



Dear Parents and Carers

We wanted to get in touch again and let you know our plans for the second part of the Spring half term.

English GCSE and Unit Awards

Students have prepared speaking and listening endorsements based on a topic of their choice in order to share their viewpoint and perspective with the class and even some members of staff. They will now begin to present and record these for marking. For this, students will achieve a unit awards certificate and for those completing an English Language GCSE it will appear on their exam results. Then we will begin to dig into Shakespeare's Macbeth for an in-depth understanding of the play's complex characters and themes.

Maths

The students working at the higher end of the course will be continuing their work on Algebra to extend their skills in manipulating expressions and solving both factors as well as simple quadratic functions. The students working at the foundation level have nearly completed their first set of Entry Level certificate tests and will be moving on to complete the third level by the end of this term. Once completed, these students will then start to build on their number skills in calculations by applying them to simple algebraic problems as they move on to the GCSE course.

Science GCSE

This half-term Year 10 will be studying Chemistry and common chemical reactions in the Chemical Changes topic and then moving on to look at infectious diseases with the Communicable Diseases topic. Please be aware that Year 10 are now set up on the revision platform Seneca, which they can access using their school google log-in. I would also continue to recommend the use of BBC Bitesize for keywords and developing background knowledge.

Option Subjects

ASDAN Personal and Social Effectiveness

Students will be working on the Problem Solving unit of the course. They will be designing, planning and creating a wheelbarrow garden which will be entered into the schools' competition at this year's Royal Norfolk Show.

PSHE

We are continuing to explore the topic of respectful relationships this term. In particular, the boundaries we put in place in our friendships and other relationships. Then during careers month, we will spend more time considering what our opportunities are for life after All Saints.

Philosophy and Ethics

Students will be studying topics related to Christian worship such as festivals, pilgrimage and the Church in the 21st Century. We will be looking at these issues in relation to different denominations. We will be completing our second piece of coursework for the ASDAN short course.

Practical PE

Year 10 Practical PE- Students will be learning about a range of methods of fitness training and will get to experience a local community gym.

Year 10 ASDAN PE- Students will be learning about health, fitness and nutrition.

Year 10 GCSE PE- Students will be learning about the principles and methods of fitness training as well as starting their coursework which involves planning and creating a personal exercise plan.

Drama

Improvisation games and exercises.

Art GCSE

In Art lessons this half term, we will be continuing with the same project with the theme 'Power'. Students will be refining their ideas and designing their final piece. Year 10s will have a 5-hour mock exam in which they will create their final piece for this project.

Computing

All students will be continuing to connect computing and Maths, with spreadsheets and data processing as well as mathematical revision software. Our GCSE group will be looking at operating systems and ethics of computer technology and also continuing to develop programming skills.

Child Development

Students will continue to complete unit awards.

College students will continue to develop their practical skills and expertise.

As always, 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 time in school!

Mrs Jones and Mr Pinsent