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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Year 8 Learning Journey

Please find below the Summer Term 1 Learning journey for your son/daughter. This provides an overview of the topics your son/daughter will cover in each of their subjects so that you can effectively support them and discuss learning at home. A breakdown of these topics will be provided to students and inserted in their exercise books. Additionally, Long-Term Plans that provide an overview for each subject can be found under the 'curriculum' section of the school website

Year 8 – Summer Term 1 – Learning Journey

Subject	Topic(s)
English	Hamlet and life in Jacobean England
Maths	Sequences Angle facts and rules Solving equations Graphs
Science	Chemical reactions and genes
Art	Completion of three-way celebrity portrait showing a range of media and techniques linking to the artists Andy Warhol, Frida Khalo and Van Gogh. Cubism - Artist/art movement appreciation, cubist inspired ceramic bas relief tile of celebrity portrait.
DT - Engineering	Computer Aided Design (CAD) – Mood Light Project
DT - Food	Nutrition and the Eatwell guide Practicals this half term – Burgers/Kebabs (see Teams for more details)
Drama	Shakespeare - Hamlet
Geography	Physical processes including Glaciation
History	ENQUIRY: Why did ordinary Germans comply with the Holocaust?
ICT	Introduction to Python and Algorithms
Modern Foreign Languages - French	Vive les vacances (Holidays)
Modern Foreign Languages - Spanish	Mi Vacaciones (my holidays)
Music	Creating music: Ideas for a remix and how to use samples
Physical Education	Summer activities include: Athletics, Tennis, Striking and Fielding
PSHE	Healthy lifestyles: Alcohol, drugs and tobacco
Religious Education	Sikhism

Students will also continue to have a lesson each fortnight of Accelerated Reader and Reciprocal Reading that will further develop their reading ability and comprehension.

Below are further reminders regarding Home Learning and Upcoming key dates that have previously been communicated.



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Home Learning

Our home learning policy is built around the importance of retrieval to embed the knowledge and skills students learn in lessons. Home learning will be set by teachers every 2-5 lessons and all home learning tasks will be set through 'Assignments' on Microsoft Teams. Most home learning tasks will be retrieval tasks on Microsoft Forms, for example a multiple-choice quiz or an exam-style question. Students are expected to record brief details of the task in their planner, along with the completion deadline. We ask for the support of parents/carers in checking your child's planner and assignments on Teams to encourage them to keep on top of the home learning tasks they have been set. Microsoft Teams can be accessed on any device (such as a mobile phone, gaming console, PC, laptop, tablet etc), however if students do not have access to an electronic device on which to complete the home learning tasks, home learning support sessions will run daily from 3.10-3.40pm in IT4. We are also launching our Hungerhill Study Skills initiative with students this week which will provide students with a range of strategies that they can use to support their learning and understanding of key knowledge.

Assessment Reporting and Recording

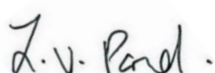
You will be aware that we use three different forms of assessment at Hungerhill to assess understanding and inform planning. Low Stakes assessments involve the home learning quizzes mentioned above in addition to quick, informal assessments that take place each lesson – for example the questioning posed in lessons by the teacher and every lesson starting with a 'Do Now' activity that focuses on the understanding of previous learning. Medium Stakes assessments are undertaken at the end of each topic/unit of work and are used to assess students understanding of the knowledge from that period of learning and the skills they have developed. Your child may refer to these as Check 20s, Progress Checks or STARS assessments. Finally, High Stakes assessments are those assessments carried out at set points throughout the year to assess all learning undertaken to that point and to provide a **current working level** for all students. These are reported home along with updated information regarding students' Attitude to Learning (ATOL), home learning, attendance and conduct information such as the number of achievement and behaviour points received throughout the academic year.

Please note the forthcoming important dates for Year 8 students:

- 04.07.22: GL Progress Tests all week
- 14.07.22: ATOL grades and subject grades reported home

If you have any questions about any of the contents of this letter or in general regarding your Year 8 student, please don't hesitate to contact their Head of Year, Miss Herd or other member of staff via the 'Send us a Message' function of the school website, clearly denoting the intended recipient.

Yours sincerely



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