

Year 11 Curriculum Newsletter Summer Term 1

English



What are we studying? Revision of all topics - Language and Literature

Assessment: Ongoing feedback on class work

How can parents help? Ensure students revise regularly, and prepare for exams sensibly by getting enough sleep, eating well, resting - and revising!

Science



What are we studying? Revision of all topics, final content of paper 2 topics.

Assessment: continual exam practice in class.

How can parents help? Ensure students are revising at home. Using active revision techniques and constantly referring to their revision guides

PE (Core)



Students continue to receive a balance of activities with the goal of further developing their love for physical activity and their ability to perform with confidence.

Assessment : None.

How can parents help?: Please ensure students are organised with their full kit on PE days.

Art



What are we studying? Our Y11 GCSE Art & Design students are continuing their 'Externally Set Assignment' with the theme of 'Power'. Their GCSE Art & Design exam is Tuesday 23rd & Wednesday 25th April 2024.

How can parents help? Please ensure that your child stays up-to-date with their ESA work. Students need to hand in all their ESA work at the end of the exam on Wednesday 24th April 2024.

Maths



What are we studying? We will mainly be revising topics from the Pearson Edexcel general topic lists (which will also be saved on Teams), with a particular focus on classes' weaker areas as identified through the PLC's.

Assessment: No formal assessments, although students will be working through lots of practice papers in lessons.

How can parents help? All students will be set revision homework each week, please ensure your child does at least 4-5hrs of Maths revision per week. Useful websites: Mathswatch (very good for exam-style questions); Sparx (great videos if you don't know anything about a topic at all); Mathsgenie (great website for specific topic revision and past papers - it also includes worked solutions and videos).

Geography



What are we doing this half term? GCSE Geography students will be preparing for all three GCSE Geography papers.

Assessments: Practice exam questions will be used in each lesson.

How can parents help? Ensure your child has the correct equipment such as a pencil, ruler, glue, scissors etc. Students need to be using a revision timetable to make sure they are covering all topics. Use GCSE Pod and Time for Geography to help students consolidate knowledge their knowledge.

History



What are we studying? Final revision for exams.

Assessment: Final GCSE exams.

How can parents help? Dedicated revision time and strategies.

PE -GCSE



In Summer 1 students will continue to revisit topics from across paper 1 and 2 by looking at theory exam technique.

Assessment: Past papers.

How can parents help - Actively assist with their revision and continue to support their use of The EverLeaner online resources together with Seneca.

Drama



What are we studying this half term? Written Exam Preparation and Revision for exam AQA Drama exam (9th May). Set text is 'The Crucible' by Arthur Miller and Live theatre production is 'Wonder.land'.

Assessment: Formal Written Exam (9th May 2024).

How can parents help? Please ensure your child completes their home learning, encourage them to revise key topics and practise timed responses outside of lesson time. Students have been given login details to revise the production 'Wonder.land' on the National Theatre online site, please encourage them to use this facility.

Computer Science



What are we studying? Students will be revising operating systems, queuing, the fetch-decode-execute cycle, network protocols, DNS, 2D arrays, iterating over a list, and reading/writing to text files.

Assessment: External Exams

How can parents help? Encourage independent revision

Business & Enterprise

After completing the Synoptic Project before the Easter Holidays, students will be returning to the Exam portion (40%) of the course. We will be reviewing the Mock papers and further Past Papers and revising all the topics covered throughout the course. Students should be encouraged to complete their own revision of 30-40minutes, 2-3 times a week, using whatever resources they have available. NCFE revision guidebooks available (via Amazon).

French



What are we studying? We will finish the course with the world of work (jobs, work experience & future plans.) We will then briefly revisit all topic areas & do exam-style questions in all skills in preparation for the GCSE exam.

Assessment: Final GCSE exams in speaking, listening, reading and writing

How can parents help? With the learning of topic-related vocabulary from the AQA vocab booklet, test your child on verbs in different tenses, further use of the purple Pearson revision booklets for all skill areas, read out speaking questions from worksheets so that students become familiar with questions and practice answering with confidence, encourage the use of "thislanguage" and "revision tips" within class teams and encouraging students to look back on previous feedback from assessments and mock exams to identify areas of strength and areas to work on further. Students can freely access past papers to practice exam-style question from the AQA website.

Spanish



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Music



What are we studying? Exam preparation for the listening and appraising paper. Set works Badiniere and Africa. Revision of all 4 areas of study.

Assessment: Formal exam Monday 17th June

How can parents help? Use the resources on Teams for focused revision. To listen to music from each of the areas of study and use the musical elements to analyse. Revise key words for each AoS and both set works.

Food and Nutrition



Summer 1 Food and Nutrition Year 11

What are we studying? Course content has been completed the focus will be on revision for the final exam.

Assessment: External exam and NEA1 and 2 coursework.

How can parents help? Revision support.

DT GCSE

What are we studying? Checking on mock performance and any areas that might be useful to revisit and refresh knowledge. Covering exam question answering techniques that would benefit the students further now that the mock analysis is complete.

Assessment: Exam question examples.

How can parents help? Encourage use of revision books and Seneca learning online. Short, sharp questioning sessions to help recall of information or practice exam technique.

