

Dear Families,

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 – Spring Term Curriculum**

English	Shakespeare's 'The Tempest'; Protest and Prejudice
Maths	Brackets, equations and inequalities; Sequences; Indices; Fractions and percentage of amounts; Standard index form; Number sense
Science	Magnetism; Electromagnets; Food, Digestion and Health; Space and the Universe; Earth and Rocks
History	How did the Industrial Revolution change society? Why did Britain have an Empire? How did the Transatlantic Slave Trade develop over time?
Geography	How is the UK responding to important challenges facing societies today? How does our physical world affect us?
Spanish	All About Me; Food and Drinks
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*	Measuring and marking out accurately – Desk Tidy (Storage)



Art	Figure Drawing; Proportion; Critical Studies; The Renaissance; Surrealism
Music	Variations and Jazz; 'Junk' Percussion
Dance	Street routine; Performance Work
PE	Trampolining, Basketball, American Football, Tchoukball, Fitness, Football
RE	When did Hinduism develop and what are the key beliefs? How do Hindus practise their religion in modern society?
PSHE**	Mental Health and Healthy Lifestyle; Sex and Relationship Education – Puberty and Hygiene
Computing	How do we solve problems with efficient programs? How do Vector graphics differ from Bitmap graphics?

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

\*\*Students withdrawn from non-statutory sex education will study other PSHE content during this time. For further details regarding the right to withdraw from non-statutory sex education, please visit our SRE Secondary Policy on our website (Our Academy – Policies).

Yours sincerely,

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