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## **ACHIEVEMENT FOR ALL**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is incredible that it is already time to write and tell you what we will be learning about this half-term. We have had a very productive half-term, with a real highlight being the Hautbois Residential trip. If you haven't seen the photos yet - please head over to the school website to see Year 8 being adventurous and having fun.

We have worked hard, had fun, and made some wonderful connections between different areas of the curriculum, which has been superb.

If you would like to support your child's learning at home, we thought it would be helpful for you to have a more detailed idea of what we are learning about...

### **English**

During this term, students will be learning how to speak and write persuasively! They will create persuasive leaflets, persuade people to attend our school as well as create an advert to persuade people to visit Japan; Our focus will be all around Japan, this will link with our Geography lessons of Asian countries. Our reading book this term will be 'My Awesome Japanese Adventure'. This is a book all about the adventure of someone visiting Japan, and discussing the culture, traditions, and places of interest within Japan.

You can always help by reading together, either aloud or just encouraging them to make time to read at home. We will be using the school library regularly and will also have a book box that relates to our learning in the classroom. The best homework is to read regularly and this will have the greatest impact on progress, regardless of how fluently they are able to read.

Useful Website - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zg3496f#z2xsf82>

### **Geography**

World Geography - Asia: China, India, Japan

## **RSHE**

We shall be exploring and discussing the following topics: Drugs, Alcohol and tobacco, Managing Risk and personal safety, Puberty and Sexual Health

## **Interventions**

We will continue to explore many different areas of Personal Development, building on our Speech and Language skills, and discovering new memory Aides.

## **Philosophy and Ethics**

Students shall continue to look at Crime and Punishment, discussing capital punishment. Students will also highlight features of a democracy and alternatives to democracy and finally create a presentation to identify the UK's main political parties.

## **Maths**

During this term, students will be learning about the following topics: Multiplication and Division, Geometry, Time and Money (Stages A-D) or Algebra (Stage E and F).

## **Science**

In Science this half-term Year 8 will be studying the topic Atoms, Elements and Compounds. This develops students' understanding of atoms as the things that make up all matter and introduces the periodic table.

Useful website: BBC Bitesize <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zng4d2p>

## **Computer Science**

In Computer Science this half term, students will be learning about binary digits and how they can be used to create/represent both text and numbers.

Useful website - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z26rcdm/revision/1>

## **Art**

In art lessons, year 8 students will be continuing exploring the theme 'Human Figure'. After developing an understanding of the history of the human figure, students will now begin to explore Japanese anime and manga artwork in relation to the human figure.

Useful website- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0015nvc>

## **PE**

In practical PE this half term year 8 students will be learning about creating and participating in their own obstacle course and playing basketball.

## **Music**

In music this half term year 8 will be exploring keyboard performance and developing their knowledge of major and minor chords through performance pieces such as *Lean on Me* and *Heart and Soul*.

**Drama**

This half term we will be continuing to learn Drama skills and Mime.

**Homework**

In Year 8, homework will be encouraged but optional. It has the most impact when it is relevant and curriculum related and whenever possible, we will seek to ensure it relates to some aspect of our classroom learning. Please speak to me if you think your child could manage more or needs less!

Students will also be visiting both Tolhouse Gaol and Time and Tide Museum as part of their Philosophy and Ethic studies and will be visiting Norwich City as part of their social intervention and Geography work.

If you have any questions or want to let us know about anything your young person is achieving or concerned about outside of school or at home, please do let me know. We will be delighted to work together and it is very important to us to see your whole child, not just their school bit!

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