

# English

**Term:** Summer  
**Year:** 8  
**Teacher:** Ms Afshan Siddiqui

## What will we be covering this term?

**1<sup>st</sup> Half Term:** Students will be reading the classic novel 'The Count of Monte Cristo' by Alexandre Dumas. They will have the opportunity to examine the relationships between the characters and analyse the motives behind their actions. Pupils will also look at the different methods of writing story scenes through comic strip and transcripts. They will further assess the characters' different points of views and use this as an opportunity to write balanced arguments, developing the skill of looking at problems from different perspectives. They will further utilise this skill by analysing the purpose and features of advice columns and write their own. Students will further look at the features of film reviews and also write their own.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term:** Students will be looking closely at the Horror genre. They will analyse the features of Horror and the different types of plots. In-depth analysis will be made of how the fear and tension is created by writers, through the choice of language, phrases and sentence structure used. Students will then have the opportunity to write their own Horror story, taking on board all the characteristics and elements analysed.

## How will my child be assessed this term?

Homework as well as classwork is an integral part of ongoing assessment. Please refer to your child's timetable for the days when homework is given. Students will be expected to contribute to class discussions and have weekly spelling tests. Overall performance will influence end of year reports.

## How can I help my child in this subject?

Students will benefit from having a designated quiet space in which they can study. They should make a habit of working with a dictionary and thesaurus by their side. Please encourage your child to always read through their homework before handing it in as this will help them to self-correct any silly mistakes and is a vital element in their own self-assessment. Any missed homework will be flagged up through their diaries, so please do check them. Personal reading habits should also be encouraged; even ten minutes a day will improve their standard of English.

## Who do I contact if I have concerns about my child's progress in this subject?

Please feel free to contact me at the school from 9.00-12:30 if you have any questions or concerns.

## Mathematics

**Term:** Summer

**Year:** 8

**Teachers:** Mr A. Afzal and Mr S. Ahmed

### What will we be covering this term?

Following topics will be covered from Book 3R:

**1<sup>st</sup> Half Term:**

Geometrical Reasoning and Construction (Chapter 10) and Transformations (Chapter 15) with Mr A. Afzal

Decimals (Chapter 11) and Percentages (Chapter 12) with Mr S. Ahmed

**2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term:**

Probability (Chapter 14) and Pythagoras' Theorem (Chapter 13) with Mr A. Afzal

Number Sequences (Chapter 16) with Mr S. Ahmed

### How will my child be assessed this term?

Homework is an integral part of an ongoing assessment of the above mentioned topics. Please refer to your child's timetable for the days when homework is given. Students will be expected to contribute to class presentations as well. As the term progresses there will be class tests and the results will influence end of term reports.

### How can I help my child in this subject?

Students will benefit from having a designated quiet space in which they can study. They would need scientific calculators and geometry sets for some of the mentioned topics. They should make a habit of practising questions at home. Please also encourage your child to always check their homework before handing it in as this will help them to self-correct any silly mistakes and is a vital element in their own self-assessment. Presentation is very important. All the diagrams including construction work as well as graphs should be done with pencil only. Any missed homework will be flagged up through their diaries, so please do check them.

### Who do I contact if I have concerns about my child's progress in this subject?

Please feel free to contact Mathematics department should you have any questions or queries.

## Arabic

**Term:** Summer

**Year:** 8

**Teacher:** Mr. S Y Ali

### What will we be covering this term?

**1<sup>st</sup> Half Term:** Students will be studying Arabic from the book العربية بين يديك (Al-Arabyyatu bayna Yadayk). In this half term we will be covering chapter 11 الناس و الأماكن (People and Places). We will cover new target language associated with this topic then cover exercises designed to improve students listening, reading and writing skills.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term:** In this half term we will study chapter 12. Chapter 12 is الهوايات (Hobbies). The chapter will introduce new target language for the students to be able to converse about the particular situations presented in this chapter. There are additional exercises for students to improve their pronunciation and handwriting. Grammar components will also be covered in this term.

### How will my child be assessed this term?

Pupils will be assessed using a combination of classroom participation, homework, class tests and end of term exams.

### How can I help my child in this subject?

Keeping in mind that most parents will not have the ability to offer extensive help to their children in this particular subject, it is imperative that you insure that they complete the work they are set for homework. The dialogues in each chapter have audio files associated with them. These files have been given to each student with the text book. Please try to ensure your son regularly listens to the dialogues and reads the text to improve pronunciation and to aid memorisation of the vocabulary.

### Who do I contact if I have concerns about my child's progress in this subject?

Please feel free to contact me at the school from 9.00-16:00 if you have any questions or concerns. Alternatively, leave a note in your son's homework diary and I will try to give you a written response on the same day.

# Geography

**Term:** Summer

**Year:** 8

**Teacher:** Ms Mariam Amele

**What will we be covering this term?**

**1<sup>st</sup> Half Terms:** Pupils in year 8 will be studying the unit 'Weathering, rivers and coasts' at the beginning of this term. This unit explains how river valleys and coasts are affected by erosion, transportation and deposition. They will also be looking at coastal erosion and the problems this can cause for people. Pupils will learn about the different types of weathering, how rivers shape the land and the sea shapes the coast.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term:** In the second half of the term pupils will begin the unit 'Industry'. This unit looks at the different types of work that people do and the factors that affect the location of industry. Pupils will learn about the differences between primary, secondary and tertiary employment. They will also learn about how industries choose the right site for their factories and will also take a closer look at the steel and iron industry.

**How will my child be assessed this term?**

Homework is an integral part of ongoing assessment. Pupils will also be assessed through end of unit tests, which they will be notified about well in advance.

**How can I help my child in this subject?**

It is recommended that each pupil develops their own glossary. Encourage your child to learn the meaning and the correct spelling of key geographical terms. Please ensure that your child is up to date with their homework.

**Who do I contact if I have concerns about my child's progress in this subject?**

Please feel free to contact me at the school if you have any questions or concerns.

## Religious Studies

**Term:** Summer

**Year:** 8

**Teacher:** Mr. S Y Ali

### What will we be covering this term?

**1<sup>st</sup> Half Term:** Students will be studying the Tafseer (explanation) of Juz Amma (The last volume of the Quran. We will cover surah Al-Fajr and Al-Ghashiyah. We will also cover supplications for Morning and Evening from the book Hisn Al-Muslim and stories from the Ahadith of the Prophet SAW and the lives of the companions of the Prophet SAW.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term:** We will continue with our Tafseer lessons. We will also continue to cover supplications for Morning and evening from the book Hisn Al-Muslim and stories from the Ahadith of the Prophet SAW and the lives of the companions of the Prophet SAW.

### How will my child be assessed this term?

Your son will be assessed through class participation, memorisation of the supplications and the end of term test.

### How can I help my child in this subject?

Your son will benefit from having access to Tafseer books either at home or Tafseer websites. You can also help them by listening to the supplications they are supposed to memorise. It would be advisable for parents to regularly ask their children about the ahadith and stories we study at school as a way of helping them revise and analyse what they are taught.

### Who do I contact if I have concerns about my child's progress in this subject?

Please feel free to contact me at the school from 9.00-16:00 if you have any questions or concerns. Alternatively, leave a note in your son's homework diary and I will try to give you a written response on the same day.

# ICT

**Term:** Summer  
**Year:** 8  
**Teacher:** Ms A Mohamed

## What will we be covering this term?

### **1<sup>st</sup> Half Term: E-SAFETY**

In this unit students will learn about cyber bullying via text messages and the web. They will also learn about how to keep themselves safe whilst online. Students will be aware of potential risk to their safety and well being and of steps they can take to reduce these risks. Following some research and planning, they will go onto create an information advertisement using Windows Moviemaker.

In addition all students will be given a workbook to help support the teaching and learning of this topic. There are two workbooks, one for the majority of students and the second for lower ability students. Both workbooks will provide clear indications National Curriculum levels and a wide range of tasks and activities for students to work through independently.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term: TECHNOLOGY IN THE FUTURE**

Students will learn to identify current technologies and those that may appear in the future. They will undertake independent research in order to find out about possible developments in the future. They will learn to design a presentation on Prezi (a Flash-based presentation system) about future technologies.

## How will my child be assessed this term?

Homework is an integral part of ongoing assessment. Please refer to your child's timetable for the days when homework is given. In addition to this, your son will also be assessed by weekly homework assignments and end of unit project which will be handed in.

## How can I help my child in this subject?

Please ensure that your son is up to date with weekly assignments. Your son will need to access to All work is carried out using Microsoft 2007 so it would be of benefit for your son to have the same software package at home. For majority of lessons students are emailed electronic copies of homework along with other worksheets.

## Who do I contact if I have concerns about my child's progress in this subject?

Please feel free to contact me at the school from 11.20-11.40 and 13.20-14.20. You may also leave a written message in your son's homework diary or email me at [afsha.alkhair@googlemail.com](mailto:afsha.alkhair@googlemail.com). The best method to contact me is via email.

## History

**Term:** Summer

**Year:** 8

**Teacher:** Mr. Abdul Fattah Hussain

### What will we be covering this term?

**1<sup>st</sup> Half Term:** This term the focus will be to continue to improve their written skills and continue to cultivate an interest in History. We will study the Medieval explorers, incl. The European and Muslim explorers, Crusades, The objectives will be to increase our understanding of world history, interpretation, independent thought, vocabulary and expression.

**2nd Half Term:** Pupils will study the Muslim Mali and Christian Ethiopia, The Black death and the Samurai. It is hoped that by the end of the term pupils will be able to express themselves better have the vocabulary to deal with more complex topics.

### How will my child be assessed this term?

Pupils will be assessed on their written work, presentations as well as exams.

### How can I help my child in this subject?

Read the work with them. Help them in their written work. See to it that they are using the computer for research only. Ensure that their folders are in order. If they miss a class it is up to them to catch up. Checking their homework diaries.

### Who do I contact if I have concerns about my child's progress in this subject?

Please feel free to contact me at the school from 9.00-16:00 if you have any questions or concerns. Alternatively, leave a note in your son's homework diary and I will try to give you a written response on the same day. My email is [tam\\_f\\_home@hotmail.com](mailto:tam_f_home@hotmail.com).

## Science

**Term:** summer

**Year:** 8

**Teacher:** Mr. S. Ahmed

### What will we be covering this term?

**1<sup>st</sup> Half Term:** Students will study how our bodies respond to change? The pupils will learn about the different parts of the nervous system. Be able to explain the differences between voluntary and reflex responses and hormones. Be able to describe and explain how medical drugs have been developed and tested and the effects of the drugs on our body.

**2nd Half Term:** Pupils will study the unit on keeping healthy. Pupils will understand the importance of different food groups for your health. Be able to discuss the different types of fats and their effect on the cholesterol level. Know and be able to calculate the amount of energy used in exercise. Be able to explain the body's defences against pathogens and the importance of immunisation.

### How will my child be assessed this term?

Pupils will be assessed using a combination of classroom participation, homework, class tests and end of term exams.

### How can I help my child in this subject?

Students must go over their work every day and can visit the local library and read scientific magazines. Pupils must read through their work every night and ask him what was learnt today.

### Who do I contact if I have concerns about my child's progress in this subject?

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