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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 Boughton and I are pleased with the way Year 11 have settled back into the school routine. We are looking forward to another successful and exciting half term.

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 – Having studied our core poems in depth as part of the English Literature syllabus, next we'll turn our attention to some of the skills assessed in the English Language GCSE. First, we will develop student's skills of creative writing and then prepare for a spoken language assessment which can be on a topic of student's choice. We will also enjoy some of A Christmas Carol together closer to the Christmas Holiday.

To support your child revising for the GCSE exams I would recommend using the poetry CGP guides that the school has purchased for each student. Students can create flash cards or mind maps for each poem (as demonstrated in class) using these valuable resources.

English Unit awards - The class will continue to study the novel, Skellig by David Almond. During the half term they will complete literature and language unit awards based around the novel and the film adaptation.

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.

For those students who are working towards the GCSE exam, independent revision and study at home will help them achieve their best possible result. I have given each student preparing for the GCSE exam an Edexcel workbook which has questions that they can practise at home. There is also an online Maths revision tool called MathsKitchen, which each GCSE student has a login for that they can use at home for revision.

Science GCSE – This half-term Year 11 will be finishing off studying Evolution and Inheritance then moving on to study Physics and the properties of Waves. Year 11 now have a class set up on the revision platform Seneca, which they can access using their google log-in. I would also continue to recommend the use of BBC bitesize for keywords and developing background knowledge.

ASDAN Personal and Social Effectiveness – Vocational Preparation. Exploring skills for the work place and work experience options.

PSHE – This half term Year 11 will be working on the module Families and Parenting. The aim of this module is to develop young people’s understanding of different concepts of family and help shape ideas about parenting. It provides opportunities to explore the legal status of different relationships and the impact that becoming a parent can have on our lives.

Philosophy and Ethics – This half term we will be exploring another Ethics module; this will involve examining beliefs about life and death including different worldviews on the afterlife. We will be learning about some sensitive topics such as euthanasia, suicide and abortion.

Physical Education:

Practical PE- In practical PE this half term year 11 students will be learning about volleyball and badminton.

ASDAN PE- This half term in year 11 ASDAN PE students will be continuing to learn about how coaches and officials work in sport and begin linking this to the wider sporting environment.

GCSE PE- This half term in year 11 GCSE PE students will be learning about sports participation and goal setting within the exam paper 2 content as well as finalising their piece of coursework and preparing for their practical assessments.

Drama - This half term we are exploring improvisation using a student written script.

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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