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Curriculum Newsletter Year 11 – Spring Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers

We are excited to have year 11 back for this crucial and exciting half term. As a staff team we have been so proud of how the class have conducted themselves throughout the challenges of this year and we're sure they will continue to do themselves proud as we approach the exam season.

English GCSE and Unit Awards

This half term we will complete the study of a collection of poems on the topic of 'Power and Conflict' in class. Those taking the English Literature GCSE will write about these poems in the exams, other students will complete unit awards based on these in their lessons. As well as this we will continue refining the skills needed to write essays and answer all questions in the English language exams - homework will be set each week appropriate for each student and their pathways in this subject.

For GCSE revision alongside the specific revision tasks I am setting for students, I would recommend using BBC Bitesize. Students can access all kinds of resources and quizzes here when they select AQA and for English literature the texts we are covering (Blood Brothers, Macbeth, A Christmas Carol and the Poetry anthology - Power and Conflict cluster). Seneca is also a helpful way for students to quiz themselves.

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

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

Maths GCSE and Entry Level Certificate

This half term, 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.

We will continue to encourage those students following the GCSE pathway to engage with ARC, ideally 5 times a week as we approach the GCSE exams, to help develop and embed core maths knowledge. This half term, on a Monday and Friday morning at 8.50am-9.00am students are able to come to the school hall and use the school tablets to complete ARC quizzes or speak to the maths teachers about any questions they have on ARC.

Science GCSE

This half-term Year 11 will be finishing the Physics aspect of the GCSE with the Electromagnetism topic, then moving on to the remaining chemistry topics; Crude Oil and Fuels, Chemistry of the Atmosphere and Using Earth's Resources.

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/>

Child development

All controlled assessments will be completed and moderated. We will revise topics 1 to 3 in 'Health and well-being for child development' in preparation for the exam.

Art GCSE

In art GCSE, Year 11s will continue their 'found' project as part of their externally set exam. Students will focus on combining their ideas, including their own photography, to work towards a final piece.

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

History GCSE

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

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

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

BBC Bitesize link: [Germany](#)

There will also be a strong focus on exam practice and we will start each lesson with example questions or recall quizzes. Further exam guidance can be found here: [BBC Bitesize](#)

ASDAN Short Courses

Students will continue to work on completing modules and submitting work on their e-portfolios.

P.E.

In practical PE this half term year 11 students will be learning about Tchoukball and using the Poppy Centre Gym.

<https://www.tchoukball.org.uk/>

GCSE P.E.

Students will be learning about sports psychology, coaching, sport as a business and sporting behaviours.

P.E. AQA Unit Awards - AQA Unit Awards: Students will be learning about coaching in sport, revisiting previous uncompleted challenges and working towards unit awards in line with what GCSE PE students are learning about.

Drama - This half term, focusing on set texts; we will be developing our skills using scripts.

Computing (ASDAN/GCSE)

As part of Module 6 of their ASDAN Computing course (titled "Careers in Computing"), students will be investigating the variety of jobs that are available to them, locally, nationally and overseas, in the computing sector. They will investigate and create job adverts and person specifications for the types of positions that they might be interested in pursuing. We will hopefully be visiting at least two local businesses in the computing field so students can see what certain jobs in the sector are like in real life.

The GCSE students will be starting to focus fully on reviewing the computer programming aspects of this course in preparation for his final examinations.

PSHE (ASDAN) – This half term in PSHE Year 11 will be finishing off work on the ASDAN Module 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.

If you have any questions please contact us:

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