



## Learning in Year 8: Summer Term 2025-26

### Faculty of English, literacy and communication

#### What will your child be learning?

In the first half of the term, pupils will explore what makes them, them. They will read a variety of texts that focus on identity from their own personal identity and what makes them unique, to Welsh identity, British identity and beyond. They will write a presentation about themselves and present to the class to further build confidence in their oracy skills. They will analyse a range of texts including Michael Sheen's Qatar speech, further developing their understanding of writers' language choices for effect. The second half of the term sees year 8 focusing on writing for different purposes and developing this ability. Pupils will have the opportunity to discuss, explore, analyse and create a range of travel writing including a review and a travel blog. They will explore their local history and look at how the area has changed and developed over time as well as exploring the history and culture of other countries. They will have further opportunities to develop oracy skills through presentations and group work.

#### How can I help at home?

Discussions at home to explore key themes of 'Identity' and 'Travel'. Discuss the learning that has taken place in school and practise giving opinions and supporting these opinions using evidence. (In my opinion .... because...) Ensure independent learning tasks are completed on the Google Classroom on a regular basis.

### Faculty of mathematics and numeracy

#### What will your child be learning?

During this term pupils will be calculating volumes of shapes as well as calculating areas of circles, semicircles and compound shapes. They will be developing their proportional reasoning by using map scales and sharing in a given ratio. There will be opportunities to develop their financial education using real life examples and contexts. Work will be completed on transformation of shapes by reflecting and translating the shapes.

#### What can you do to help at home?

You can support your child by discussing the learning completed in school and applying skills learnt in lessons to real life context. Ensure independent learning tasks that are given, set on Google Classroom and assigned on MathsWatch are completed by the set deadlines. Encourage them to practise their times tables and use apps/games/competitions with yourself for fun to aid faster recall.

### Caru dysgu curriculum

#### What will your child be learning?

In Caru Dysgu this term, we will explore how laws protect us. Pupils will investigate our protected characteristics and why representation is important in the media. Your child will develop their understanding of the factors that influence our 'lens' and how we see the world around us. They will develop a wide range of skills and have the opportunity to participate in a number of ethical debates.

Your child will be exploring equality and diversity through an investigation into the journeys we all make, from one country to another to a personal transition we will be creating expressive arts response to a range of stimulus. Inspired by the stories of other we will create pieces that convey meaning and demonstrate empathy and understanding for others.

#### How can I help at home?

Please encourage your child to complete their independent learning tasks, as these provide the opportunity to develop and practise humanities skills, alongside extending their knowledge of topics linked to our theme. Pupils will also benefit from watching or reading the news, for example watching Newsround or accessing The Day.

You can support your child at home by ensuring that all work set on Google Classroom is completed by the deadline, including learning lines and rehearsing for practical performance

## Faculty of life: wellbeing

### What will your child be learning?

#### Well-being

During term three, your child will be focusing on building a greater consistency in skills and techniques used in individual sports such as badminton, tennis, athletics, table tennis, and gymnastics. Individual sports will help your child to focus on the training, dedication and resilience needed to succeed in sports where they only have themselves to count on. In the classroom, your child will learn about drugs and alcohol and the short term and long-term effects it can have on someone's physical and psychological health.

### How can I help at home?

#### Well-being

Please ensure that your child brings and wears the correct PE kit to these lessons. Please also discuss the benefits of regular physical activity and explain how this reduces the risk of illness both in the short and long term and how it is linked to positive mental health outcomes. You could also explore the type of physical activity that your child enjoys most and help them to incorporate that into their weekly routines.

## Faculty of language and culture: Languages

### What will your child be learning?

#### Welsh:

In Welsh lessons, pupils will be learning key vocabulary and phrases around the poem 'Y Ffair'. They will be looking at different aspects of the fair; food and drink, types of rides and activities, as well as learning how to analyse and discuss a poem in the Welsh language.

Pupils will work through all skill areas, oracy, reading and writing and continue to develop their proofreading skills, where they are able to recognise and correct spelling, punctuation and basic grammatical mistakes in a text.

#### Spanish:

In Spanish, pupils will be learning about jobs and employment. They will be using topic specific vocabulary to write, read and speak in multiple tenses. They will also learn about career opportunities for people who speak multiple languages.

### What can you do to help at home?

Allowing your child to repeat learnt vocabulary will help their memory of key words, this will support them in regular vocabulary tests at various points over the term.

Also encouraging your child to subscribe to a free online learning platform such as Duolingo, Memrise or Quizlet for both Spanish and Welsh.

Pupils will also benefit from watching Welsh medium television programmes or listening to Welsh language radio to improve pronunciation and understanding of spoken Welsh.

## Faculty of science and technology

### What will your child be learning?

In science pupils will have the opportunity to study concepts related to physics, including speed distance time, forces and waves. Pupils will also have the opportunity to learn about generating electricity and electrical components and circuits.

In the final term in DT they will be developing their cooking skills and making food suitable for a summer picnic. They will be using a wide range of seasonal food to achieve their target.

Within ICT they will be using spreadsheets and learning how to apply a wide range of formula to these.

### What can you do to help at home?

You can support your child at home by helping them to practise new skills. Independent learning tasks can be found on the Google Classroom and each task is linked to the topic. For every task completed and submitted, pupils will earn achievement points, these points will contribute to our faculty rewards scheme.

Below are some useful links:

<https://classroom.google.com>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

<https://stemlearning.wistia.com/medias/nko2ux2p4i>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zpwmxnb/revision/1>

<https://wordwall.net/en-gb/community/photosynthesis-game>