

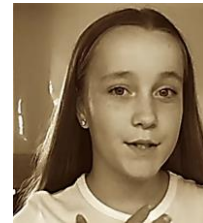
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TURTON

Year 8 Summer Update

A summertime update on what year 8 pupils have been learning this term, just in case they have entirely stopped talking to you by now! All of our knowledge organisers, detailing our curriculum are here:
<https://www.turton.uk.com/ks3revision/>

- **English:** Romanticism, Poetry anthology, Gothic conventions, *Frankenstein* (*American Romanticism, Edgar Allen Poe, Bronte sisters*)
- **Maths:** Ratio, solving equations, operations with fractions (*linear & quadratic graphs, pie charts, scatter diagrams, standard form, surds, indices*)
- **Science:** Immune system, reactions, chemical energy, electricity (*value of vaccination, exothermic/endothermic graphs, Ohms law*)
- **History:** Political revolution, chartists, role of women, (*economic transformation, suffrage, democracy*)
- **Faith & Ethics:** Types of truth, Origins of universe, Science & Religion (*Christians*)
- **Geography:** British ecosystems, African biomes (*climate change*)
- **Spanish:** Making social plans, fashion, film study: *Ferdinand*
- **French:** Travel and holidays
- **Drama:** *Alice in Wonderland*, masks, costume, set, review, (*film trailer*)
- **PE:** Fitness programme, fitness tests, goal setting, thresholds of training
- **Computing:** Image manipulation, user interfaces (*programming, smartphone*)
- **Music:** History of classical music, orchestra, composition (*orchestral family*)
- **Technology:** Structural engineering, history of staple ingredients
- **Art:** Surrealism, Automatism, Salvador Dali, Freud, (*Bretton, Magritte*)



“Distance
means so little
when
someone
means so
much.”
Unknown



F.O.M.O. (Fear of missing out)

So.... what can we say that would attempt to explain these extraordinary times? Everyone's experience of education at home has been so different. We hope that you hold onto one thought about school: getting an education is your right. So, reach out and grab it with both hands. We cannot wait to see everyone at school.

Mrs Bach (Deputy Head)

Rising to the challenge

Well, I think it's fair to say that none of us could have anticipated such drastically changed! What a crazy time this has been for all of our communities, families and of course our children. I want to thank you sincerely for all of your support for pupils with everything else going on in your lives. I have seen lots of year 8 pupils rise to the challenge. Although we may not have chosen the situation we found ourselves in, I like to look on the bright side - year 8 will have learned lots of life lessons, they will have a new-found appreciation for school and we all very much look forward to the time we can be back in school. *Mrs Smith (Head of Year 8)*

Learning top tip #3



Summer is a time for rest and relaxation; it's also a time for developing curiosity and having cultural

experiences. We normally send out summer challenges, but as this year has been so full of challenges, we thought we might not! You will receive 2 tailored webpages (from every subject) for your child in our end-of-year reports, and that is quite enough for now. We are VERY much looking forward to welcoming you all back in September.

Mrs Lane (Assistant Head)

Curiosity Question - Technology

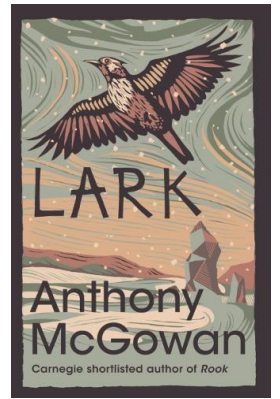
What type of cheese is made backwards (Ask your Food Technology teacher for the answer!)

Miss Dower (Food Technology leader)

Recommends

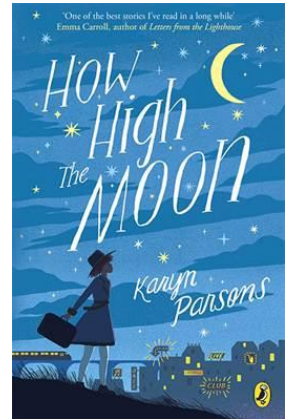
Lark – Anthony McGowan

Another superb book from the pen of Anthony McGowan. *Lark* has recently been voted the WINNER OF THE 2020 CARNEGIE MEDAL. *Lark* is a beautiful book, full of humour and emotion. Things are tense at home for Nicky and Kenny. Their mum's coming to visit and it will be the first time they've seen her in years. A lot has changed since they were little and Nicky's not so sure he's ready to see her again. When they head for a trek across the moors to take their minds off everything, a series of unforeseen circumstances leaves the brothers in a vulnerable and very dangerous position. There might even be a chance that this time not everyone will make it home alive.



***How High the Moon* – Karyn Parsons**

In a small town in 1940s South Carolina, Ella has got some very exciting news. She'll be leaving her grandparents and cousin Henry behind, because her mother finally wants her to join her in the busy city of Boston. But how will she get used to a city that isn't segregated? And when her visit is unexpectedly cut short and she returns to South Carolina, how will she cope with the news that her cousin Myrna's sweetheart George is being charged with the murder of two little girls? Inspired a true story, 'How High the Moon' is an ambitious novel weaving together family drama with the horrifying reality of the prejudice and racism. It's not always an easy read - depictions of violence- but author Karyn Parsons writes with sensitivity and heart. Let me know what you think – [Mrs Locke \(Librarian\)](#)



Jump in

Just to let you know about some of the marvellous things going on that pupils can be involved in to really make the most of their time at Turton. Here are some of the extra things that are going on outside your distance lessons:

Hour of Code – Check out this awesome way to develop your coding skills. <https://code.org/learn> . If you love it, get in touch with Mr Rifai and let him know how you got on!

[Mr Rifai \(Head of Computing\)](#)



Art Galleries aren't all easy to get to at the moment, but this outdoor sculpture trail is not! Why not try a few of the sections? We've tried out the Salford Quays bit, and it was excellent fun trying to spot them all. If you do, take some selfies and send them to Ms Tems, and let her know how you got on!

<http://www.irwellsculpturetrail.co.uk/>

[Ms Tems \(Head of Art\)](#)

Spotlight: A-level Spanish

Each term we'll spotlight an A-level course at Turton, just in case pupils are wondering where excellent learning can take them. Information about all courses is available in our prospectus here:

<http://www.turtonsixthform.uk.com/>.

Mrs Bali (Head of Sixth Form)



Spanish

Why study Spanish?

In terms of global importance Spanish is on the increase with more native speakers than English which equates to better job prospects for those that study it. Not only will Spanish students be improving their chances of being accepted to Russell group universities, but they will also be provided with the opportunity to broaden their horizons and develop an insight into a fascinating culture and society. Students will develop their language and grammatical understanding of the subject through a carefully selected curriculum delivered with an aim to promote independence and a love of languages.

Where does it lead?

Many pupils who continue onto university with a Spanish A level have the exciting and enhancing opportunity to study abroad as part of their degree. In professional terms Spanish speakers are invaluable to many industries and organisations including, but not limited to: sport, cinema (dubbing films), interpreting for social services and working for government agencies including the royal army and the EU.

What does it go well with?

Spanish will fit well with any subject including another language. However, many of our students also study French, History, English, Economics and Social Sciences.

Requirements

Currently B in Spanish and at least a 5 in English.

"Having the ability to speak Spanish makes me feel more comfortable when going abroad as I know there will be no language barriers. Studying Spanish at A level has also increased my knowledge of grammar which greatly improves my fluency." - Laura Austin (former student)

The Course

A-LEVEL

You will follow the AQA course and study:

Paper 1:

Aspects of Hispanic society including the changing nature of the family and the impact of technology as well as the influence of artistic culture in the Hispanic world.

Paper 2:

A film (year 1) and a book (year 2).

Paper 3:

Oral discussion of a subtheme and presentation of individual research project.

There will be a two and a half hour exam with listening, reading and writing questions, a two hour essay question paper and a fifteen minute oral exam (with additional five minute preparation time).

"Studying Spanish is one of the most useful subjects at A level. Just last July I needed to translate for an English lady in a Spanish town where there were no English speakers. It is by far the most rewarding of subjects and you strengthen your language ability every lesson" - Ben Cartwright (former student)



Miss Mansell



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"One language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages open every door along the way." - Frank Smith