

Dear Parents and Carers,

Mr Boughton and I are looking forward to another successful, exciting and busy half term, leading up to Easter break.

This half term we will be preparing and supporting year 11 with their upcoming exams. We have created a Google Classroom which our students can contribute to and share any resources they find useful. If you would like to support your child's learning and revision at home, we thought it would be helpful for you to have a more detailed idea of what we are learning about...

English GCSE

After finishing revision of Macbeth we will move swiftly onto revising An Inspector Calls. We will be touching on the form of the script and the writer's intention in presenting his political views in this form.

English Unit Awards

Students have begun reading and responding to Harry Potter to practise skills of analysis and inference. Alongside this, students will work on developing their writing skills and written accuracy.

Maths - GCSE

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 11 will be moving on to the final few Chemistry topics of their Combined Science GCSE. These topics focus on real-life applications of Chemistry: Crude Oil and Fuels, Chemical Analysis and The Earth's Atmosphere. 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

We are completing the last of our challenges in order to achieve level 1

ASDAN History

We are reaching the end of our challenges and will be finishing off and submitting completed challenges to ASDAN.

PSHE

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Philosophy and Ethics

This half term we will be starting our revision and exam preparation. We will be revisiting topics previously studied to refresh our memories and covering topics again that students feel less confident with. We will be practising exam style questions most weeks to consolidate exam techniques.

Practical PE

Students will be learning about a range of methods of fitness training and will get to experience a local community gym.

ASDAN PE

Students will be learning about sport as a business and working in sport.

GCSE PE

Students will be learning about sport as a business and ethical issues in sport.

Drama

Creating a short film using a student written script.

Art GCSE

Year 11s will be completing their externally set exam project, with the theme 'Power'. Students will be refining their ideas and designing their final piece. Their 10-hour exam, in which they create their final piece, will take place across 2 days on 30th April and 1st May.

Child Development

Students have completed and submitted both assignments and will be concentrating on exam revision this half term. They have revision workbooks with all topics covered which we will be working through up until the exam.

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 savoury dishes and having discussions around various cooking and baking techniques.

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 one of us 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! Miss Martin and Mr Boughton

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