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Curriculum Newsletter Year 11

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you had a great Christmas and wish you a Happy New Year. As always, we wanted to let you know our plans for this Half Term. Mock week will run from 12th -16th January and gives students invaluable practice for the summer exams. 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.

Core Subjects

English GCSE and Unit Awards - We begin the year with some mock exams in English where students will encounter a Language Paper 2 and a Literature task. The Language Paper assesses their ability to read and respond to two non-fiction texts whereas the Literature task will be based on A Christmas Carol and Macbeth. GCSE students will encounter a mock paper where they write an essay on each of these texts and the AQA Unit Awards students will write their own summary of the texts.

If you would like to direct your child to the site below there are plenty of revision opportunities on there. After that we will continue to revise the language skills needed for success in GCSE exams and study the final poems from our collection on the theme of power and conflict.

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

Maths GCSE and Entry Level Certificate

The topics students will be revising all topics going forward in preparation for the GCSE or Entry Level Certificate assessments. 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.

For those Year 11 students following the GCSE pathway, they will have 2 Maths mock exams in the week commencing 12/1. This will give students further practice in exam technique and highlight any topics that need further revision.

For those Year 11 students following the Entry Level Certificate pathway, we will continue to complete the assessments throughout this term

We will continue to encourage students to engage with ARC, ideally 5 times a week as we approach the GCSE exams, to help develop and embed core maths knowledge.

Science GCSE

This half-term Year 11 will be finishing the Physics aspect of the GCSE with the Electromagnetism and Waves topics. We will also be spending time reviewing the results of Mock exams and identifying areas for development.

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/>

PSHE

This term in PSHE Year 11 will be completing the ASDAN Module on Sexual Health. The aim of this module is to develop young people's understanding of sexual health. It provides opportunities to explore the topics of contraception and consent, as well as rights and responsibilities in sexual relationships.

Year 11 PE- In practical PE this half term year 11 students will be developing skills learnt last academic year focussing on unihoc (indoor hockey) and honing their ability to apply tactical concepts such as attacking and defending through a range of adapted and hybrid Games.

Option Subjects

Art

In art GCSE, Year 11s will be starting their externally set exam, which will be released in January. They will confidently follow the same approach to a new project by critically analysing the work of other artists, recreating work in their style, creating observational drawings and their own photography before developing their ideas into a final piece.

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Year 11 GCSE PE

Students will have a mock paper during mock week in January and will finish their coursework. In classroom based lessons they will look at sports coaching and sport as a business to prepare them for exam paper 2.

PE AQA Unit Awards: This half term in year 11 ASDAN PE students will be learning about sports coaching and sports business as well as how sport impacts global warming and the environment. They will also review any unfinished tasks and challenges.

ASDAN Short Courses (Animal Care, History) – Students will continue to work on their chosen short course option this half term. They will aim to complete their final modules, submit tasks on the e-portfolio and achieve more credits.

Useful websites: <https://www.rspca.org.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize> <https://eportfolio.asdan.org.uk/login/?redirect=%2F>

Child Development

We will initially complete the final controlled assessment for submission. Students will then work on revising for the final exam at the end of May, covering the 4 topic areas of 'Health and well-being for child development'.

Computer Science GCSE Option - In the next week the students will be completing their main mocks examinations and the results from this will then drive the areas of content that we will focus our revision on most over the next half term. We will also continuing with our computer programming work to get ready to design some final project code during the second half of this term.

Computer Science ASDAN option

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.

GCSE History

In History we will be finishing our final topic of our course - Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918–39 (Paper 3). We will study the following key topic areas:

Key topic 2: Hitler's rise to power, 1919–33

Key topic 3: Nazi control and dictatorship, 1933–39

Key topic 4: Life in Nazi Germany, 1933–39

BBC Bitesize link: [Germany](#)

Students should regularly review previous material to strengthen and consolidate their learning. Homework will focus on developing exam skills and will be returned with personalized feedback when completed.

Drama

This half term, using GCSE set texts, we will be developing our social and characterisation skills through script work and Improvisation.

College Courses

Catering ,Construction and Hair & Beauty - will continue as usual.

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