Falconer School

Year 8 – Curriculum Overview

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
English	Dystopian Fiction / Sinister Stories	"The Picture of Dorian Gray" – Pre-20th Century literature "Mr Stink"	"The Morning I Met a Whale" – reading for enjoyment	Non-Fiction Writing – focused on news and media	"Poisonous Poetry" – from Shakespeare through to modern day	"Speaking Up" – studying famous speeches and developing speech-writing
Maths	Working with numbers; geometry; probability	Percentages; sequences; area	Graphs and interpreting data; simplifying	Algebra; fractions and decimals; congruence and scaling	Proportion; circles; equations and formulae	Comparing data; maths challenges
Science	Biology: Photosynthesis and Respiration	Chemistry: Chemical Reactions	Physics: Electricity and Magnetism	Biology: Health and the Human Body	Chemistry: Earth and Atmosphere	Physics: Space
Art	Art & Architecture: perspective; scale-drawing	Art & Architecture: inspirational architecture	Pop-Art & Comic Books: themes and styles within pop-art	Pop-Art & Comic Books: Drawing and design in comic book style	Street Art – different styles and artists	Street Art – own design
Design Tech	Working with wood – bird feeder project	Working with wood – bird feeder (or additional items)	Working with textiles: sewing, crochet, knitting, felting and weaving	Textiles: Making a beanie hat and other textile products	Graphics – designing a model	Creating a model in paper and/or card

Food Tech	Health & Safety and Basic Skills	Festive Foods	World Food	World Food	Healthy Eating	Student-led project
Humanities	The British Empire	Rainforests	Slavery and Abolition	Earth's Structure and Tectonics	Crime and Punishment Through Time	Focus on Africa – including country case-study
Music	World Music	Reading music and playing in an ensemble	How music creates pictures and mood	20th Century Popular Music: Dance music	Why write songs? – Exploring motivations for composing	Electronic music and sound recording
Physical Education	Football – Rules and Skills	Basketball – Rules and Skills	Health & Fitness	Tennis – Rules and Skills	Cricket – Rules and Skills	Multisports
PSHCE	Finance and Introduction to Careers	Campaign Groups and how they effect change	Healthy Relationships – the concept of consent	Families, disagreements and conflict resolution	Healthy Lifestyle – the dangers of smoking and other causes of cancer	Health and Wellbeing – mindfulness and self-confidence
RE	Understanding Hinduism	Examining the stories behind religious festivals	Understanding Judaism	Understanding Islam	Understanding Buddhism	Understanding Sikhism

In addition to these National Curriculum subjects, the following enhancements to the curriculum are in place:

Talk-For-Learning – A programme focused on developing communication skills including speaking, listening and working in small groups. The skills developed in this course are essential for successful learning across the curriculum.

Enrichment – Every Friday afternoon, students can select from a wide range of enrichment activities including sports, crafts and IT.

Super-Curricular Activities – Students are offered opportunities to engage in structured activities beyond the curriculum. These are personalised to the student and may include off-site activities such as swimming, trampolining or rock-climbing.