

# MTP Curriculum Notes

## Year 8 – Spring 2017

**English:** The boys will continue to refine their examination technique through the study of practice papers and will develop their composition skills further. Poetry appreciation, recital and composition will also feature in this term's work, linking up with 'The Beale Clear Speaking Competition' after half-term.

**Mathematics:** The early part of the term will be focused on revision for the upcoming entrance examinations. After the senior school entrance examinations, we will explore some nets for various solids. Pupils will also be preparing for the UK Junior Maths Challenge which takes place early next term. Later in the term, four Y8 pupils will represent the school in the UKMT Team Maths Challenge and preparation for this will also feature in our work this term.

**Science:** The boys will continue preparations for senior school entrance examinations and then start doing project work to further develop their investigational skills. They will be working toward achieving a Bronze BA Crest award.

**French:** The build up to 13+ exams continues with final preparation, skills practice and language enrichment using wider resources. The focus is mainly on examination techniques and useful tips. Spanish and German will be introduced to pupils who have completed their examinations in the second half of the term.

**Geography/History:** Final preparation for entrance examinations will be undertaken. Year 8 will then work towards ensuring a good knowledge of the whole 13+ curriculum is attained by each pupil.

**Classics:** After the public examinations, those boys who have not already had the chance to learn Greek will begin studying it, using *Alexia*. Those boys who have been externally examined in Greek will continue to develop their understanding of the language up to Common Academic Scholarship level, using *Noe*.

**Religious Studies:** This term, pupils will study contemporary issues which are relevant to their society. They will be expected to display tolerance and listen critically to each other. The emphasis will be on discussion of and reflection on their own experiences and ideas.

**Music:** This term Y8 will continue to develop their musical skills through learning their chosen instrument in Whole Class Band. They will be expected to support the work done in class with some time spent practicing at home.

**Art & Design Technology:** The boys will spend the first half of term developing their ideas for a self-portrait on canvas. We will further study colour and tone mixing, using acrylic paints. After half term the boys will begin a project to research animation in preparation for producing a stop motion film of their own in the summer term.

**IT:** In IT this term, the boys will be set the challenge of creating APPS and a create a simple web page using some basic HTML. They will then create a website using an online web authoring site and use some photo editing software.

**Drama:** This term the boys will audition and commence rehearsals for the school production of a classic French farce, 'An Italian Straw Hat' by Labiche, to be performed in The Lalani New Barn Theatre this June.

**Physical Education and Games:** This term the students will be learning the basic techniques of Gymnastics, and vaulting in particular. In Games the students will be given the opportunity to revise and consolidate the skills and tactical understanding associated with Football. **Important Note: Students will need to bring football boots AND astro-trainers to each games session. Hat, gloves and a towel will also be required for each session.**