



Year 8

Curriculum Booklet

2023-24

Raising Standards Leader - Mr S Bahrawy

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Head of Year - Mrs E Greenwood

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Key Dates and Events

| Term | Events |
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| 1 | 23.11.23 - Progress report |
| 2 | |
| 3 | 15.1.24 - HPV Vaccinations |
| 4 | 1.3.24 - Progress report |
| 5 | 29.4.24 - Internal Assessments |
| 6 | 17.6.24 - Progress report 18.6.24 - Parents' Evening |

Message from the Raising Standards Leader:

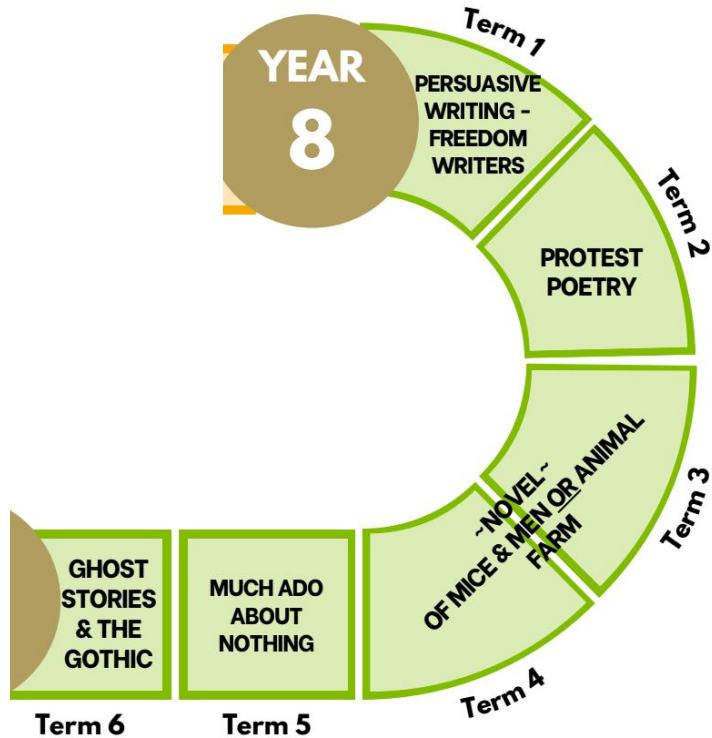
Our year 8 students have made a great start in returning to Meopham since September. Term 2 will see the first data report for year 8 sent to parents/guardians which will give an individual picture on how each student has settled back into school.

If you have any academic questions or concerns that cannot be answered by individual subject staff, please do get in touch with me and I will do my best to resolve them as quickly as possible.

Ensuring students are prepared to learn starts before they leave for school; a good sleep, balanced meal and all the correct equipment sets the day off to the best possible start!

Mr S Bahrawy

English



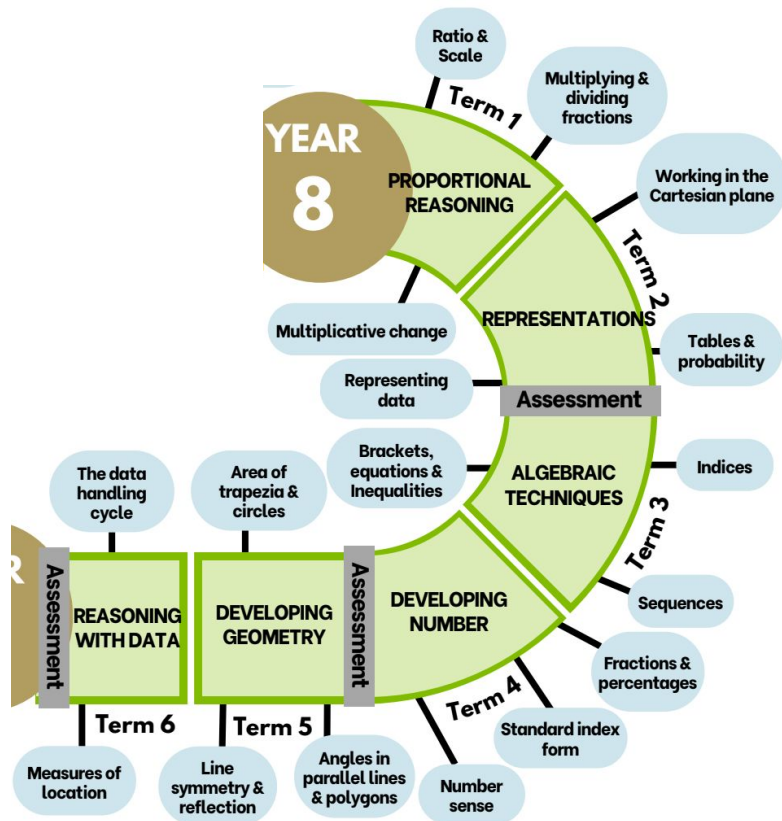
In English lessons students develop their persuasive writing techniques before moving onto a range of fiction texts including Shakespeare, 20th century novels and gothic texts.

Maths

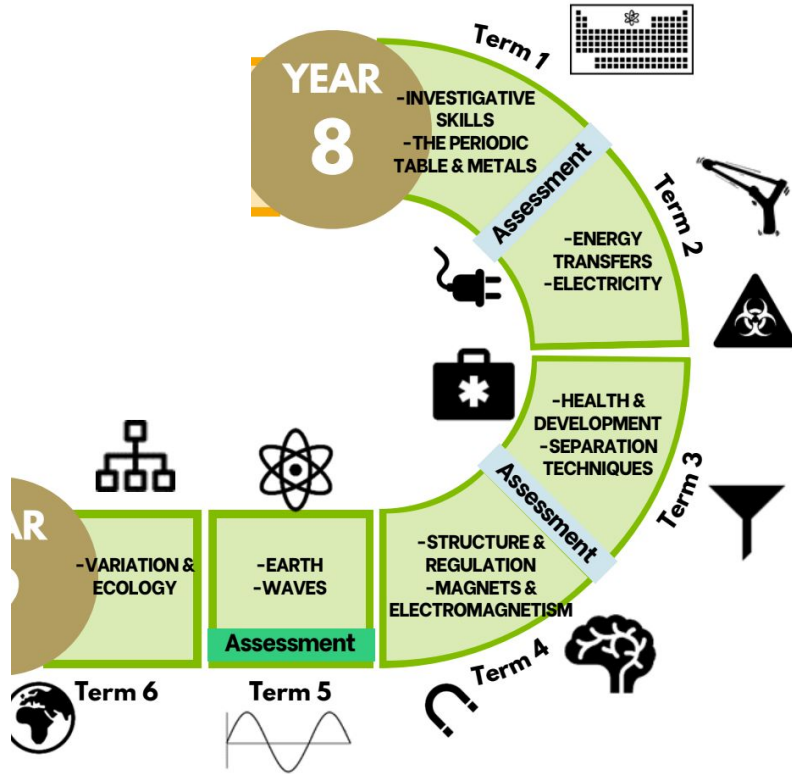


Maths lessons focus on developing skills such as algebra and geometry.

They follow the White Rose maths curriculum.

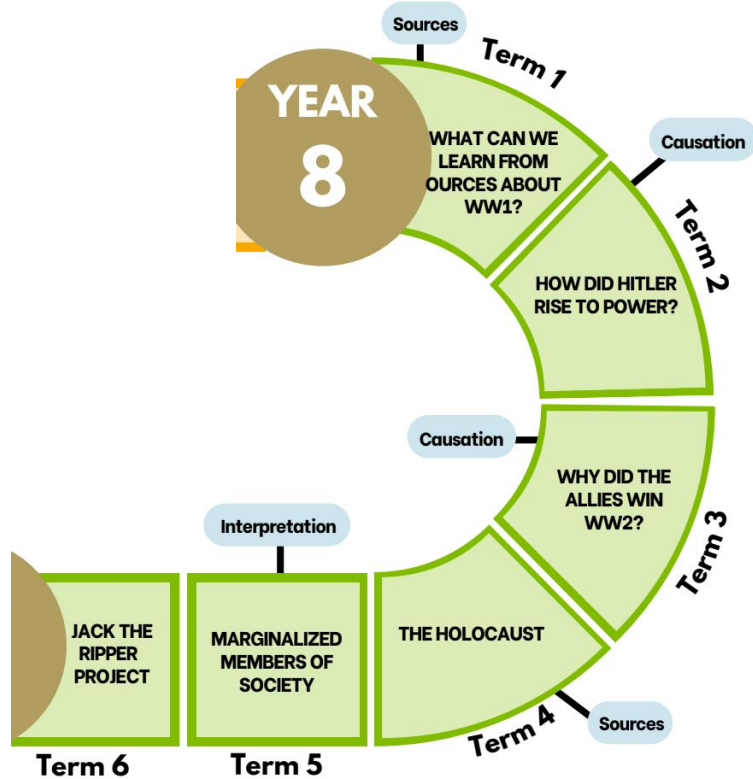


Science



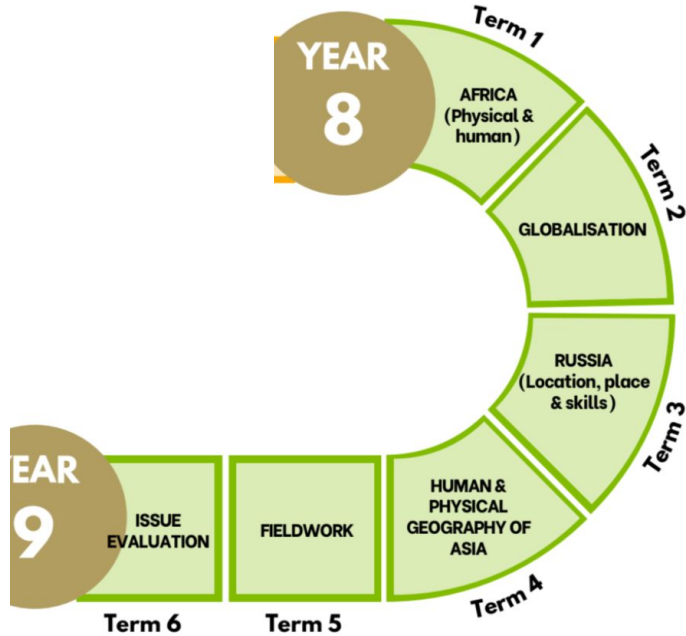
In Science lessons students continue their study of Biology, Chemistry and Physics, looking at topics such as the Periodic Table, Energy Transfers and Ecology.

History



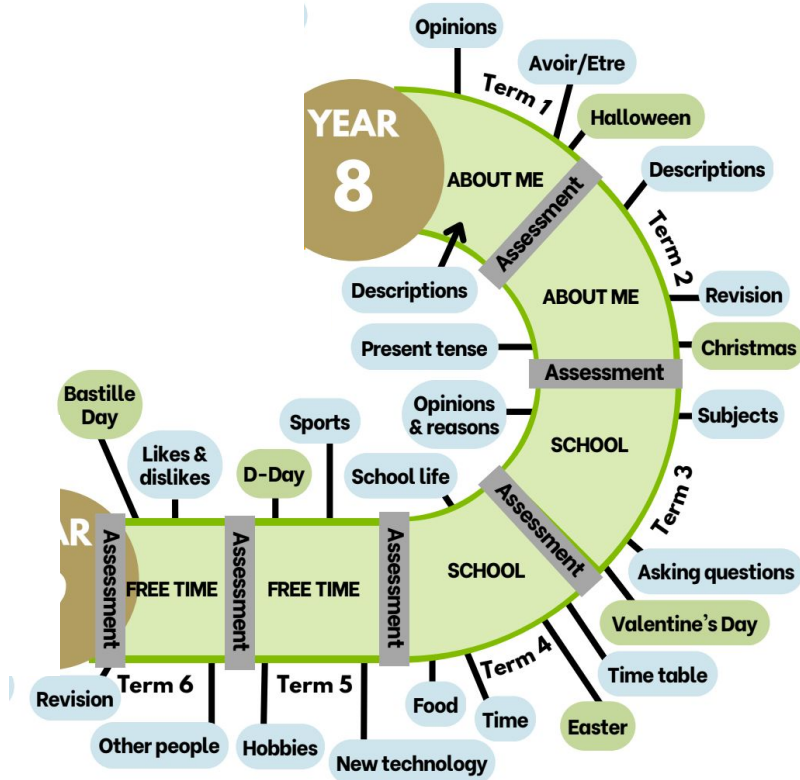
In History students will begin to study events from the Twentieth Century, focusing first on WW1 and WW2, and then considering the ways in which marginalised groups have been treated in society.

Geography



Students explore a range of human and physical geography, with focus studies on Russia and Asia. They also have the chance to develop their fieldwork skills.

French



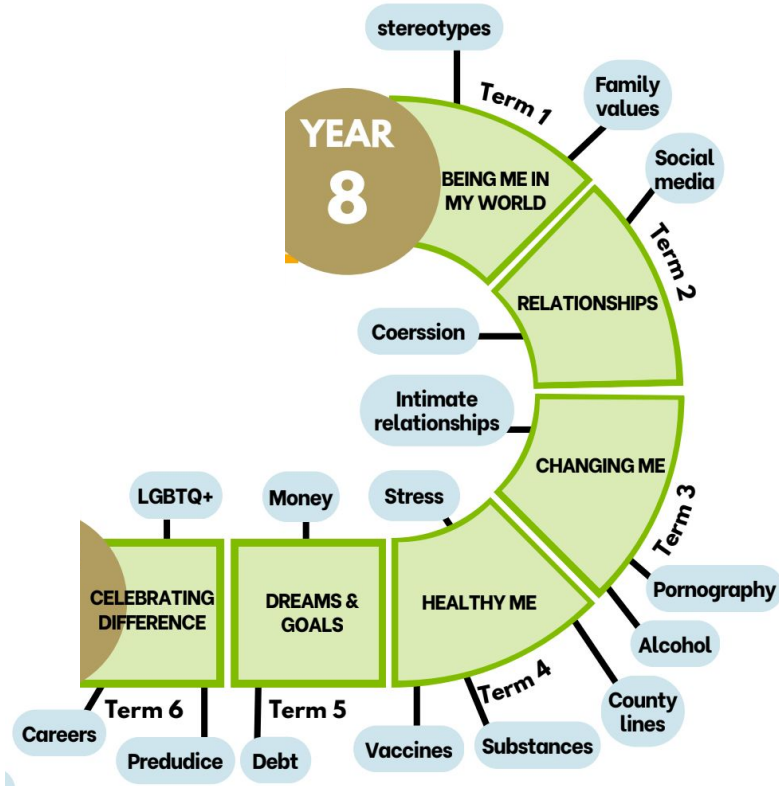
In French students explore a range of topics to support their understanding across the four disciplines of reading, writing, speaking and listening.

Philosophy



The Philosophy curriculum brings together Religious Education and Citizenship. Students cover a range of religions and ethical issues, developing their understanding of the world around them.

Personal Development and Character



Students have a weekly lesson of both Personal Development and Character. In these lessons they explore Personal, Social, and Health education, as well as Relationships and Sex Education. These lessons are designed to help students understand their world, and how to keep themselves safe within it.

PE



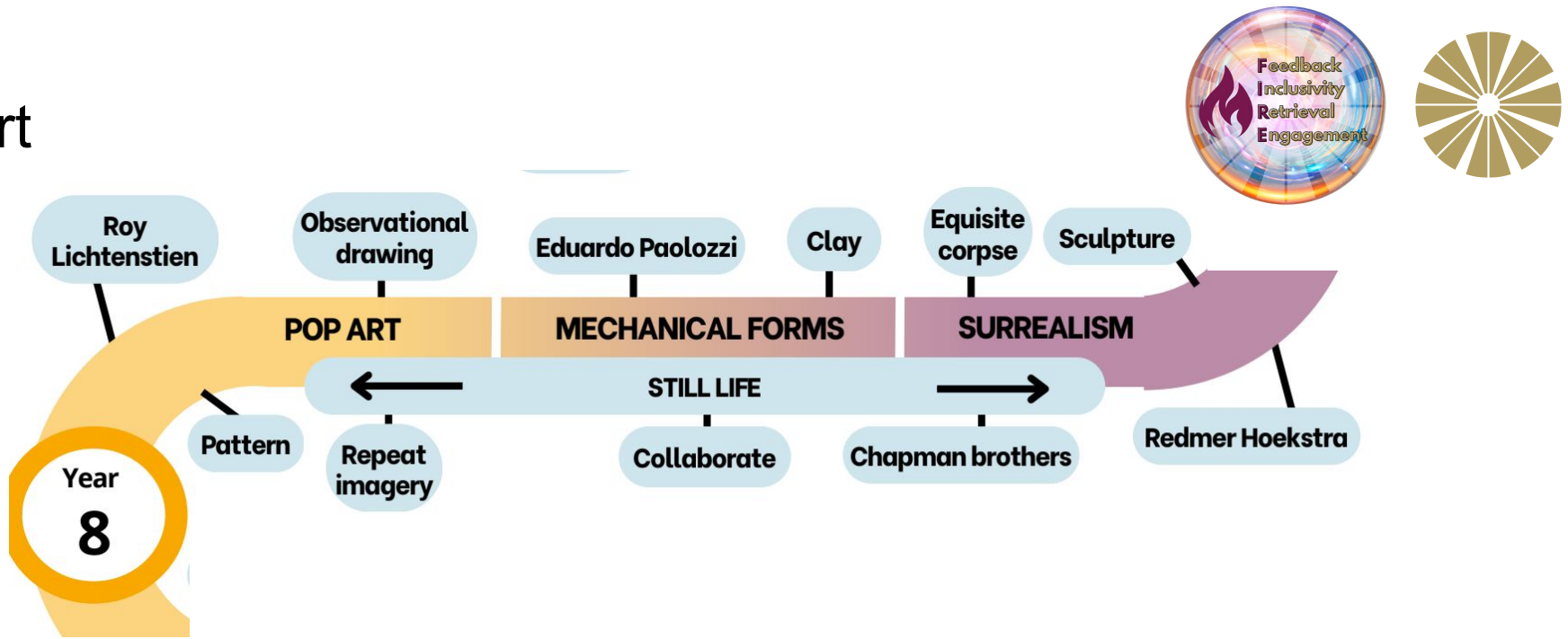
DEVELOPING PHYSICAL SKILLS AND FURTHER UNDERSTANDING OF RULES WITH AN INTRODUCTION TO MORE COMPLEX SKILLS IN A RANGE OF SPORTS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES.



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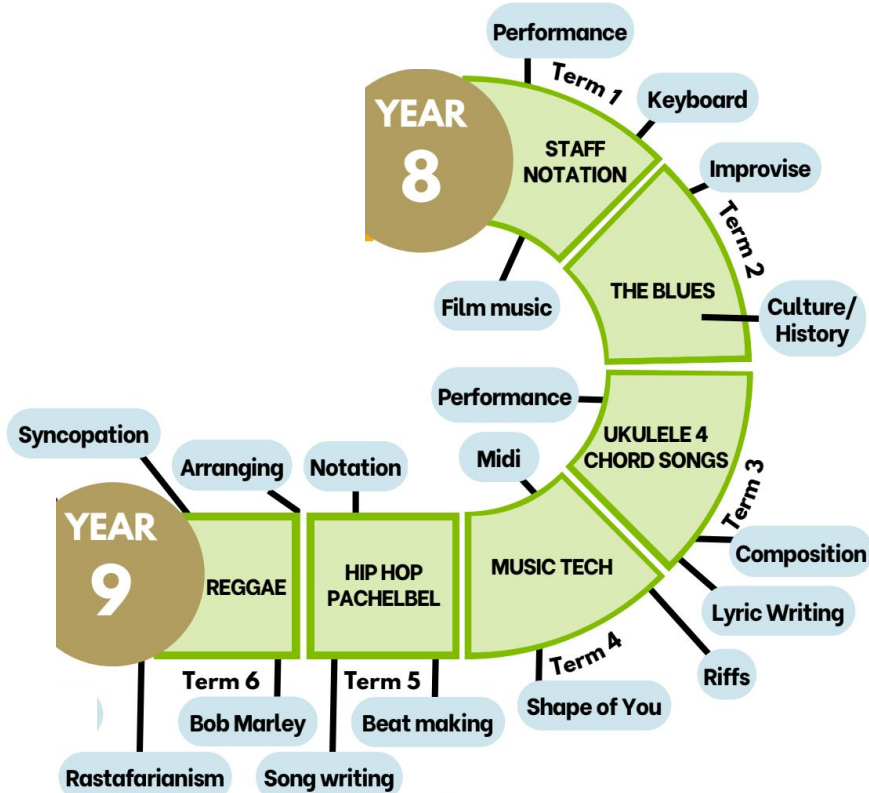
Students continue to develop their physical skills in a range of sports and physical activities in a curriculum which promotes participation and encourages students to lead healthy, active lives.

Art



In Art lessons students focus on still life to examine pop art and surrealism. They also experiment with a range of media to develop their practical skills.

Music



Music lessons focus on developing a range of skills, with performance opportunities in small groups and class ensembles. Students begin to look at using Music Technology and composing music to a brief.

Carousel - IT, DT, Dance, Food Technology



Students also complete lessons from across our practical carousel. The IT curriculum covers binary numbers, AI and programming.

Students will cover contemporary and African dance.

Food lessons include developing cookery skills as well as diet and nutrition, and the links to positive mental health.

Homework



In Key Stage 3 students receive weekly homework from English, Maths, Science, History, Geography and Modern Foreign Languages. They can also be set homework from subjects such as Art and Technology. Each piece should take between 20 and 30 minutes to complete if done to a good standard.

All homework is set via Google Classroom. Homework can be a mixture of online activities, project work, and specific tasks as assigned by the teacher.



You can find further information about our Key Stage 3 curriculum on our website.

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