



## Curriculum Overview

### Year 8A & 8M (AP+) Summer Term

#### April - July 2023

Form/ Year Group / Section Events	Personal, Social, Health, Citizenship Education (PSHCE)	Computing
<p>Term begins: Tuesday 18th April</p> <p>Half-term begins: Friday 26th May (4.10pm)</p> <p>Half-term ends: Sunday 4th June</p> <p>Year 8 AP+ exam week: Monday 5th - Friday 9th June</p> <p>Year 8 Residential Trip: Monday 12th - Friday 16th June</p> <p>Sports Day: Saturday 24th June</p> <p>Summer Concert: Wednesday 5th July (18:30)</p> <p>Term ends: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July (12.00pm).</p>	<p>Pupils will continue to learn skills to help them revise effectively for their end of term exams. After half term, pupils will complete a number of lessons about <b>local government</b> and understand the difference between this and <b>central government</b>.</p> <p>They will also take part in a <b>careers</b> fair and will think about employability skills such as communication and teamwork.</p>	<p>Pupils will use Google's Applied Digital Skills curriculum, an online digital skills curriculum that covers a wide range of topics that teach digital literacy as well as practical life and job skills.</p>
English	Mathematics	Science
<p>This term pupils will focus on preparations for their AP+ examinations as well as studying a novel. They will complete revision papers based around similar content and style to what their end of year examinations will include.</p> <p><b>Reading:</b> Pupils will revise how to understand, analyse and evaluate meaning from a set novel. Pupils will recap key areas including: understanding and vocabulary; use of text to illustrate answers; drawing of inferences; evaluation of style, language and purpose; delivery of arguments based on material; awareness of how grammar, syntax and punctuation affect meaning and capacity to make comparisons and evaluate contrast. They will continue to recognise and comment on the effectiveness of key literary features, such as: metaphor, simile, personification, symbol, irony, alliteration, assonance, rhyme, rhythm and metre.</p> <p><b>Writing:</b> Pupils will revise the important skills needed to write for a practical purpose: to argue, persuade, explain, advise, and inform. They will also have opportunities to complete creative tasks which provoke imaginative, descriptive or narrative responses. In addition, pupils will have opportunities to write essays about texts which they have studied in class and from a range of composition questions.</p> <p><b>Studied literature:</b> Pupils will be studying 'Of Mice and Men' by John Steinbeck.</p>	<p>This term pupils will be revising the topics covered this year in preparation for the AP+ Maths exam. Revision will be concentrated on the topics identified by the boys during the Easter revision period. Completion of exam style questions will reinforce their knowledge and skills.</p> <p>Post-exams the pupils will learn how to solve simultaneous equations, draw quadratic, cubic and reciprocal graphs. They will also look at plotting routes using bearings.</p>	<p>The pupils will spend the first part of the term revising the Science topics for the AP+ Science exams. This will start with a review of the Year 6 topics of cells and separating mixtures. They will then move on to reviewing the Year 7 Chemistry topics of chemical reactions and metal reactions,</p> <p>There will be plenty of opportunities to develop their exam technique, for example by concentrating on the terminology of the questions. Exam style questions will be used to help reinforce their understanding of the topics.</p> <p>Post-exams the pupils will spend time investigating topics that they would like to explore further with experiments.</p>
Geography	History	Religious Education (RE)
<p>This term, once they have completed their unit on <b>rivers</b>, the pupils will study <b>earthquakes and volcanoes</b>. They will be assessed on their knowledge and retention of key components of these units during the course of the term to help determine their final AP+ grade.</p>	<p>This term the pupils will complete their study of the <b>Black Death</b> and <b>Peasants' Revolt</b> which forms a focal point of their summer exam. They will revise for a knowledge-based exam and prepare for two short exam questions that focus on causation and continuity and change. They will then move onto a non-examined study of <b>Slavery</b>, examining</p>	<p>Pupils will complete their study of Buddhism and then move on to spending time considering the format of the <b>AP+ examination</b> and how pupils might approach the various question types that they might encounter. Following this examination, pupils explore a <b>range of philosophical and ethical issues</b>.</p>

Pupils will also continue to practise their <b>locational knowledge</b> and <b>map skills</b> , including how to read and interpret OS maps.	the slave triangle, transportation of slaves and the factors that led to the eventual abolition of trafficking.	
<b>French</b> The pupils will revise the topics covered over the year. In preparation for the AP+ exams they will be practising listening papers as well as the dialogues prepared last term which will be used for the speaking exam. The key areas of <b>French grammar</b> needed for the Summer AP+ exams will be covered so that pupils will be able to write a short article about the key topics they have looked at over the year as well as translating sentences from French into English as well as English into French. After the AP+ exams the pupils will be introduced to the novel ' <i>Le petit Nicolas</i> ' and will begin to read the novel as well as watching a recent film based on some of the stories in the book.	<b>Latin</b> This term the pupils will revise and consolidate their learning from the previous three years in preparation for their examination in June. A particular emphasis will be placed on <b>the revision of tense and case</b> as well as ensuring vocabulary is of the level expected. The concept of <b>neuter nouns</b> is introduced and <b>participles</b> , which were introduced to pupils during the Spring Term, are also re-visited.	<b>Core Skills</b> The focus in the first half of term will be on improving writing style and exam technique. They will cover areas such as widening vocabulary, using variety and contrast of form, as well as figurative language techniques. In addition to this pupils will have more guided opportunities for developing their skills in PEE paragraphs.
<b>Art</b> Year 8 pupils will continue to experiment with <b>architecture</b> , specifically exploring architectural embellishments. Beginning with clay, pupils will learn 3d crafting, attaching and building methods to create a copy of a classic Oxford 3d gargoye.  They will then progress to using Modroc to design their own gargoyle and create a relief sculpture accentuating features and exaggerating shapes.  They will learn about other architectural embellishments to build up layers of card, paint and collage for a mixed media life sized pillar or column to adorn the Art corridor.	<b>Design &amp; Technology (DT)</b> This term those pupils in the Year 8 DT set will study the following topics:  <b>SMART &amp; modern Materials</b> - Pupils will learn about SMART materials and then design and make a working thermometer using thermochromic ink as part of their design.  <b>Sublimation printing/Textiles:</b> As a final project for Year 8, they will have the chance to design and make a personalised T-shirt based on their future aspirations.	<b>Music and Drama</b> This term the pupils will study the following topics: <b>Pop music:</b> Pupils will learn how to construct a pop song and work together in groups to produce their own band music.  <b>Singing:</b> Pupils will practise their song for the summer concert  <b>Drama:</b> They will be using learnt drama skills to study a unit based on 'Pirates of the Caribbean' for half a term and 'Groundhog Day' for the other half term.
<b>Games</b> This term's major team sport will be <b>cricket</b> . The pupils will consolidate and develop the following skills: <b>Batting:</b> They will learn to play leg and offside shots, forward and back foot attacking and defensive shots. They will learn to run between the wickets. They will learn to make appropriate shot selections and read the game. <b>Bowling:</b> They will be taught how to bowl spin and seam bowling. They will learn to bowl with line and length, and at different speeds. They will be taught to disguise and refine their bowling action. <b>Fielding skills:</b> They will develop their knowledge and understanding of the roles of different fielding positions and the principles of good fielding. They will develop their throwing, both high and low, and practise their catching in the deep and close-in. They will improve their ground fielding and practise run-outs, as well as improve their wicket-keeping. Pupils will be given the opportunity to participate in <b>House and inter-school matches</b> . Coaches will refer to the ECB Coaching Initiative. <b>Tennis:</b> Some pupils will be selected for <b>inter-school matches</b> .	<b>Physical Education (PE)</b> Year 8 pupils will develop their knowledge and skills in the following areas this term: <b>Athletics:</b> The pupils will be coached and have the opportunity to practise a variety of track and field disciplines. Times and distances will be recorded for evaluation purposes.	<b>Swimming</b> This term the pupils will develop and be assessed in the following skills: <b>Water polo:</b> They will develop their passing and shooting techniques. <b>Race swimming:</b> They will practise relays and different strokes in preparation for internal and external galas.