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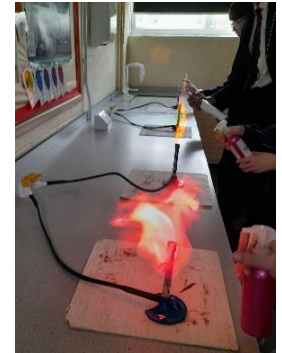
Year 8 Learning Update

Director of Key Stage 3: Mr Snow



The past three months have been exceptionally busy for our Year 8 students and there is much to celebrate. Year 8 students have been awarded 60,000 merits since the start of January, on top of the 85,000 merits they gained between September and December, maintaining the high standards they set in Year 7. Congratulations to all those who have worked so hard to deserve this recognition from their teachers.

Outside the classroom, many of our Year 8 students took part in the lunchtime activities put on by the Science Faculty to celebrate British Science Week last month and also participated in our World Book Day activities. Several Year 8 students also performed in the recent Spring Concert, which once again was a wonderful showcase of the musical talent across the school.



To celebrate International Women's Day, all the Year 8 girls were treated to an inspiring presentation by PC Kara Zalewska about the role of a police officer, including interactive demonstrations of skills related to life-saving, problem-solving – and dressing up in full riot gear!

Congratulations to the thirteen Year 8 students who recently celebrated their Brilliant Club graduation at the University of Bristol. They completed a rigorous course lasting several weeks, attending sessions run by PhD tutors to sample university-style tuition and completing independent assignments.



In the first week back after the Easter holidays we are holding our annual Year 8 Progress Evening. If you have not yet done so, please book your online appointments to meet the subject teachers.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 24th April
Tuesday 29th / Wednesday 30th April
Thursday 1st May
19th / 20th / 21st May
10th-12th / 17th-19th June
Friday 20th June
Monday 30th June – Friday 4th July
Thursday 10th July
Friday 11th July
Wednesday 16th / Thursday 17th July

Year 8 Progress Evening
Dance Showcase
Junior Maths Challenge
Year 8 Geography field trip to Cheddar Gorge
House Celebration Evenings
House Swimming Gala
Activities Week
Sports Day
Year 8 Achievement Review 2
DT & Creative Arts Festival

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Looking ahead, you may be interested to see the topics that feature on the Year 8 curriculum in the final two terms of the school year. These are listed below by subject.

May I finish by wishing our Year 8 students and their families a very happy Easter break. I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved rest and I look forward to seeing everyone again when the new term begins on **Tuesday 22nd April**, which will be in **Week Two** of the school's fortnightly timetable.

Subject	Term 5	Term 6
English	World Fiction	Speech Writing
Mathematics	Indices, Standard Form	Graphs, Pythagoras
Science (Biology)	Extended Project	Water Cycle, Acid Rain, Recycling
Science (Chemistry)	Extended Project	Climate Change
Science (Physics)	Extended Project	Conduction, Convection, Radiation
French/Spanish	Food and Drink	Restaurants and Cafes
Geography	Glaciation	Globalisation
History	World Wars 1914 - 1945	The Holocaust, Middle East Conflict
Ethics / PSHE	Islam	British Values
Computing	iMedia Project	IT for Business
Design and Technology	<i>Food, Graphics, Product Design, Textiles</i>	<i>Classes taught projects in rotation</i>
Art	Street Art	Street Art
Drama	Page to Stage: <i>Teechers</i>	Reviewing Theatre: <i>Peter Pan</i>
Dance	Contact Improvisation	Contact Improvisation
Music	Storytelling through Music	Song Writing
Physical Education	Athletics, Cricket, Rounders, Tennis	Athletics, Cricket, Rounders, Tennis