opportunities for students to participate in a wide range of sporting, creative and musical activities; we sincerely hope that they embrace these opportunities to further enhance their experience at Ashmole. Further details on the range of clubs available to students will be sent out to you over the next few weeks.

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You will find below an overview of the topics your child will be studying this term in each subject:

Subject	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
Art	Observational drawings of Animals Animal Study using watercolour painting techniques	Studies of animals inspired by Natural History Museum Painting of Iain MacArthur inspired Animals
Computing	How to use computers responsibly and stay safe online Working with Application Software	Programming with Scratch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Variables • Sequencing • Selection
Design & Technology	Contextual Challenge - How might products be used to celebrate and recognise new emerging technology? Investigate Expand Knowledge /Justify Consider user needs consider sustainability Write brief link user needs Own analysis/disassembling through LCA	Contextual Challenge - How might products be used to celebrate and recognise new emerging technology? Design Make coherent decisions Develop technical drawing skills Introduced to design iterations, mood boards past and present designer clearer links to user needs
Drama	Physical Theatre	Social Media
English	Crime Fiction	War Poetry
Food Technology	Carbohydrates & Fibre Contextual Challenge: Fuel & Fibre – build a better bite	
French	Holidays	Food, Festivals & Future Trips
Geography	Should we allow people to exploit the Amazon rainforest? Is a shared global culture a good thing?	How should we measure development?
History	How can we compare and contrast revolutions? (English Civil War, French Revolution, American War of Independence)	How did the Industrial Revolution change the lives of people in Britain? (Industrial Revolution and Victorian Society)
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number Properties • Positive and Negative Numbers • Rounding and Estimation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

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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	Making good choices and dealing with pressure: Dangers of alcohol, drugs, vaping and smoking Basic First Aid
Religious Studies	Does God exist? (Theism, Atheism)	Why do we suffer? (Christianity, Buddhism, Atheism)
Science	Skills Review Light and Sound	Periodic Table Metals, Acids and Alkalis
Spanish	Holidays in the past tense	Phone, music and tv programmes.

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



Mrs C Hammond
Assistant Head Teacher