



## Beacon Academy Curriculum Overview Year 8



Subject	Term 1		Term 2		Term 3	
	1.1	1.2	2.1	2.2	3.1	3.2
Art	British Animals Project - Pencil Fox, Blue pen owl and british reptile Animal eye (Dot painting)	British Animals Project - Chalk/pastel Hare, Watercolour British insect and Charcoal Badger	Artist and British Habitat Focus - Mark Hearld and The Woodland or Artist and British Habitat Focus - David Measures and The Garden	Artist and British Habitat Focus - Mark Hearld and The Woodland or Artist and British Habitat Focus - David Measures and The Garden	Artist and British Habitat Focus - Angie Lewin and the Coast	Artist and British Habitat Focus - Angie Lewin and the Coast
Mathematics	Accuracy and estimation. Percentages. Expressions.	Sequences. Linear Graphs. Equations and inequalities.	Angles in polygons. Real life graphs.	Direct and Inverse proportion. Circles.	Volume and surface area of prisms. Univariate data.	Bivariate data.
Science	Energy Costs. Energy Transfer. Variation. Human Reproduction.	Enquiry Processes. Sound. Light	Enquiry Processes. Elements. Periodic Table.	Breathing. Digestion.	Contact Forces. Pressure. Types of Reaction	Chemical Energy. Respiration. Photosynthesis
English	War - War extracts- fiction and non-fiction War Poetry- Brooke, Pope, Owen, Binyon, McCrae Class novel: Private Peaceful		<b>THE ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES</b> Scientific developments o the Victorian Era; class and society in Victorian England; the detective genre; duality; periodicals		<b>SHAKESPEARE - The Tempest</b> The Elizabethan age of exploration; colonialism; nature/nurture; the form of a comedy; subplots; soliloquy and monologue; Italian city-states.	
ICT	E-Safety	Google Applied Digital Skills	Music Festival project - Students plan and create all aspects of a music festival using a range of software	<b>Computer Fundamentals:</b> Students will investigate computing fundamentals further with investigations into Encryption, Cyber security, Networks and AI.  (DIT Pathway Thread & E-Safety Delivery)		<b>HTML Website Design – Planning for an audience:</b>  Students will use their understanding of HTML to plan and create a webpage to meet an audience using features of a website that utilising HTML and CSS.  (DIT Pathway Thread)
French	Sports and hobbies	Food and health	TV, film and media	Technology	Jobs	Environment
History	English Civil War and French Rev  Which revolution transformed its nation more, England or France?	The Plague and Fire of London  'From ashes to resilience, how did disaster shape London's future?'	Transatlantic Slave Trade  Was William Wilberforce the most influential person in ending slavery?	British Empire  How should historians remember the British empire?	Industrial Revolution  Was the Industrial Revolution a dream or a nightmare	What is the biggest mystery in history?  What problems do historians have when studying the past?
Geography	Africa What is Africa really like, and how do its people overcome challenges and create opportunities?	Coasts  Why do coastlines change, and how should we protect them	Population  Why is the world's population unevenly distributed, and why does it matter?	Rivers  How do rivers shape the land and affect human life?	Tourism  Does tourism do more good or more harm to places around the world?	Middle East  How do climate, resources and conflict shape life in the Middle East?
PE - Split 1	Football & Netball	Endurance Sports 1, Basketball & Gymnastics	Rugby & Table Tennis	Endurance Sports 2, OAA & Badminton	Athletics & Rounders	Athletics & Cricket
PE - Split 2	Basketball & Gymnastics	Endurance Sports 1, Football & Netball	Rugby & Badminton	Endurance Sports 2, OAA & Table Tennis	Athletics & Cricket	Athletics & Rounders
Music	Caribbean & Reggae - Learning key techniques in Caribbean music and how culture influenced the development of this music.	Guitar Bands - Learning the skills needed to play a guitar, how to read guitar tabs and repertoire which is performed as a band.	Film soundtracks - The skills needed to compose music for a film advert using leitmotifs, composition skills and timelines	Music - History of Music - A whistle-stop tour of the history of music, learning about notable composers, key pieces of work, and why it's all still relevant today	Music - Blues- Knowledge of the history of blues and learning identify key features of the style. Performing some basic blues and composition in the style.	Musical Theatre- Looking at the way songs and music have been used on stage to educate and communicate through singing and stage techniques.
Drama	Shakespeare's 'As You Like It' - Exploring the various stages of the 'Seven Ages of Man' speech and how to develop a text into a play. Develop understanding of the language and working in groups to produce self devised plays for performance.		Murder Mysteries- Exploring the concept and structure of the murder mystery plays. Develop understanding of structure, stock characters and work in groups to produce self devised plays for performance.		Comedy in Drama - Learning the different types of comedy in drama and how to apply the different techniques in performance .	
RS	How the world thinks	The question of God	Diversity of religion and worldviews		Worldviews in Britain	
	How do different worldviews help people make sense of life	Does God exist, and why do people believe different things	Why is there such diversity of religious and non-religious worldviews around the world?		How diverse are worldviews in modern Britain, and why does this matter?	