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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the final half term of the school year before the summer break, we wanted to get in touch for one last time and let you know our plans for learning in Year 10 in Summer 2.

English

In our final term of English, students will be finishing off the story of Macbeth and then refining reading skills using more modern fiction and non-fiction texts. They will learn how to examine the writer's craft and create their own pieces of creative writing utilising many of the same skills.

Independent learning continues this term:

For the remainder of year 10 students completing the GCSE courses in Literature are expected to carry out independent learning (or homework) when it is set on a fortnightly basis. If this becomes a problem for your child, then please get in contact with myself (Mrs Jones) and I will do whatever I can to support you.

Furthermore, students can use our new literacy programme Reading Plus at home which will have a great impact on progress, so please continue to encourage this and remember to record reading in planners so they can access the reading reward scheme!

PSHE

As well as continuing to discuss and explore what makes for respectful relationships we will also study family dynamics and all kinds of different family units.

Philosophy and Ethics

This half term we will be completing a piece of ASDAN work around animal testing before moving on to the next topic of Human Rights for the GCSE course. We will be continuing to practise extended exam answers using the writing frame.

Maths

For this half term, the students will be completing work on both geometry and algebra to develop their skills in both areas of Maths. They will be sitting a practice exam paper in the coming weeks to help them to assess their current level of attainment before moving on to year 11.

All Year 10 students now have access to the ARC App at home which allows regular, daily revision of Maths topics (it takes around 10 minutes to complete each time you do a quiz). Developing independent revision skills for Maths has been set as a target for all Year 10 students this term.

Science

This half-term Year 10 will be completing mock exams for the Biology and Chemistry topics studied this year. We will then review and reflect on this and identify areas we can work on in the future. After the mocks, we will focus on Physics, specifically the Electric Circuits and Radioactivity topics.

All students have been given an exam preparation sheet, which is also available on google classroom. The sheet is invaluable, giving a summary of what will be in the mock exams and provides suggestions for revision activities. Revision resources are available on the students' google classroom page, but additional resources, questions and quizzes are available on BBC Bitesize (see link below). Students can also access revision quizzes on the website Seneca Learning and have assignments set on their class tab. Students have been shown how to access this and I would like students to be completing a minimum of 30 minutes of this per week.

BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z8r997h>

Seneca learning: <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>

Computer Science

This half term we will be developing software skills further by improving the writing of computer programs and then testing them on remote devices as well as learning how to debug simple programs to improve their efficiency. We will also be reviewing the hardware and computer systems aspects of the course by producing review materials designed to assist future revision.

History

In GCSE History we will be finishing the Elizabethan England Topic before moving onto the second part of paper 2 - Superpower relations and the Cold War 1941-1991.

Topic 3 includes: Elizabethan Society in the age of Exploration 1558-1588.

In this topic we will look at education and leisure, the problem of the poor before finishing the topic looking at voyages of discovery with a focus on Walter Raleigh.

Useful resources for Elizabeth Topic 3: BBC [Bitesize](#)

Towards the end of the term we will start the Cold War Topic: Superpower relations and the Cold War 1941-1991. [Cold War Overview BBC Bitesize](#)

Art

In this half term, the Year 10s will be revisiting and refining their work in sketchbooks across both the 'My Environment' and 'Gathering' project. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z8nq6rd>

PE

In practical PE this half term year 10 students will be learning about athletics and applying tactics in rounders. GCSE PE: Students will be learning about the principles of fitness training and applying this knowledge in their coursework project. They will also learn about long term effects and benefits of exercise.

Drama

This half term, we will be developing our use of scripts using set texts.

Child development

This half term we will continue to work on unit awards, looking at the stages and types of play from birth to 5 years.

ASDAN Short Courses

This half term, students will continue to work on their chosen courses. They will aim to complete at least one module before the end of term.

Many thanks for your support of your young person throughout this crucial year. They have had a brilliant year so far and we hope to enjoy the final summer half term immensely as well as preparing them for their final year at All Saints.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

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