

2026-27 Parental Engagement Maps - Year 8 Autumn Term

YEAR 8	English		Maths		Science	
	Half-term 1	Half-term 2	Half-term 1	Half-term 2	Half-term 1	Half-term 2
Overview	Modern Prose In the Sea there are Crocodiles	Modern Play Noughts and Crosses	1. Percentages 2. Circles	3. Surface area and volume of prisms 4. Analysing and displaying data 5. Angles	Introduction. Chem Topic 1: Elements, compounds and mixture Bio Topic 1: Health & Lifestyle	Phys Topic 1: Electricity and Magnetism Chem Topic 2: The Periodic table
Upcoming assessments	In the Sea there are Crocodiles Reading and Letter Writing Assessment In the Sea there are Crocodiles Knowledge Assessment	Noughts and Crosses Writing Assessment Noughts and Crosses Knowledge Assessment	Mini Test 1.1 Autumn Half-Term Mini Test 1.2	Mini Test 1.3 RW1 Assessment Mini Test 1.4	Chem Topic 1: Elements, compounds and mixture	Phys Topic 1: Electricity and Magnetism
<u>Assessment dates</u> Week commencing:	28th September 12th October	9th November 7th December	7th September 2026	2nd November 2026	Topic 1: Elements, compounds and mixture 28/09/26	Phys Topic 1: Electricity and Magnetism 30/11/26
	How to help at home		How to help at home		How to help at home	
	BBC Bitesize Seneca Myshakespeare.com or RSC website for Shakespeare plays rsc.org.uk Quiz/Games for SPAG & subject terminology educationquizzes.com classroom.thenational.academy prometheanworld.com topmarks.co.uk		Ensure homework is completed each week on MathsWatch Websites that can be used are: Mathswatch Corbett Maths YesGenie		Support the completion of ALL home study tasks to a high standard When absent from a lesson for any reason, it is the student's responsibility to catch up on work missed, find out what homework tasks need to be completed and find out if there are any upcoming assessments/tests. All relevant information and resources should be on the google classroom. Online resources include: Kerboodle - kerboodle.com SENECA Learning - senecalearning.com BBC Science bbc.co.uk Oaks Academy: continuityoak.org.uk Revision Monkey KS3 Playlist - youtube.com New Scientist newscientist.com	

YEAR 8	PSHE		Literacy		IT	
	Half-term 1	Half-term 2	Half-term 1	Half-term 2	Half-term 1	Half-term 2
Overview	Types of drugs Effects of drugs (Parts 1 & 2) Drugs and the law Alcohol and legal drugs Black History Month Legal drugs, vaping, and social norms	Substance unit recap and test Puberty and relationships Diversity and Inclusivity (Step In) Intimate relationships Men's Mental Health Science and Health review Modern families	A Monster's Call	A Monster's Call	Artificial Intelligence An introduction to Artificial Intelligence, such as scraping, keeping information safe with AI, the impacts of AI on us, and finishing with an assessment focusing on soft skills.	Understanding Networks Understand the principles of the Internet, asking the big questions such as who owns, or controls it. The hardware, software, and protocols used to manage internet communication.
Upcoming assessments	Drugs Assessment	Drugs & Social Norms	A Monster's Call - Reading assessment	A Monster's Call - Reading assessment	AI Focused Presentation	Understanding Networks
Assessment dates Week commencing:	28th September	2nd November	9th November	9th November	19/10/2026	14/12/2026
	How to help at home		How to help at home		How to help at home	
	Discuss peer pressure, the legalities of substances, and the factual risks of vaping/smoking. Talk openly about emotional changes during puberty and diverse modern family dynamics. Support your child in researching and understanding their upcoming KS4 Option choices. Explore job profiles, skills requirements, and future aspiration pathways together. Utilise Kings Trust PDE topics to discuss coping mechanisms for stress, body image, and mental health. Review privacy settings on social media and talk about identifying fake news or manipulative online behaviors. bbc.co.uk unifrog.org nspcc.org.uk		BBC Bitesize Reading		Teach ICT website Idea website W3C School website BBC bitesize Google Classroom Keep and eye on their homework Ask students to show their work in E Book	

YEAR 8	Drama		Music		Art	
	Half-term 1	Half-term 2	Half-term 1	Half-term 2	Half-term 1	Half-term 2
Overview	Practitioners	Devising	Topic 1: Music Theory	Topic 2: Blues or Topic 3: Pop Music	Tagging Project Students will be focusing on observational drawing, researching Street Artists, exploring letter and font styles and designing and creating their own Tag.	Continuing the Tagging Project Line, tone, colour mixing and experimental use of media. Clay Canopic Jar Project Exploring ceramic artists, Ancient Egypt, Ancient Rome and Islamic Decorative Arts.
Upcoming assessments	Devised performance inspired by practitioners	Devising journey presentations	Music Theory Written Assessment	Blues Listening and Performing Assessment or Pop Music Listening and Performing Assessment	Tagging Project	
Assessment dates Week commencing:	9th October	20th November	19th October 2026	16th November 2026 14th December 2026	16th November	
	How to help at home		How to help at home		How to help at home	
	Watching live performance Reading plays (available at the library)		Listen to a wide selection of different styles of music. Continue individual practice on your own instruments. Use the following websites to develop music theory skills. BBC Bitesize resource musictechteacher.com Log in to Focus on Sound: oakspark.musicfirst.co.uk		Further information about the course/exam can be found on the Edexcel Art website qualifications.pearson.com Encourage your child to research the topics/skills/knowledge covered in lessons - tate.org.uk saatchigallery.com vam.ac.uk Visit KS4 Bitesize Art and Design. There are lots of clips about art and the real world. - BBC Bitesize resource Make sure all tasks are completed - improving and developing work based on targets and feedback on Google classroom/Feedback Tracker	

YEAR 8	French		Spanish		PE	
	Half-term 1	Half-term 2	Half-term 1	Half-term 2	Half-term 1	Half-term 2
Overview	Dynamo 2 Module 1 Talking about holidays and using the past tense	Dynamo 2 Module 2 Talking about celebrations and using the past and future tenses	Viva 2 Module 1 Mis vacaciones: Talk about a past holiday, saying what you did on holiday Describing the last day on holiday Saying what your holiday was like	Viva 2 Module 2 Todo sobre mi: Describe what you use your phone for, describe what type of music you like, talk about TV Saying what you did yesterday	Carousel of Activities Dance Netball Football Basketball Table tennis	Carousel of Activities Trampolining Netball Football Table tennis Dance Tag Rugby
Upcoming assessments	Communication and Comprehension tests Dynamo 2 Module 1.	Communication and Comprehension tests Dynamo 2 Modules. 1- 2	Communication and Comprehension Viva 2 Module 1.	Communication and Comprehension Viva 2 Modules 1- 2	Summative Assessment for specific activities	Summative Assessment for specific activities
Assessment dates Week commencing:	12th October RW1 Listening 19th October RW1 Writing	Weekly vocab and grammar tests	W/c 12th October (RW1 Listening) W/c 19th October (RW1 Writing)	Not specified	12th October - 23rd October	7th December - 18th December
	How to help at home		How to help at home		How to help at home	
	You can support your child by helping with vocabulary and grammar learning. Each week students will cover a new unit of learning. These can be found on the essential learning slides linked on The Learning Journey. Ask your child to explain a grammar point to you each week so that they can be sure they have learned it themselves. Remind them to complete Pearson Active Learn homework tasks on a weekly basis and re-do tasks to improve scores regularly Useful websites include: Duolingo, Quizlet, Seneca, Memrise , Conjuguemos , BBC Bitesize ,		You can support your child by helping with vocabulary and grammar learning. Each week students will cover a new unit of learning. These can be found on the essential learning slides posted on the Google Classroom Ask your child to explain a grammar point to you each week so that they can be sure they have learned it themselves. Remind them to complete Pearson Active Learn homework tasks on a weekly basis and re-do tasks to improve scores regularly Useful websites include: Duolingo, Quizlet, Seneca, Memrise , Conjuguemos , BBC Bitesize ,		BBC Bitesize PE: BBC Bitesize resource Brian Mac Sports Coach: brianmac.co.uk The Football Association: learn.EnglandFootball.com Basketball England: basketballengland.co.uk BTEC Official Resources: Specification documents, sample assignments, and examiner guidance. Web-Based Learning Tools: BBC Bitesize PE, PE Hub, YouTube tutorials, or educational apps (The Everlearner)	

YEAR 8	History		Geography		RE	
	Half-term 1	Half-term 2	Half-term 1	Half-term 2	Half-term 1	Half-term 2
Overview	Pupils will learn and focus on the following topics: World War One Empire at War Legacy of WW1	Pupils will learn and focus on the following topics: Hitler's Rise to Power World War Two Legacy of WW2	How are economies changing around the world?	Why are some disasters more deadly than others?	Journey through life Birth (Naam Karan) Bar/ Bat mitzvah Marriage Death/ Funeral	Justice, Law and Punishment Law Justice Capital Punishment
Upcoming assessments	WW1 Assessment	WW2 and Overview Assessment	Written Assessment	Written Assessment	Teacher assessed task - Marriage	Journey Through Life Assessment
<u>Assessment dates</u> Week commencing:	W/C 19th October	W/C 14th December	5th October 2026	7th December 2026	28th September 2026	2nd November 2026
	How to help at home		How to help at home		How to help at home	
	Monitor completion of student homework and revision in preparation for assessments. BBC Bitesize for further research and revision: The First World War: BBC Bitesize resource The Second World War: BBC Bitesize resource The Persecution of the Jews in Europe: BBC Bitesize resource Cold War: BBC Bitesize resource Women's Suffrage: BBC Bitesize resource		Use Google Classroom to keep up-to date Read the news - how does it link to Geography Use SENECA learning to strengthen your knowledge. Reading Prisoners of Geography - this is a hard text however could discuss development and geopolitics with students. Reading the news - guardian has a very good section on development BBC Bitesize resource		BBC Bitesize Seneca Use the revision resources on google classroom to prepare for your assessments. RE online	

YEAR 8	DT		Food	
	Half-term 1	Half-term 2	Half-term 1	Half-term 2
Overview	Rotation 1 Wooden toy car Health and safety / tools and equipment	Rotation 1 Wooden toy car Drawing skills Making skills	Rotation 1 Provenance, World Cuisine	Provenance, World Cuisine
Upcoming assessments	Designing / planning	Making Knowledge test	Formal Assessment Making & Evaluating Chicken stir fry Informal assessments skills development: Quesadilla	Formal Assessment Making Muffins Informal assessments skills development: Macaroni cheese
Assessment dates Week commencing:	W/C 5/10/26	Making W/C 19/10/26 Knowledge test W/C 16.11.26	Chicken stir fry W / C 12/10/26 Evaluating W/ C 19/10/26 Muffins W / C 07/12/26 Knowledge test W / C 14/12/26	
	How to help at home		How to help at home	
	Encourage your child to learn about different categories of materials. Practise different drawing techniques. Encourage your child to watch programmes such as The Great British Sewing Bee, the repair shop Visit a museum. You may find the websites below useful to support subject content: BBC Bitesize resource designmuseum.org builderology.com BBC Bitesize resource BBC Bitesize resource sciencemuseum.org.uk fao.org foodafactoflife.org.uk		Encourage your child to cook with you at home teaching them about safety, kitchen equipment and cooking methods. Watch programmes such as master chef and great british bake off. Encourage your child to cook at home with the recipes used in school Useful websites foodafactoflife.org.uk rethinkfood.co.uk bbc.co.uk	