

# Year 8 SPHERE Curriculum

Spring Term 2018-19



Curriculum Content	Assessment	What homework will they have?	I'm not an expert, so how can I help?
<b>What will my child be studying this term?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Careers and GCSE options</li><li>Does religion help people to be good?</li><li>Healthy relationships</li></ul>	SPHERE is not formally assessed. However, we build on students' skills at constructing convincing arguments and public-speaking, amongst others.	Students are not routinely set homework in SPHERE. However, occasional tasks may be set as deemed necessary by their teacher.	An awareness of current affairs is really helpful - so encouraging your child to watch / read the news, or just discussing current affairs.
<b>Content covered:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Careers and GCSE options : building on work started in Year 7 to consider skills and qualities, potential employment opportunities and GCSE Option choices.</li><li>Does religion help people to be good? : After a 'crash course' in major world religions, we investigate what "good" means in several major religions.</li><li>Healthy relationships : Examining different types of relationships (including why parenting is so hard!), encouraging students to consider what makes a relationship 'healthy' and what to do if/when a relationship becomes 'unhealthy'.</li></ul>			
<b>What can I do to help my child?</b> <p>An awareness of current affairs is really helpful - so encouraging your child to watch / read the news, or just discussing current affairs.</p>			
<b>Additional resources and details of core texts used:</b> <p>N/A</p>			
<b>Teaching group arrangements:</b> <p>Students are in mixed ability groups.</p>			
<b>Where can I get more advice?</b> <p>Mr L Bolton (Curriculum Leader) - <a href="mailto:lbolton@stratfordschool.co.uk">lbolton@stratfordschool.co.uk</a>. Please include the name of your child's teacher so the message can be forwarded appropriately.</p>			