

## **Brannel School Year 8 Curriculum Overview**

What will I	learn during the Spring Term?		
Tutor Time	<ul> <li>Build confidence, independence and positive learning habits.</li> <li>Continue daily tutor-led reading to strengthen fluency.</li> <li>Complete Personal Development Passport tasks on wellbeing and choices.</li> <li>Key assembly themes: Internet Safety; Holocaust Remembrance.</li> </ul>	English	<ul> <li>Explore autobiographical writing and personal voice.</li> <li>Study The Bone Sparrow and analyse character and theme.</li> <li>Write letters and opinion pieces with clear viewpoint.</li> <li>Strengthen extended analytical writing using evidence.</li> </ul>
Maths	<ul> <li>Develop confidence with area, perimeter and compound shapes.</li> <li>Strengthen algebra through solving linear equations.</li> <li>Improve fluency with fractions, percentages and number operations.</li> <li>Apply reasoning to shapes, measurements and calculator use.</li> </ul>	Science	<ul> <li>Study health, lifestyle choices and microorganisms.</li> <li>Explore balanced/unbalanced forces and friction.</li> <li>Learn about the periodic table and simple reactivity patterns.</li> <li>Work with acids, alkalis and neutralisation.</li> </ul>
Geography	<ul> <li>Investigate natural resources and global inequalities.</li> <li>Learn how human activity depends on environmental systems.</li> <li>Study coastal processes including erosion and deposition.</li> <li>Explain how landforms change over time.</li> </ul>	History	<ul> <li>Explore power and authority through Magna Carta and early Parliament.</li> <li>Learn about medieval medicine and the Black Death.</li> <li>Compare medieval and modern beliefs about disease.</li> <li>Use evidence to explain change over time.</li> </ul>
Spanish	<ul> <li>Describe your house, rooms and local area.</li> <li>Use adjectives and agreements to build accurate detail.</li> <li>Give opinions about school subjects and teachers.</li> <li>Learn <i>ir</i> and practise high-frequency present tense verbs.</li> </ul>	Computing	<ul> <li>Strengthen computational thinking with flowcharts, decomposition and abstraction.</li> <li>Explore bubble sort and insertion sort.</li> <li>Apply logic through Bebras-style reasoning challenges.</li> </ul>
RE	<ul> <li>Study Christian beliefs about the Trinity and Jesus' teachings.</li> <li>Explore parables, healing stories and ideas about forgiveness.</li> <li>Examine historical and modern interpretations of Christian belief.</li> <li>Build skills explaining belief, context and impact.</li> </ul>	PSHE	<ul> <li>Understand online scams, fake news and misinformation.</li> <li>Explore why people troll and how to respond safely.</li> <li>Learn how democracy, Parliament and elections work.</li> <li>Build confidence expressing your views respectfully.</li> </ul>
PE	<ul> <li>Develop balance, control and strength through gymnastics.</li> <li>Build fluency and coordination through dance.</li> <li>Learn components of fitness and how exercise affects the body.</li> <li>Improve evaluation and performance-refinement skills.</li> </ul>	Art	<ul> <li>Study how artists use colour, texture and markmaking for meaning.</li> <li>Explore expressive techniques inspired by Van Gogh and Yellena James.</li> <li>Develop mixed-media skills including layering and pattern.</li> <li>Build confidence analysing and discussing artistic choices.</li> </ul>
Drama	<ul> <li>Explore key scenes from <i>Macbeth</i> through performance.</li> <li>Develop character intention, voice and movement skills.</li> <li>Learn about Elizabethan theatre and staging.</li> <li>Build analysis skills when evaluating performance.</li> </ul>	Music	<ul> <li>Develop rhythmic confidence through simple and compound time.</li> <li>Perform and create layered rhythmic patterns.</li> <li>Explore pentatonic scales in composition.</li> <li>Strengthen ensemble rehearsal skills and vocabulary.</li> </ul>
Design Technology	<ul> <li>Complete product manufacture with greater accuracy.</li> <li>Evaluate the design against a specification.</li> <li>Refine work using finishing techniques and quality control.</li> <li>Apply iterative design thinking to improve outcomes.</li> </ul>	Food & Nutrition	<ul> <li>Study vitamins and their role in health.</li> <li>Prepare a wider range of dishes (e.g., pizza, pasta, pancakes).</li> <li>Develop timing, consistency and control in practical work.</li> <li>Learn how factors influence food choice and justify decisions.</li> </ul>