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Year 11 Curriculum Spring Term 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a peaceful Christmas.

I wanted to get in touch again and let you know our plans for the Spring half term.

Mr Boughton and I are looking forward to another successful, exciting and busy half term. This half term we will run a mock week to support students with working under exam conditions ahead of the Summer exams. Miss King has spent a lot of time working on the timetable and ensuring that everyone has the support in place to achieve their best. We appreciate that this can feel stressful for some students which is why we want to give them opportunities to practice before the 'real thing'. Teachers will work with them to ensure they are prepared and informed about what to expect.

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 - Ahead of Mock week coming up year 11 have been revising the skills of inference, comparison and identifying a writer's viewpoint all using nonfiction texts. This will prepare them well for the second English Language GCSE paper. Alongside this we will revise Literature texts for the students completing the GCSE as well.

English Unit Awards - We will be able to finalise the Literature unit awards for all the texts students have studied over Key Stage 4. These include Macbeth by William Shakespeare, A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens, An Inspector Calls by J.B. Priestley and a collection of poems on the topic of Power and Conflict.

Maths GCSE - Students will be spending the next few weeks taking and then reviewing their progress in the Mock exams. These important exams will enable the students to identify which parts of the curriculum they will need to focus on in particular as they start their final examination revision. Some students will also be taking the last few tests linked into the Maths entry level certificate course which should give them either a level 2 or level 3 pass by the end of the term.

Science GCSE - This half-term Year 11 will be finishing the Physics aspect of the GCSE with the Electromagnetism topic, then moving on to Biology with the Adaptations and Ecosystems topic. We will also be spending time reviewing the results of Mock exams and identifying areas of development. Please be aware that Year 11 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.

ASDAN Personal and Social Effectiveness – During this half term students will work on 'Developing Myself and My Performance'. They will complete a selection of A and B challenges before starting the C challenge in the next half term.

ASDAN History - Students will continue to work through the modules five and six, completing challenges and uploading these to their ASDAN e-portfolio.

PSHE – This half term Year 11 will be finishing off 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.

Philosophy and Ethics – This half term we will be exploring the concept of Good and Evil, and Christian attitudes to crime and punishment. For the ASDAN element of the course, the students will design a prison after considering the aims of punishment.

Practical PE- In practical PE this half term, year 11 students will be learning about badminton and key concepts of invasion games through a range of adapted and hybrid games.

ASDAN PE- This half term in year 11, ASDAN PE students will be learning about how sport impacts global warming and the environment.

GCSE PE- This half term in year 11, GCSE PE students will be learning about sports coaching and sport as a business within the exam paper 2 content as well as finishing their piece of coursework and preparing for their mock and practical assessments.

Drama - In Drama this term, year 11 will be developing their social skills and continue creating a short play written by members of the class.

Art GCSE - In art we will be starting our exam module. The theme will be released in January and we will follow a similar approach to previous projects, of creating a mind map of ideas, followed by artist research and our own experimentations. This body of work builds up to a final piece, which will be created in a 10 hour (spread across 2 school days) exam.

Child Development - Students will complete any outstanding tasks from their RO59 assessment then we will be concentrating on revision of year 10 topics.

College - Catering

In catering this term, the Year 10 and 11s will be attempting some more complicated recipes including pastry making. As usual, they will be making a mixture of sweet and savory dishes and having discussions around various cooking and baking techniques.

Philosophy and Ethics

This term, Year 11 will be exploring the unit on Good and Evil and continuing to practice working on exam style questions. We will start revising all topics, starting with Islam, once we have finished the Good and Evil topic.

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 school bit!

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