Joyce Frankland Academy - Year 8 Curriculum Overview (2026-27)

Subject (Lessons per 2 weeks)	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
English (7)	Dystopian Worlds	Detective Stories	News and Opinion: Reporting and Opinion	Poetry: Place and Nature poetry anthology	Shakespeare's Worlds	Classic Short Stories
Core Text	The Chrysalids, The Speckled Band, The Hound of the Baskervilles and The Adventure of the Egyptian Tomb		-		The Tempest A Midsummer Night's Dream	
Maths (7)	Ratio, proportion and scale. Algebraic manipulation, coordinates and graphs. Multiplying and dividing fractions. Symmetry and reflection		Area, Volume and Density. Equations, inequalities and indices Percentages and standard form Interpret and represent data		Angles in parallel lines and polygons Tables and probability Circles Graphs and charts Sequences	
Science (6)	Photosynthesis Energy stores 1	Ecosystems Energy stores 2	Respiratory System Chemical Reactions 1	Health Chemical Reactions 2	Evolution and Genetics 1 Electricity 1	Evolution and Genetics 2 Electricity 2
Religious Studies (2)	How did we get here?	Sources of authority – Christians and Sikhs	Good life	Islam	Importance of pilgrimage and the relevance today	Religious and world views
Personal, Social and Health Education (2)	Drugs and Alcohol	Digital Literacy	Discrimination	Emotional Wellbeing	Identity and relationships	Community and Careers
PE (4)	Basketball, Badminton, Fitness, Football, Hockey, Netball, Rugby, Volleyball				Athletics, Cricket, Rounders, Tennis	
Art (2)	Insects		Matisse – Paper cuts		Matisse – Print Making	Egyptian Art
Dance (1)	Fusion Dance	Pantomime movement – choreographing for stage	Dance around the world		Movement for camera	Musical Theatre
Drama (2)	Contrasting Characters	Pantomime	Current Affairs (Gender, LGBTQ+, Race, Disability, Age. Spoken word poetry.	Noughts & Crosses – script work, physical theatre, characterisation, stage combat.	Adverts: wider curriculum (Business, Art and Media)	Musical Theatre – scene, song and dance. MT as an art form. Analysis of work.
Geography (4)	Global Development	Weather	Geography of Conflict	Managing the planet	Africa	Employment
History (4)	The Industrial Revolution	The Atlantic Slave Trade	The First World War The Suffragettes	Sources and Interpretation from the trenches	Why did the Second World War break out?	Germany and the Armistice The Holocaust
Languages (4)	Holiday and Travel		Digital Life and Media		Identity and Culture	
Music (2)	Hooks and Riffs	Pantomime – Popular music for performance	Offbeat	Variation	All that jazz	All about the bass
Technology Carousel (2)						
Textiles	Designing and making a soft toy					
Graphics	Street Food Logo Design					
D&T	Design and production using wood - Hinged boxes and Laser cut door hangers					
Food Technology	Eating well and food choices					
Careers	Introduction to careers and Unifrog Learning about careers		Careers terminology/Linking employability skills and learning		Employability skills, major trends – technology, eco and ageing population/Equality in the workplace	

Computing is taught through IT focused curriculum days