



## Welcome to Autumn Term 2 Curriculum Bulletin for Year 8

Subject	What we are learning
English	A return to Shakespeare with the famous Macbeth. Exploring conventions of a tragedy, the role of conflict and how this classic influenced characterisation of heroes and villains; comparing Shakespeare to modern day interpretations.
Maths	Investigating statistics, graphs and charts and analysing expressions and equations.
Science	Exploring light, sound and the human ear and eye. Studying the Solar System, gravity and weight.
Geography	Focusing on weather and climate, primarily on types of rainfall and weather systems.
History	Prepare to be immersed into the age of the Industrial Revolution; lifestyle for the workers, the input and output and overall effectiveness of Industry today.
French	Progressing our language skills to be able to explain what there is to do where we live and in Paris. Practice of the past tense and focusing on using infinitive verb forms in our spoken and written work.
DT Rotation	<b>Art:</b> Graphic Design; focused on contemporary architecture and 3D designers, such as Zaha Hadid and Jonny Ives. <b>Textiles:</b> Designing and making face coverings incorporating varying stitch types. <b>Engineering:</b> Design, digital modelling and making of structurally sound paper straw bridges.
Music	Continuing to have fun and develop our ukulele playing skills, developing instrument technique, solo skills and ensemble skills, whilst increasing academic theory understanding.
Drama/PSHE	Studying the work of "First Give" an organisation who raise awareness of social issues and engage young people in social action. Developing awareness of social issues and engaging with a charity.
PE	Outdoor team sports that might include rugby or netball. Cross country will also be delivered. Please remember to bring inhalers, sensible clothing, suitable footwear and water.
Computer Science	Focusing on Computational skills such as Decomposition, Abstraction, Pattern Recognition and Algorithmic thinking - This will include Flowcharts.
RS	The Problem of Evil. Jewish and Christian solutions to evil. The Holocaust. Islam and Extremism. Humanist responses.

Please discuss these topics at home, explore them in more depth through reading, watching relevant TV programmes, try new things at home, carry out some research. This will support your child's learning in the classroom.

For more information about these topics see our curriculum webpage:

<https://www.ormistonriversacademy.co.uk/ks3-curriculum>