



Year 9 Curriculum Newsletter - Summer 2 2024

We welcome Year 9 to the final Half Term of the academic year and know they are already excited about the increased opportunities to learn outside and of course Sports Day! The Year 9 Team often pause to reflect on the personal and academic growth we have seen in every member of the class since September and we are confident that they will continue to thrive as they move into Year 10 and Key Stage Four. Summer Term 2's curriculum will prepare them for the transition and complete cycles of learning, with opportunities for independent study developing and some gentle introductions into the KS4 curriculum content.

English

We took a little bit of curriculum time to explore Blood Brothers ahead of the trip last Half Term and so will be continuing with Part Two of The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time this half term and learning about how a play is structured to communicate a message to an audience. We will then move on to apply these skills to Shakespeare's Macbeth in some introduction to Key Stage 4 English lessons

Maths

Stages A-C will be completing studies on 'time and money', while Stages E-F complete their 'algebra' unit. All students will then have knowledge reviews targeted to their stage and individual class needs to help fill any gaps in mathematical learning identified by stage teachers. There will be a low-stakes end of year assessment in Maths, to inform future planning and grouping ahead of KS4.

Humanities

We will conclude our study of World War One and Two with learning about the Holocaust and how WW2 ended and what we can learn from it. We will then focus our attention on Local History and Geography: this will include learning about tourism in the local area and will give students opportunities to conduct some research in an area they are interested in.

PSHE : Financial Choices and Media and Digital Safety.

Personal Development

We are pleased at how positively the class have responded to Personal Development themes this term and their assembly on British Values was excellent. We will be continuing to learn all sorts of useful life skills this term including car maintenance.

PE:

Students will be learning about scatterball, rounders and athletics and enjoying outside PE wherever the weather allows it. Please remember hats and sunscreen on Mondays.

Science

In Science this half-term Year 9 will be studying the topic Forces at Work. This topic recaps and builds on student's previous knowledge to explain how humans have and continue to use forces to our benefit.

Music

We will be exploring rhythm and chords and exploring different ways of performing 'Shotgun' by George Ezra .

Computer Science

This half term we will be developing our understanding of computer programming languages by writing simple algorithms, controlling variables and Boolean Logic to the transferring these skills into operating programs. We will also be learning more about the systems that enable a computer to work.

Philosophy and Ethics

We will be looking at the BIG QUESTION 'Why is there suffering in the world?'

Drama

We will continue to develop our understanding and skills in relation to 'Physical Theatre'. Looking at techniques used by the theatre company 'Frantic Assembly' to enhance our understanding of the play *'The Curious Incident of the Dog in The Night time'*

Art

Year 9s will start a new project this half term on the theme of 'Power' in art lessons. It allows students the opportunity to creatively explore an idea through artist research and introduce them to some skills needed for an Art GCSE.

Catering

For the final Half Term of Y9 Catering, students will continue to cook on a weekly basis, learning techniques and skills that will see them through life.

Homework

As usual, there will be homework that connects to the curriculum content on Google Classroom each week. If you would like a printed version, please let us know. Mrs Goodgame will continue with handwriting intervention for those people who will benefit from it.

We have a well-stocked book box of books which connect to our curriculum - and will be encouraging students to take these home and read them. Please remember to record reading at home in planners so students can access the reward scheme.

Please do contact us if you have any concerns or to share successes at home, we love hearing them,

Ms Jones and Mrs Goodgame