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Dear Parents and Carers,

Here is your update on what we are studying this half term 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 Macbeth! While reading and watching snippets of the text we will study the infamous characters and consider the themes. Feel free to discuss it at home or watch a version (there are many) on online streaming services.

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 2: 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 2

Seneca - Macbeth tasks & revision (Link on Google classroom) and/or BBC Bitesize -

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

Maths GCSE and Entry Level Certificate

The topics students will be looking at this half term are algebra and geometry. Homework will be set for students on a Monday and due in the following week on Monday. If a student has any uncertainty regarding the homework, please ask them to bring it to their next Maths class and we will support them so they are able to complete it. We are aiming to build in students' ability to work/revise independently and completing homework will help them as they continue to work towards their GCSEs or Entry Level Certificate at the end of Year 11.

Year 10 students will have a Maths mock in the week commencing 26/1. This will give students further practice in how Maths questions are presented in GCSE Maths papers as well as practice with exam technique.

We will continue to encourage students to engage with ARC, ideally 3-5 times a week, to help develop and embed core maths knowledge.

Science GCSE

This half-term Year 10 will be continuing with the Organisation topic, which looks at the human digestive and circulatory systems, and will then move on to study common chemical reactions in the Chemical Changes topic. Year 10 are continuing to study the Physics Energy topic in their lessons with Mr Pinsent.

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/>

Core PE

In practical PE this half term year 10 students will be learning about unihoc (indoor hockey) and key concepts of invasion games through a range of adapted and hybrid Games.

GCSE PE

Students will be continuing their classroom learning on the cardio-respiratory system and in practical lessons will continue to practise their skills in badminton and table tennis.

Computing (ASDAN/GCSE)

ASDAN Students will be completing challenges from Module 4 of the ASDAN Specification, which is entitled "Programming". They will start by looking at programs to solve mazes, working towards a single algorithm that will solve the majority of mazes put before it.

Drama

This half term, using set texts, we will be developing our understanding of themes through improvisation.

Drama GCSE

This half term we will be starting the devising component – this will include finding a suitable stimulus, devising/rehearsing scenes through improvisation and creating a devising log.

We will also be looking at component 1 – Response to live theatre - analysing and evaluating actors and design elements in a performed piece of theatre.

GCSE Art

In art GCSE, year 10s will start a new project as part of their personal portfolio with the theme released in January. Students will be more confident in their approach to a theme and will critically analyse the work of other artists, recreate work in their style, create observational drawings and their own photography before developing their ideas into a final piece.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z8nq6rd>

GCSE Music

In Music GCSE, year 10s will be introduced to instrumental music 1700-1820 set works while continuing to explore; How to perform confidently and expressively, how to compose music using different tools and styles, how to analyse music and understand key features like melody, harmony, rhythm, texture, and structure.

Philosophy and Ethics

This half term, year 10 students will explore Christianity beliefs. The beliefs and practises of Christianity are examined, and students are encouraged to link these to religious sources and authority. The students are encouraged to develop their own ideas about the validity of religious teachings and respectfully challenge ideas that differ to their own.

PHSE

This term in PSHE Year 10 will complete the ASDAN Module on Respectful Relationships. The aim of this module is to develop an understanding of positive and healthy relationships. It provides opportunities to explore different kinds of relationships and how to identify unhealthy relationships, including sources of support.

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

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