

Year 11 Curriculum Newsletter Summer Term 1

English



What are we studying? Language paper - Q5 creative writing skills. Students will focus solely on the creative writing element of the Language papers this half term. They will look at using grammar, sentencing, language, vocabulary and devices for effect in order to create a perceptive and well structured response to this big mark question.

Assessment: Q5 assessment.

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

Maths



What are we studying? We will be focusing mainly on topics that students are still finding a bit tricky as identified from the mock papers. These topics will be different for every class - depending on their needs. Higher students may also be finishing work on graphs and their transformations. Foundation students will be revisiting topics that they haven't done in a while, and/or exam style questions which involve solving/interpreting in different contexts.

Assessment: Students will be doing exam practice in lessons.

How can parents help? Students will be given a PLC (Personalised Learning Checklist) which outlines all strengths and weaknesses for every individual student. Their class teacher will be setting home learning on SPARX or MathsWatch based on their weaknesses, therefore it will be very helpful if parents could encourage them to engage with all tasks set; as well as to do additional revision alongside the compulsory work set.

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/knowledge organisers. Students should complete AND mark the exam questions set as additional homework.

Geography



What are we studying? GCSE Geography students will be preparing for all three GCSE Geography papers.

Assessments: Practice exam questions will be used in each lesson. They will cover all of the assessment objectives. These skills will be continually practiced over the course of the GCSE. AO1: Demonstrate knowledge of locations AO2: Demonstrate geographical understanding of concepts and the interrelationships between places. AO3: Interpret, analyse and evaluate geographical information and issues. AO4: Use a variety of skills to investigate questions and communicate findings.

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 their knowledge.

PE-GCSE



What are we studying? 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.

History



What are we studying? Final revision for exams.

Assessment: Final GCSE exams.

How can parents help? Dedicated revision time and strategies. Your child should be using: their revision text book, their class notes, their printed class handouts, GCSE Pod, making flashcards, mindmaps and any other strategy they find useful to fully learn the DETAILS of the course.

Drama



What are we studying? Written Exam Revision in preparation for exam (8th May).

Assessment: Formal Written Exam (8th May 2026).

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. Past paper questions are accessible on Bromcom and the Eduqas Exam board Drama website.

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.

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.

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 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? Students will be focusing solely on their listening and appraising exam preparation by breaking down how to answer specific exam style questions when listening and appraising music

Assessment: GCSE summer listening and appraising examinations

How can parents help? Encourage students to do as much revision and listening practice as possible using their books and revision resources on their teams page.

Food and Nutrition



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

PE (Core)



What are we studying? 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 'Gathering'. Their GCSE Art & Design exam days are week commencing Monday 20th April 2026.

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 their first exam day.

BTEC Sport

What are we studying? In Summer 1, Year 11 students will be working towards their end of year exam for Component 3, which will take place on 7th May. They will be revising and fine-tuning their knowledge across the course content, focusing on the key topics, exam technique, and applying their understanding to extended questions.

Assessment: End of year exam on 7th May.

How can parents help? Encourage regular revision at home, support students in reviewing class materials and revision resources, and ensure they are preparing consistently in the lead up to the exam.



What are we studying? This half term, students will be focusing on preparation for Component 3: Marketing and Finance for Enterprise, with the external exam scheduled for 6th May as part of the BTEC Tech Award (2022) Enterprise course.

Students will be working through a range of past paper questions and exam-style tasks to build their confidence and exam technique.

How can parents help? Ensuring your child maintains good attendance in all lessons

-Encouraging them to attend any Monday catch-up sessions they are invited to

-Checking that all homework is completed on time, as this directly impacts their final grade.