

Year 8 Curriculum Focus Summer Term 2023

During the summer term, pupils in year 8 will be consolidating previous learning in preparation for Common Entrance in the second half of the term, including revision and exam technique before enjoying an array of end of year activities to end their Windlesham journey.

English

This term pupils will study poetic devices, creative writing and will continue to practise CE reading and writing papers.

Science

Lessons will focus on the topic of forces, encompassing the measuring of forces and the effect of forces along with exam preparation and revision.

Maths

This term, whilst the pupils are preparing for Common Entrance they will be working through an individualised program of methods and techniques including the extension of problem solving and addressing misconceptions.

Modern Foreign Languages

This term lessons will be exam focussed covering the revision of topics and grammar required for CE

Latin

Pupils will work on translation and grammar work to ensure that they are fully prepared for CE.

Classical civilisation

Pupils will cover the topics of Boudicca, Hadrian's Wall and life in Roman Britain and will complete their portfolios for CE.

History

Throughout the term, pupils will cover revision of Hastings, 1066, Agincourt and evidence skills.

Geography

Preparation for exams will include working through how to develop exam technique alongside the study of industry, population, development and the environment.

Drama

Pupils will continue rehearsals for 'Kipps' which will include musical numbers and characterisation.

Music

Year 8 will be looking at the music of South America including bossa nova and samba batucada, creating an original piece using GarageBand whilst also learning to play as part of a samba group.

Art

The summer term brings the study of self-portraits, lino printing, Green Man pottery and summer exhibition work.

Design technology

Pupils will cover resistant materials through the storage furniture project and work towards the art and DT exhibition at the end of term.

Graphics

Pupils will learn about the use of computer generated graphic design, creating various font styles, graffiti project, and putting together their own individual leavers photo pages.

Games

The final term of games will be enjoyed through the cricket season, fine tuning batting, bowling and fielding technique through a host of planned matches.

PE

Pupils will spend the summer term focussing on athletics developing confidence in running, jumping and throwing with an awareness of safety and a recognised technique.

Computing

Introduction to Python – This unit introduces learners to text-based programming with Python. The lessons form a journey that starts with simple programs involving input and output, and gradually moves on through arithmetic operations, randomness, selection, and iteration. Emphasis is placed on tackling common misconceptions and elucidating the mechanics of program execution. A range of pedagogical tools is employed throughout the unit, with the most prominent being pair programming, live coding, and worked examples.

PSHE

During the first half of the term, the children will be focusing on different types of relationships including the one they have with themselves. They will learn about strong emotions in relationships and what is meant by control, power balance and coercion in a relationship. After half term, the children will be looking at the emotional aspect of physical attraction and describe the behaviours you should expect in a healthy romantic relationship compared to an unhealthy one.

