Falconer School

Year 9 – Curriculum Overview

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
English	"Pop & Poetry" – analysing overlaps between the media	"Much Ado About Nothing" – Shakespeare	"Whodunnit?" – Non-fiction writing	"Holes" – Reading fiction	Writing Fiction	Functional Skills Entry Level
Maths	Percentage; equations and formulae; polygons	Using data; circles; enlargement; fractions	Algebra; decimals; surface area and volume	Solving equations graphically; distance, speed and time; similar triangles	Number; Measures and scale drawing; charts, tables and averages	Angles; number properties
Science	Biology: Ecosystems and Interdependence	Chemistry: Acids and Alkalis	Physics: Motion and Pressure	Biology: Inheritance and Evolution	Chemistry: Materials and Recycling	Physics: Waves
Art	Protest Art: case-studies and collage-creation	Protest Art & Black History Month: Case-study, design and creation	Street Art: case-studies; styles; personal style	Street Art: Basquiat, Banksy and stencils	Board Games: styles and inspiration; design board game art	Board Games: Create box, board and clay playing pieces
Design Tech	Bird Box: Design and create in wood	Bird Box: Create and evaluate	Pyjama Trousers: Textile design and production	Student-led textile design and creation project	Graphics and Paper Project – design an advanced model	Create and evaluate paper/card model
Food Tech	Health & Safety and Basic Skills	Festive Foods	World Food	World Food	Healthy Eating	Student-led project

Humanities	Jack the Ripper: A reflection of Victorian London?	Sport and Geography – the global impact and nature of sport	World War 1	Extreme Weather	World War 2	Climate Change
Music	World Music – unusual styles and instruments	Film Sound: Leit motifs and how they enhance character and plot	Music Industry: Careers, roles and the business	20th Century: Blues, R'n'B, early rock	Lyrics and Poetry: Words and their power	Great Guitarists: techniques and instruments
Physical Education	Football – Rules and Skills	Basketball – Rules and Skills	Health & Fitness	Tennis – Rules and Skills	Cricket – Rules and Skills	Multisports
PSHCE	Personal Finance and introduction to employment applications	Human Rights, rights, responsibilities and the law	Healthy Relationships – recognising online and in-person abuse and exploitation	British Values and Us	The Dangers of Alcohol Abuse and the importance of maintaining good personal health	Positive choices, equality and managing ourselves positively
RE	The Afterlife – examining religious perspectives	Religious views on morality	Alternatives to theism – atheism and agnosticism	Religious views on topical societal issues	The relationship between religion, science and ethics	The relationship between religion, science and ethics

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.