

Dear parent/carer,

At Bristnall Hall Academy, we are proud of our knowledge-rich curriculum that supports our students in fundamental skills such as reading, writing, oracy and numeracy, whilst challenging them to become knowledgeable in each subject discipline.

Please see the table below which outlines the knowledge your child can expect to encounter during their lessons this term. If you would like any further information on how you can support your child in any of our subjects, please visit our school website and follow the links via ‘Curriculum’. Here you will find more detailed information on the topics listed below, as well as links to support parents and carers.

Year 8 – Autumn Term Curriculum

English	Gothic Monsters in Fiction; Facing Adversity – Non-Fiction Texts
Maths (Theta)	Number; Area and Volume; Statistics, Graphs and Charts; Expressions and Equations
Maths (Delta)	Factors and Powers; Working with Powers; 2D Shapes and 3D Solids; Real Life Graphs
Science	Chemical Reactions; Photosynthesis and Respiration; Electricity
History	How did religious divisions challenge authority? How did power change hands in England in the 17th century? Why did power return to the monarchy? How ‘glorious’ was the Glorious Revolution? How can ‘ordinary’ people influence political change?
Geography	How does employment and recreation create opportunities and challenges in the UK? Why is our world unequal and how do we respond to these inequalities?
French	Holidays
Graphics*	How is branding influenced by graphic designers?
Catering*	Starchy foods and energy balance; sauce making and hob control
Textiles*	Tie Dye; Block Printing; CAD – Customising a T-Shirt



Engineering*	Iterative Design Approach Marking Out and Measuring Sustainable Materials Accurately to Make a Heroes and Villains Inspired USB Desk Tidy Lamp.
Art	Self-Portraiture; Proportion; Critical Studies; Photo Realism; Hyper Realism
Music	Hooks and Riffs; Offbeat
Dance	Social Dance: 1970s; 1980s; Musical - Grease
PE	Netball; Trampolining; Striking and Fielding; Emerging Sports; Basketball; Handball; Football
RE	When did Islam begin and what are the key beliefs? How do Muslims practise their religion in modern society?
PSHE	Healthy Relationships; Online Safety
Computer Studies	How does a computer function? Why is binary so important?

*Students study Graphics, Textiles, Engineering and Catering on a rotation, and therefore will only be studying one of these subjects at a time.

Yours sincerely,

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