

GCS Core Curriculum Map: Y8 2026-2027

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Maths	Ratio and Proportional Reasoning	Graphs and Representations	Algebraic Thinking 2 and Manipulations	Reasoning with Numbers	Developing Geometry and Measures	Statistics
English	Narrative Writing Class ovel – Literature focus	Novel - Literature focus	Viewpoint – Writing, Literature and Oracy focus	‘Macbeth’ by William Shakespeare - Literature focus	Short Stories – Literature, Writing and Oracy Focus	Poetry: Feminist Voices - Literature, Writing and Oracy Focus
Science	Inheritance, Selection and Photosynthesis	Light & sound	Electricity & Magnetism	Atoms, elements, compounds, mixtures, metals & reactivity	Speed and Pressure	Revision Skills - Numeracy
		The Earth and the Solar System	Ecology			
History	Why did the English execute their king?	How did the Industrial Revolution impact the Transatlantic slave trade?	How did different groups contribute to the Allied victory in World War One?			How did Americans challenge discrimination in the USA?
Geography	How does life adapt to the Arabian desert?	Will climate change create further inequality on Earth?	Whom does the process of globalisation benefit?	How will the UK sustainably produce its energy in the future?	Why were there inequalities between the Haiti and New Zealand earthquakes?	How has Tottenham changed?
Religious Studies	Christianity	Buddhism	Peace and War	Sikhism	Religion and the Media	World Religions
Computing	Networks & Communication	AI and Machine Learning	Introduction to Python	Physical Computing		File Formats and sizes
French	Holidays	All about my life	Free Time	Town and local area	Sports	EoY Assessment
Spanish	Holidays	All about my life	Food	Making plans to go out	Home and plans for the Summer	EoY Assessment
Art	Day of the Dead: Mimi Ilnitskya and Damien Hirst			Cultural Identity: Sarah Sullivan Sherrod and Amir H Falah		
Music	12-Bar Blues- From the Delta to Pop Charts	Project 2: Hooks and Riffs- What Makes a Song Catchy?	Ska & Reggae - Music with a Message	Latin Grooves - Music for Dance	Producer’s Toolkit - Building Tracks in GarageBand	Score to Screen - Telling Stories Through Sound
Drama	Face by Benjamin Zephaniah	21st Century Nightmare/Chatrooms	The Kid	Blood Brothers	Macbeth	Sam and Alex
Design and Technology*	Food: Food Safety, Equipment and washing routines; ; Shortcrust Pastry, Healthy Muffins, Bread Making, Cultural Meals, Mince Burgers , Careers in Food and Nutrition					
	Design and Technology: Introduction to 3D Printing; Pencil Topper and Blister Package; Skills Stick (Wood Joints); Pewter Casting (Metal Work)					
Reading	Independent Reading tracked by the Accelerated Reader programme; Graduate students who have reached chronological age					
PE- Boys**	Rugby	Basketball	Football	Handball	Athletics	Softball
	Gymnastics	Net wall	Netball	Trampolining		Cricket
		Health Related Fitness		Netball		
PE- Girls**	Trampolining	Health Related Fitness	Basketball	Football	Athletics	Rounders
	Netball	Rugby	Gymnastics	Net wall		Trampolining
PSHE& Citizenship	The Role of Law	Life online	Health education	Finance & budgeting	Healthy relationships	The world of work

*Design and Technology is taught as a carousel on termly rotation of Food Technology and Design and Technology (DT1, DT2).

**Students are divided into groups, each group will study all the disciplines but in a slightly different order.