

12th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Curriculum Information for Half Term 2 (3rd November to 19th December)

The information in this letter outlines Curriculum, Home Learning, and Extracurricular activities for this term.

Through our curriculum, we provide a wide range of learning experiences both inside and outside of the classroom, aimed at fostering a love of learning and providing opportunities to experience success and fulfilment. Leaders and teachers at HEA and United Learning plan the content, and the sequence of learning, very carefully to aid efficiency and create meaningful connections. We hope that you find the information helpful and a starting point to enable positive discussions at home about subject content and the opportunities that are available within school.

Below is the content that Year 8 students should expect to be taught during half-term 2 of this academic year:

Subject	What will my Year 8 child learn in this subject during Term 2?	
English	Animal Farm - Introduction to allegory – a whole text study with a focus on context, social commentary, and explicit teaching of why writers write certain texts.	
Maths	Solving Equations, Angles in parallel lines Circles – including circumference and area and understanding Pi Direct Proportion including best buys	
Science	Digestion and Nutrition; Earth and atmosphere	
RE	Study of Islam	
Geography	Population geography: where do people live and why and a study into international migration	
History	Elizabethan England – to what extent was it a Golden Age?	
French / Spanish	Free time: talking about films and TV shows, hobbies in the past and present time frames, and making future plans for going out with friends.	
Art	Pop Art - drawing and painting –developing own responses to theme.	
Computer Science	Introduction to Python programming (second half of the unit).	
Drama	Continuation of the topic 'Devising from Stimulus'	
Food Tech	Exploring <i>energy balance</i> through Spaghetti Bolognese, Shortbread cookies.	
Music	Continuation of Tonality and Structure through Keyboard pieces	
PE	Boys Developing core skills, tactics and leadership through <i>rugby</i> Developing core skills and effective communication through <i>badminton</i>	Girls Developing core skills, tactics and leadership through <i>rugby/football</i> Developing core skills and effective communication through <i>table tennis</i>
Textiles	How to use the sewing machine - Producing a sewing sample	

PSHE	Physical Health – Healthy lifestyles and the dangers of addiction.
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Home Learning

Further information regarding Home Learning can be found in the Curriculum letter from half-term 1. We utilise Knowledge Organisers alongside online platforms to set student homework, and access to the following sites is key:

MS Teams: Using their school email address and password.

Sparx: Using the 'Log in with Microsoft' button.

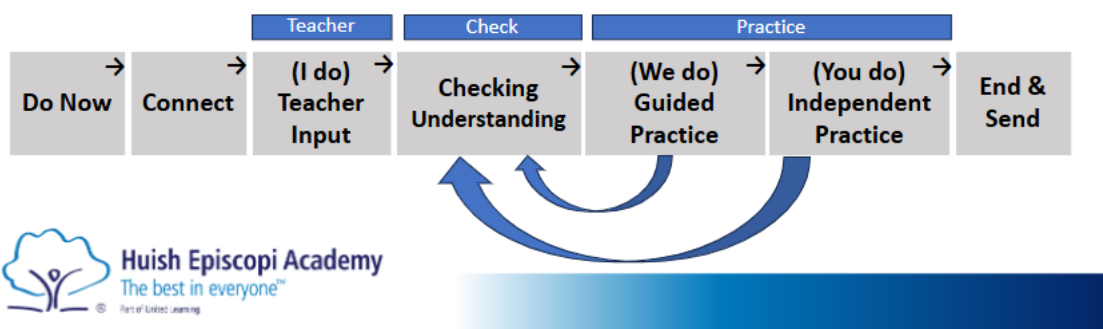
Seneca: Using the 'Log in with Microsoft' button.

Arbor: Parents/Carers are able to track both positive and negative points within school on the Arbor app, as well as attendance and the school timetable.

If you have any queries regarding accessing any of the above platforms, please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor.

Teaching and Learning

As we begin the second half-term, students will be well used to the Huish lesson structure, and its benefits to their learning:



Please do engage in conversation regarding these parts of lessons with your child and discuss their successes in mastering the wealth of new information encountered each day.

Golden Tickets

As you may know, we reward at least one student per lesson with a *Golden Ticket* which can be used to enter a draw for a reward trip. These golden tickets are ordinarily issued within the 'Independent Practice' (You Do) part of our lessons, for students working exceptionally hard and making significant progress.

We are looking forward to seeing the first of our reward trips taking place this half-term, and are particularly impressed with student attitudes towards their work so far this academic year.

Curriculum and Assessment Review

Earlier this month, the government finalised its review of Curriculum and Assessment within England and published a full report. Our staff have already spent time digesting the information, and we welcome the suggested alterations.

Whilst the impact on day-to-day teaching and curriculum will be limited, I would invite you to read the full report [here](#), and would be happy to engage in any discussion/queries you may have from it.

Extracurricular Activities

Week A				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Confidence Building H1 Lunch All welcome	String Group MU1 08:30 – 09:10	Year 8+ Voices MU2 08:30 – 09:10 Year 8 and above	You-Nique Group RE2 Lunch All welcome	KS5 Book Club Library Lunch Year 12 and 13
DofE Club IT1 PM Form Year 9	Year 7 Singers MU2 08:30 – 09:10 Year 7	Flute Group MU1 08:30 – 09:10	DofE Club IT1 PM Form Year 9	
	NT Script-Writing H1 Lunch – PM Form All welcome	KS3 Dance Club H1 Lunch KS3 Students	Huish Orchestra MU2 All instrumentalists welcome	
	Karaoke Club MU2 Lunch All welcome	DofE Club IT1 PM Form Year 9	DT NEA Catch-up DT1 15:30 – 16:30 Year 11	
	DofE Club IT1 PM Form Year 9	CAD Club DT4 15:30 – 16:30 Year 10 – 13	Girls Football AGP 15:30 – 16:30 All years	
	Year 7/8 Hockey AGP 15:30 – 16:30 Year 7 and 8	Year 9/10 Hockey AGP 15:30 – 16:30 Year 9 and 10		
	Essay Club EN7 15:30 – 16:30 Year 11	Year 8 Rugby Top Field 15:30 – 16:30 Year 8		
	Year 9 Rugby Top Field 15:30 – 16:30 Year 9	School Production Main Hall 13:30 – 17:00 All welcome		

Week B			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
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DofE Club IT1 PM Form Year 10	NT Script-Writing H1 Lunch – PM Form All welcome	KS3 Dance Club H1 Lunch KS3 Students	DofE Club IT1 PM Form Year 10
	Karaoke Club MU2 Lunch All welcome	DofE Club IT1 PM Form Year 10	Huish Orchestra MU2 All instrumentalists welcome
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Yours sincerely,

Mr Davis
Vice Principal – Quality of Education