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Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to get in touch and let you know our plans for the half term ahead. Mr Pinsent and I are pleased with the way Year 10 have settled back into the school routine and we're very much looking forward to another successful half term in the lead up to Christmas.

If you would like to support your child's learning at home, we thought it would be helpful for you to have a more detailed idea of what we are learning about.

English GCSE and Unit Awards – Having completed our study of Blood Brothers by Willy Russell, the class had made an excellent start on their English Literature course. Next we will turn our attention to skills of creative writing possibly touching on the Gothic genre to coincide with Halloween! As well as this we'll begin to investigate explicit and implicit meanings in the non-fiction texts we encounter in the world around us.

To support your child revising at home I would recommend using the Blood Brothers BBC Bitesize pages with all the many helpful resources for revision. This will support them to refresh and deepen their understanding of the text between now and the summer of year 11.

Maths – In maths, students are working towards the maths qualification that is appropriate for them (either the GCSE Higher, GCSE Foundation of Functional Skills Entry Level Certificate). Students will be revising the appropriate Numeracy, Geometry, Algebra, Probability and Statistics topics that support their learning, understanding and revision for their qualification.

Science GCSE –

ASDAN Personal and Social Effectiveness – Year 10 will continue with their 'Working with Others' unit. They will complete several A and B challenges and learn to work together and communicate effectively.

PSHE – Having studied mental health and wellness in depth this half term we'll move on to a unit all about healthy relationships. We'll discuss the ways we relate to others in our communities across dividing lines of difference and how we can best cooperate with one another.

Philosophy and Ethics – Moving on from Islamic beliefs, this half term we will be exploring Islamic Practices and how these impact on the daily lives of Muslims as well as how they link to the beliefs Muslims may have.

Physical Education-

Practical PE- In practical PE this half term year 10 students will be learning about volleyball and badminton.

ASDAN PE- This half term in year 10 ASDAN PE lessons students will be continuing to learn about a range of different practical sports and the key skills and tactics which are involved in these. They will create presentations, posters and apply knowledge practically.

GCSE PE- This half term in year 10 GCSE PE students will be learning about the muscles and cardiorespiratory systems in the human body and how these link to sporting examples.

Drama - During this half term we will be exploring Improvisation and Storytelling using various Drama techniques.

Art GCSE - During this half term, we will be finalising our "reflections" project, refining our ideas and working towards a final piece. Students will be expected to take photographs at home to support their studies.

Child Development - During this half term, students will be learning about the different types of play and how they benefit young children. Students will prepare and gain the knowledge required for the second assessed unit, RO59.

If you have any questions, or want to let us know about anything your young person is achieving or concerned about outside of school or at home, please do let me know. We will be delighted to work together and it is very important to us to see your whole child, not just their school bit!

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