

Dear Parents / Carers

9th January 2023

Overview of the Year 8 Curriculum

Head, Heart & Hand

In September, I wrote to you to share an overview of the Year 8 Curriculum for the Autumn term. I hope that you found this useful.

To ensure that we have clarity and consistency across the curriculum I have shared with you that we use the Head, Heart and Hand model where:

Head represents the key knowledge to be learned.

Heart represents the key personal skills that will be developed and help students to understand the world around them.

Hand represents the key skills that will be developed as a result of the knowledge learned.

I am keen that you as parents and carers have the opportunity to share in the Head, Heart & Hand curriculum so that you have an awareness of what your children are learning about, what new knowledge they are covering and what new skills they are developing. Full details for each curriculum area can be found on our website www.malbank.com

I have included a topic overview for the Spring term at the end of this letter so that you can see what topics your child will be covering this term in each curriculum area.

Please remember, that these are overviews and sometimes topics may take a little longer or not as long to get to grips with, to secure the knowledge and skills needed to move on.

I hope that this information is useful. If you have any concerns over how your child is progressing please don't hesitate to get in touch with your child's Progress Manager or the Key Stage 3 team.

Yours Sincerely,

Janine Edwards – Deputy Headteacher

Year 8

	Spring 1	Spring 2
Art	Artist research sketchbook page - Kurt Jackson	Acrylic painting in the style of Kurt Jackson
Dance	Dance in Different Cultures	Dance in Different Cultures
Drama	Two worlds	The street
English	What happens when society breaks down? Romeo & Juliet evaluation - reading.	What happens when society breaks down? Write a poem - writing.
Geography	Energy	Kenya
History	The English Civil War	The development of terror
ICT	Modelling and Data Visualisation	Web Programming

Maths	statistics, graphs and charts Decimals and ratio	Expressions and Equations Real life graphs
MfL	Leisure	Where I live, How I help and my routine
Music	Popular music 1: 4 Chord Songs (Performing)	Popular music 2: Riffs (performing)
PDL	Relationships: Discrimination	Relationships: Identity and relationships
PE	Indoor: Volleyball Basketball/Fitness	Outdoor: Rugby Hockey
Reading to Learn	Using a range of texts to gain a wider knowledge of the world and how literature plays its part. Students will also gain an appreciation for reading and practice a range of comprehension skills	
RS	Hinduism	Sikhism
Science	Biology 1: Plant reproduction, respiration and inheritance	Biology 1: Human reproduction and evolution
Technology	DT - Product analysis using ACCESSFM Materials Graphics Practical - making a finger joint. Food - Product analysis using ACCESSFM Textiles - Product analysis using ACCESSFM Fabric construction	DT Programming and electronics Ergonomics/Flight Project Food Cooking various recipes including pasta sauce, carrot cake and chicken nuggets Textiles Design and make activity