

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

This half term we will continue preparing and supporting year 11 with their upcoming exams. Can we remind you that there is a Google Classroom where students can find revision tips and career advice. 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

We are dividing our time in lessons between revision of all parts of the English Language and Literature courses where appropriate. Mostly our focus will be on the poetry collection and the analytical skills needed for the majority of the Language papers.

English Unit Awards

We are completing unit awards on a variety of different topics within the English curriculum in these final stages of year 11; Awards including Poetry, newspaper articles and formal letter writing.

Maths - GCSE

We have now started the final preparations ready for the GCSE examinations which start within the next few weeks. Next week the students will take a further set of mock exams which will help them to get more confident around the process of sitting in the exam room and pacing themselves during a final paper. We will then continue with our revision and review activities to help fill any gaps in the students' knowledge ahead of the start of the exams.

Science GCSE

This half-term Year 11 will be finishing the GCSE course. We have the final Chemistry topic, Using Earth's resources, followed by the last part of the Biology Ecosystems topic. We will then be doing some focused revision, using a range of methods and resources. 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

Students will complete any outstanding tasks and their portfolios will be submitted for moderation.

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, year 11 will focus on revising the Ethics component of the course, starting with Relationships. We will then revisit Human Rights, Life and Death and finish with Good and Evil. We will be practicing exam style questions throughout. It is important that students also use the Google Classroom resources to study at home and to support the revision we do in class.

Practical PE

Year 11 will be learning about capture the flag, adapted cricket and scatterball.

ASDAN PE

ASDAN students reviewing previous challenges ahead of their portfolio of work being submitted.

GCSE PE

Year 11 GCSE PE and ASDAN students will be consolidating their learning with GCSE PE students focusing on revision and exam technique and ASDAN students reviewing previous challenges ahead of their portfolio of work being submitted.

Drama

In Drama, Year 11 will be looking at relaxation skills and continuing to explore script.

Art GCSE

In this half term, the Year 11s will be refining ideas as they work towards a final piece for their exam 'Power' project. They will create their final piece in a two-day exam.

Child Development

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

College Courses

Students will be continuing to develop their skills in the chosen areas and working through the different awards.

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!

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