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Dear Parent

### **Year 8 Curriculum for the Summer Term**

Please find below a list of the topics that Year 8 will be studying this coming term. I hope this information will be helpful for you in supporting your child's learning at home.

- English:** Year 8 will be reading Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet'. This scheme of work aims to develop students' knowledge, understanding and enjoyment of Shakespeare and to meet the new GCSE Framework requirements.
- Maths:** There will be a focus on equations of lines, nets, solving equations, plans and elevations, expressions, bearings, indices and loci.
- Science:** Heating and cooling. Magnets and electromagnets. Ecological relationships. Plants and photosynthesis.
- Spanish:** Fashion; imperfect tense; shops; free time.
- History:** The Making of the United Kingdom 1750-1900: Industrial Revolution and to what extent did it change British society. Preparation for their end of year examination.
- Geography:** In Geography the pupils will be focusing on their geographical skills and location knowledge up until half-term. The end-of-year exam will include questions on this as well as the two previous topics studied earlier this year (Weather and Climate, and Transport and Industry). After the exam we will be carrying out an urban land-use survey in Slough, as an introduction for them to geography fieldwork methodology
- RS:** New Testament: The Parables of Jesus as well as their legacy of them along with preparation for their end of year examination.
- ICT:** Finishing the websites from last term, then computer programming by creating an educational game in Scratch then using audio and visual media.
- Art:** Textiles project inspired by the work of Tracey Emin.

- DT:** Pupils will design and make a design tidy whilst learning about resistant materials including the properties of plastic.
- Music:** This term we will be studying two main topics – STOMP – Junk Modelling and Ostinato and Music and Space. Lessons will incorporate a wide variety of different performing, composing and listening and appraising activities.
- PE:** Athletics and Tennis
- Games:** **Boys** - Cricket                      **Girls** - Volleyball/Football
- PSHE:** The Year 8s will examine the topic of tolerance and learn about the diverse nature of society and the false image stereotyping plays, along with investigating the powers of the police and role they have within the community.

If you have any queries about the coming term please do not hesitate to contact me. For your reference my e-mail address is [alasdair.dunford@longcloseschool.co.uk](mailto:alasdair.dunford@longcloseschool.co.uk). Alternatively, you are always welcome to call in at my classroom before or after school or write a note in the diary. Please may I request that parents check and sign diaries weekly.

Yours sincerely

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