

Topics Map – Year 8

Boxes highlighted in yellow are designated 'Disciplinary Links'

Subject	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
English	Animal Farm	Animal Farm	Poetry	Gothic short stories	Blood Brothers	Blood Brothers
Cross Curricular Links	Links with History – foundational knowledge for Russian Revolution					
Co-Curricular Opportunities			Trip to Scout Rock, Mytholmroyd to learn about Ted Hughes	Trip to Whitby – links with Geography	Broadcast/in-school performance of Blood Brothers (or trip to Theatre)	Trip to Liverpool Museum – links with Geography
Maths	Proportional reasoning	Representations	Algebraic techniques	Developing number	Developing geometry	Reasoning with data
Cross Curricular Links						
Co-Curricular Opportunities			Hidden Figures - film			
Science: Bio	Animal reproduction	Respiration & exercise	Photosynthesis	Enzymes	Interdependence	DNA
Cross Curricular Links		Link with PE: fitness				Links with English & History (twins) – Blood Brothers & Nazi Germany
Co-Curricular Opportunities			Visit an ever-green location			
Science: Chem	Properties of elements	Chemical Reactions Part 3	Separating mixtures	Carbon cycle	Material science	Diffusion
Cross Curricular Links					Links with History – industrial revolution	

Co-Curricular Opportunities					Trip to the National Coal Mining Museum	
Science: Phys	Light	Energy transfers	Physical and chemical changes	Energy	Series circuits	Sensory organs
Cross Curricular Links			Links with Geography – hydrology	Links with maths – developing number		
Co-Curricular Opportunities		Local study trip to canal in Sowerby Bridge to collect samples				
History	British Empire	Industrial Revolution	First World War	Ireland Divided	Russia in Revolution	Weimar Germany
Cross Curricular Links					Links with English – building on their class read of 'Animal Farm'.	
Co-Curricular Opportunities	Visits to local buildings established from Slavery (e.g. Harewood House)	Local study trip to canal in Sowerby Bridge	Trip to local cenotaph			
Geography	Hot deserts	Polar deserts	Hydrology	Coastal environments	Life in cities	Life in cities
Cross Curricular Links	Links to science – animal reproduction		Links to science and the water cycle.			
Co-Curricular Opportunities		Local study trip to canal in Sowerby Bridge (recap on map skills)	Visit to River Valleys		Visiting Halifax to study a city	
French	Freetime (Online activities, film, TV & books)	Sports and activities	Holidays	Family relationships	Daily routines	My house
Cross Curricular Links						
Co-Curricular Opportunities						

RS	Sikhism	Sikhism	Hinduism	Hinduism	Thematic Study: Life & Death	Thematic Study: Life & Death
Cross Curricular Links						
Co-Curricular Opportunities		Virtual tour of Gurdwara		Virtual tour of Temple		Virtual tour of Temple
Drama	Melodrama	The Witches- Macbeth	Stanislavski	Status	Our Day Out – Willie Russell	Our Day Out – Willie Russell
Cross Curricular Links	All planned to compliment the English curriculum.					
Co-Curricular Opportunities				Trip to Shibden Hall (understanding of Anne Lister's staus and CW op for Eng)	Links with Geography – Life in cities?	
Music	World Music	Rap and Hip-Hop	Blues	Musical Futures	Hooks and Riffs	The four chord song
Cross Curricular Links						
Co-Curricular Opportunities	Visiting tutor			Workshop		
Art	Pop art observational drawing	Intermediate colour theory	Intermediate ceramics	Lino printing	Intermediate 3D construction	Mixed media project
Cross Curricular Links						
Co-Curricular Opportunities						
Technology	Food: functions of ingredients/nutrients	Food: functions of ingredients/nutrients	RM: passive amplifier	RM: passive amplifier stand	Tex: skills project	Tex: skills project
Cross Curricular Links						

Co-Curricular Opportunities								
Computer Science	Computer Systems	Networking	Scratch	Media	Representation	APP development		
Cross Curricular Links								
Co-Curricular Opportunities								
WW	Mental health	Identity and self-worth	Equality and careers	Impact of substances on the body	Healthy relationships	Online safety		
Cross Curricular Links								
Co-Curricular Opportunities								
PE (topics not in line with terms)	Football	Rugby	Handball	Fitness & OAA	Table Tennis	Gymnastics	Leadership	Athletics and Cricket
	Netball	Gymnastics	Dance	Fitness & OAA	Leadership	Football	Badminton	Athletics and Rounders
Cross Curricular Links								
Co-Curricular Opportunities								