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Dear Parents and Carers

We wanted to get in touch and let you know our plans for this Half Term. Mr. Ratcliffe and I feel very excited about the term ahead and are looking forward to the challenges and opportunities of this special final year at All Saints.

We would also like to remind you that Year 11 have an assessment week coming up - 29th September to 3rd October.

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 in their subjects.

English GCSE and Unit Awards

In English this half term we will practice the English Language skills required for writing texts for different purposes, the use of accurate and varied punctuation and grammar, recognising a range of word classes, language techniques and structural features as well as selecting evidence from a text that supports our interpretations. All of this is in preparation for the two English Language exams that we wish to enter all year 11 students for this year.

Maths GCSE and Entry Level Certificate

In Maths, students are working towards the Maths qualification that is appropriate for them (GCSE and/or Entry Level Certificate). This half term, students will be covering the topics of numeracy and algebra (for GCSE) or numeracy and measure (for Entry Level Certificate) during lessons.

To support revision towards the year end assessment, students have been asked to complete ARC and written worksheets/revision books at home. The Maths teachers will talk to students about independent study (homework) in the coming weeks. All students in Year 11 have an ARC login and password, so they are able to download the ARC app on a touchscreen device (such as their mobile phone or ipad) to enable access to ARC at home and complete the quizzes.

Science GCSE

In Science this half-term we will be starting with the Rates of Reaction Chemistry topic and then moving on to biology with a look at Genetics and Variation leading into the topic of Ecosystems.

I would like to continue to encourage students to engage with the Seneca website, accessible with their school Google log-in, to help learn and revise keywords and concepts. I would also strongly recommend BBC Bitesize to support revision and help understanding of the ideas we have covered in class.

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

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

Core PE

This half term year 11 students will be learning about football and dodgeball with a focus on encouraging lifelong participation in sport and physical activity.

GCSE PE

In GCSE PE Year 11 students will be revisiting Year 10 topics, continuing with their coursework, preparing for their mock and learning about movement analysis and sports injuries. They will be preparing for their badminton practical assessments and completing their filmed assessments.

Unit award PE students will continue working on challenges on the same topics as the GCSE PE students and learn about the same sports, they will not need to be assessed through being filmed.

Computer Science

During the whole class computer science lesson, we will be focusing on using computers effectively to assist with our presentation of work through word processing, PowerPoints and spreadsheets. We will also be finding and using suitable revision websites to help to extend our knowledge of key concepts in Science and Maths.

Computer Science (GCSE Option)

This half term we will be revisiting the first section of topics from last year's studies, focusing on developing a set of extensive and effective revision resources on the areas of computer internal structures and number systems. We will also be learning how to write executable programmes using Python and linking them into the robos to check they are effective programs.

History (GCSE Option)

In GCSE History we will be continuing with the second part of paper 2 - Superpower relations and the Cold War. This includes the following topics:

1. Early Tension between East and West
2. The Development of the Cold War
3. The Cold War intensifies

Some useful websites for revision include:

- [BBC Bitesize](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z8r997h)
- Seneca (a good place for testing knowledge and exam question etc)

Drama

In Drama students will be exploring the various forms of improvisation, using the English set texts.

Child Development

Students will be starting work on our final unit, 'Understanding the development of a child from one to five years'. We will learn about developmental norms and stages of play as well as carrying out observations of young children at play.

GCSE Art

Year 11s will be completing their final project as part of their personal portfolio, exploring the theme 'Environment' through a mindmap, artist research, their own photography and drawings before combining ideas into a final piece. Students have established expectations and will now be refining the presentation of their ideas in order to make the most out of their work.

PHSE

Over the course of the Autumn Term Year 11 will be focusing on Transition and Employability. The first half-term we will be working on the Transition unit; this is designed to prepare students for their GCSEs and to consider post-16 options.

You may find that as the GCSE exams are coming at the end of this academic year our young people may feel nervous or stressed about this at times. But at All Saints we have ways of managing these emotions with students, giving them every opportunity to succeed and guiding them in keeping a healthy balance of work and free time.

If you have any questions, concerns or feedback for us please do not hesitate to contact us.

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