



Year 8

### **Y8 Drama**

Students are taught in mixed ability classes and follow a scheme of work that builds on the acting skills introduced in Year 7.

### **Y8 Music**

Students are taught in mixed ability classes building on the musical skills and knowledge learnt in Year 7. They will work with sequencing software at a more advanced level, along with more complex ensemble and keyboard skills. Students will also gain musical knowledge in preparation for the GCSE Music course.

### **Y8 Art**

Students are taught in mixed ability classes and follow a scheme of work centralised around the theme of IDENTITY. While IDENTITY as a theme remains the same throughout the year, students will have the opportunity to do a number of projects within the theme ranging in both style and longevity. This will give learners the chance to discover a range of different artists and media, culminating a variety of individual outcomes.

### **Y8 Information and Communications Technology**

Students are taught in mixed ability classes and follow a scheme of work that is aligned to the new national curriculum provision for Computing. Students will focus on practical based projects which encourage computational thinking and finding solutions to problems. This will include Python, computer networks, Binary, Data handling and Website Creation. Year-8 are taught one lesson a week.

### **Y8 Design Technology**

Students are taught in mixed ability classes, developing and exploring their knowledge of textiles, food and product design.

### **Y8 English Language**

Students are taught in ability set classes and follow a scheme of work that is aligned to the National Curriculum and is linked to the new GCSE curriculum for Language and Literature.

### **Y8 History**

Students are taught in mixed ability classes and follow a scheme of work that is aligned to the National Curriculum. They are taught for three lessons per fortnight.

### **Y8 Geography**

Students are taught in mixed ability classes and follow a scheme of work that is aligned to the National Curriculum. They are taught for three lessons per fortnight.

### **Y8 Mathematics**

Students are taught in ability set classes and follow a scheme of work that is aligned to the National Curriculum.

### **Y8 French or Spanish Language**

Students continue learning French or Spanish in Year 8 which supports continuing study up to GCSE or A Level. In Year 8 in place of French or Spanish, some students will alternatively follow an intensive literacy programme to support their reading and spelling skills and therefore better engage in learning in all other subjects. Please note that students will continue studying the same language as they did in Year 7.

### **Y8 PE**

Students are taught in ability groups and follow a curriculum that is aligned to the National Curriculum requirements and sports linked to the new GCSE specification. Students will complete an activity each half term which will be assessed using national curriculum assessment criteria.

### **Y8 Science**

Students are taught in ability set classes and follow a scheme of work that is aligned to the National Curriculum. The curriculum taught is being moulded to meet the five year curriculum plan.