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## **ACHIEVEMENT FOR ALL**

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Dear Parents and Carers

Here is your update on what we are studying in year 10 at All Saints; 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 each of their subjects.

### **English GCSE and Unit Awards**

This half term we are studying non-fiction texts from 19th century Britain and comparing how similar or different viewpoints are found in non-fiction texts written today. In this way we will consider how our country has changed and study the way in which writers use language to inform, persuade and advise. The unfamiliar and archaic language will be a challenge at times as we undertake this - so any reading or viewing that your young person can do at home to get familiar with the way people spoke in Victorian Britain would be helpful!

Below is a reminder of the advised optional homework for year 10 students.

English Language:

Reading plus - 4 or more times a week. To increase reading speed, fluency, accuracy and comprehension

Optional extra in Term 1: Seneca - English language skills 30 mins per week (Link on Google classroom) and/or BBC

Bitesize <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zcbchv4>

English Literature:

Optional extras in Term 1

Seneca - Blood Brothers revision (Link on Google classroom) and/or BBC Bitesize -

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zxv7sg8>

### **Maths GCSE and Entry Level Certificate**

In Maths, students are continuing to work towards the Maths qualification that is appropriate for them (either GCSE and/or Entry Level Certificate). This half term we will be focusing on all key topics of Geometry and Statistics.

To support independent revision, students have been asked to complete ARC quizzes at home. We would like students to log in to ARC at home and complete the quiz 3-5 times a week (each quiz takes between 5-10 minutes). We will begin sending emails home to parents and carers next week (on a Wednesday) with details of how often their child has engaged in ARC in the previous week. All students in Year 10 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) and access ARC at home and complete the quizzes. Written homework will also be set to help support students' revision.

### **Science GCSE**

This half term Year 10 will be studying Chemistry, specifically finishing the Atomic Structure topic then looking at Bonding between chemicals. We will also cover Physics, specifically energy resources.

Please be aware that Year 10 have been set up on the revision platform 'Seneca', which they can access using their school Google log-in. To support learning and recap what we have covered I would like students to spend 20 minutes per week completing the current quizzes set on Seneca.

I would also recommend that students can dip into BBC bitesize for reinforcing their learning from class, revision of keywords and developing background knowledge.

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

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

### **Core PE**

In practical PE this half term year 10 students will be further developing skills, knowledge and tactical application in volleyball and badminton.

### **GCSE PE**

This half term in year 10 GCSE PE students will be learning about the cardiorespiratory systems in the human body and how these link to sport. They will learn about badminton in their practical lessons.

ASDAN PE students will be continuing their learning about rules and skills in a range of sports that interest them.

### **Computing (ASDAN/GCSE)**

Students will continue to work on short course modules as part of the ASDAN Computing Vocational Taster. This half term, we will be focussing on a number of short challenges from Module 1, which deal with computer and network hardware and infrastructure. We will investigate computer components and their functions, network hardware and configuration, available options for storage of data, and password security.

### **Drama GCSE**

This half term we will develop our understanding of Drama terms and techniques and continue to study *Frankenstein* by Nick Dear. We will also be introducing and exploring devised drama.

### **GCSE Art**

Year 10 students will begin refining their project exploring the theme 'Rhythm and Repetition' through their own photography, drawings and mixed media experiments before combining ideas into a final piece.

### **GCSE Music**

Year 10 GCSE students will continue to develop their performance techniques on their solo instruments and regularly recording their progress. We will draw together some of our composition exercises to begin our first composition in a style of our choice. In our analysis lessons we will be comparing Queen's *Killer Queen* to other pieces of music by the Beach Boys and Alicia Keys and comparing Henry Purcell's *Music for a while* to the *Wedding Cantata* by J. S. Bach.

### **Philosophy and Ethics**

This half term we will complete the Islam module focusing on practices. Students will be designing a board game based on the Hajj; this will be the first coursework element of the ASDAN qualification.

### **PHSE**

This half-term Year 10 will be finishing off work on the Emotional Well-being Module and uploading this to the ASDAN ePortfolio. Once complete, we will move onto our next module which is Respectful Relationships. If you have any concerns around the PSHE curriculum, please contact me at the school.

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

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