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Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to get in touch and let you know our plans for the Half Term. Mr Boughton and I feel very excited about the term ahead and are looking forward to getting to know our lovely new Year 11 class better.

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 – Year 11 are starting this final year at All Saints with a unit of work on a collection of poems in English. These poems are taken from the GCSE anthology and centre around the themes of power and conflict. As well as discussing a number of different military conflicts across the globe we'll consider the power of memory, the immensity of nature and discuss what makes a great leader and how we can stand up against abuse of power. Through these poems and class discussions we will analyse and think critically about the writer's craft.

Maths GCSE – In maths, students are working towards the maths qualification that is appropriate for them (either the GCSE Higher, GCSE Foundation or 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 – In Science this half-term we will be studying Genetics, Inheritance and Evolution, then moving on to studying how maths can be used in Science with the chemistry topic Chemical Calculations. We will also be revisiting the topic Rates of Reaction, which we were studying at the end of the last academic year.

ASDAN Personal and Social Effectiveness – In ASDAN this year we will complete challenges in the 'Working with Others' and 'Problem Solving' units. We will finish the course by creating personal projects based on the challenges completed so far. These projects will be presented to a group of students and staff.

PSHE – This half-term Year 11 are working on the Module on Alcohol. The aim of this module is to develop young people's understanding of alcohol and the impact it can have on our lives. It provides opportunities to explore the risks associated with alcohol and identify strategies to minimise these risks. The next module will be Families and Parenting

Philosophy and Ethics – This half term we are exploring Human Rights and how they relate to religious teachings and practices. Alongside this we will complete another module of the ASDAN course which focuses on the life and work of Martin Luther King. We will also start to look at Life and Death, exploring topics such as euthanasia, abortion and what happens when we die according to non-religious and religious world views.

Practical PE - In practical PE this half term year 11 students will be learning about football and dodgeball. In football they will work on applying skills such as passing, shooting and dribbling in competitive environments and think about tactics. In dodgeball they will work on skills such as throwing, dodging, catching and blocking in competitive environments and think about tactics in match play.

ASDAN PE - This half term in year 11 ASDAN PE students will be learning about sport in the community and how coaches and officials work in sport.

GCSE PE - This half term in year 11 GCSE PE students will be revisiting year 10 topics, working on their coursework and practising their practical sport options. A useful revision website is <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zxbg39q>. Towards the end of the half term and the start of next half term students learn about injuries in sport, to learn about some injuries such as fractures which occur during sport we look at videos or images from previous matches. Any students who don't want to watch these are able to excuse themselves from this. If you require any additional information on this please email Mr Morton on jmorton@allsaintsllesingham.co.uk.

Drama - This term year 11 will be exploring strategies to help with communication and social skills. Some will be given the option to research the expressive arts, looking at famous people in the arts who they admire.

Art GCSE - In Year 10 and 11 we will be exploring the theme "Reflection" as a starting point. Students will critically analyse the work of other artists, recreate work in their style, create observational drawings and their own photography before developing their ideas into a final piece. Work will be done in a sketchbook which will show development and progression from the first to last page. The 'journey' of creativity is a series of stepping stones or building blocks. Each step is a crucial part of the project.

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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