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## **ACHIEVEMENT FOR ALL**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Mr Ratcliffe and I wanted to get in touch and let you know our plans for this Half Term. We are excited about the term ahead and are looking forward to getting to know our lovely new Year 10 class better.

If you would like to support your child's learning 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**

This term we will be exploring Willy Russell's play 'Blood Brothers' which the class saw performed in Kings Lynn at the end of year 9. Some students will prepare for a GCSE essay question on this and others will complete AQA Awards using this text. We will also be looking at developing the English Language skills and boosting reading and writing through personalised intervention.

You can support the learning by encouraging reading at home and asking the students to talk about the plot and themes of the play (for example how social class impacts our lives and what inequality is) as well as directing them to BBC Bitesize for mini tests, videos and podcasts on the text.

#### **Maths GCSE and Entry Level Certificate**

This half term, students will be covering the topics of numeracy and algebra during lessons. Students are beginning to look at content from the GCSE curriculum and/or the Entry Level Certificate.

Students will be given either Edexcel GCSE practice workbooks or other alternative worksheets or times tables practise to complete as part of their independent study. The Maths teachers will talk to students about independent study (homework) in the coming weeks.

#### **Science GCSE**

In Science this half-term Year 10 will be starting with the topic Cell Biology, which looks at the building blocks of living things and contains key knowledge that runs through all of the Biology part of GCSE Science. We will then move on to study the Atomic Structure and Periodic Table topic, which similarly provides the key knowledge for Chemistry. Please be aware that Year 10 have been set-up with the revision platform 'Seneca', which they can access using their school google log-in. I would also recommend that students can dip into BBC bitesize for reinforcing their learning in class, revision of keywords and developing background knowledge.

### **Option Subjects**

#### **Philosophy and Ethics**

This half term we are exploring the beliefs and practices of Islam; we will be starting to understand how Muslims develop their beliefs.

#### **Art GCSE**

There are two components to the Edexcel Art and Design GCSE. Component 1 (Personal portfolio) will be completed across both years, exploring 3 different themes. Year 10 students will start by exploring the theme 'Environment'

through a mindmap, artist research, their own photography and drawings before combining ideas into a final piece. This introductory project to the GCSE course will establish expectations and give pupils the guidance and instruction for making the most of their work.

## PE

**Year 10 GCSE PE**- This half term in year 10 GCSE PE students will be learning about the skeleton and muscles in the human body and how these link to sporting examples. The following website is useful for revision <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zxbg39q>. Students will also shortly receive an order form regarding an optional GCSE PE personalised polo top. Students have revision guides and revision workbooks to help them with their weekly homework. Make sure any additional resources that you may wish to order (Mr Morton can advise with this) are Pearson Edexcel as this is the exam board used at All Saints, if you are unsure please email Mr Morton on [jmorton@allsaintslessingham.co.uk](mailto:jmorton@allsaintslessingham.co.uk).

## ASDAN Short Courses (Roadwise, Animal Care, History, Independent Living)

Students will begin their chosen short course options this half term. They will learn how to access, complete and submit tasks on the e-portfolio.

**Child Development** – Students will begin the child development course by exploring the factors to consider when planning a family and pre-conception health. They will also start work on the first of two assignments which will count towards their final grade in year 11.

## College Courses

**Catering** - In year 10 and 11 students will be covering all aspects of health and safety throughout the year and embedding the core cooking skills developed during year 9 in order to obtain either a BTEC level 1 in Home Cooking Skills. For many of our students they will also have the opportunity to start looking at what is required for level 2.

### Method of assessment:

BTEC Level 1 - Assignment brief: 1) Select the correct ingredients and weigh, measure and prepare the ingredients as per the recipe; 2) Demonstrate the cooking skills required by the recipe; 3) Follow all health, safety and hygiene rules at all times whilst preparing and cooking the recipe.

BTEC Level 2 - Assignment brief: 1) Following the instructions in your recipes to select and correctly measure the correct ingredients for your two dishes; 2. Demonstrating the required techniques when preparing, cooking and finishing your two dishes; 3) Demonstrating appropriate food safety and hygienic practises throughout; 4) Demonstrating appropriate presentation skills when serving your two dishes.

Website links:

<https://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com/foods-and-recipes?f%5B0%5D=type%3Arecipe&gclid=CjwKCAjww07cBRBwEiwAMEoXPMY7nhJwb8dxqkFQDvyK%205TWd3GUUrAwN>

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/myskills/btec-home-cooking-skills.html#%2Ftab-0>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes>

## Construction

In year 10 and 11 students studying construction will be working towards achieving their East Coast College Certificate.

Areas of study: Construction rules (including health, safety and welfare in construction); Exploring different types of woods, plastics and metals and their uses for each trade; Producing woodworking joints - glueing and setting as appropriate; Preparing and safely using hand tools for each trade; Preparing and using carpentry and joinery probable power tools.

Website links: <https://www.careersinconstruction.com/> <https://www.eastcoast.ac.uk/subject/carpentry-joinery/>  
<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-categories/construction-and-trades>

**Hair & Beauty** - In year 10 and 11 students will be working towards obtaining credits for their ASDAN award and will be looking at achieving several AQA Unit Awards.

Areas of study: Salon rules (Including health and safety) wash and set - how to shampoo and condition, massage technique, sectioning hair, understanding different types of brushes and when to use them drying styles using straighteners and curling tools, plaiting, skincare practicals, Manicures and makeup

Website links: <https://www.youthemployment.org.uk/careers-hub-sector/hair-and-beauty/>  
<https://www.asdan.org.uk/products/hair-and-beauty-vocational-taster-student-book/>

### **Computer Science**

We will be covering uses and skills of Computing, developing spreadsheets , google forms and presentation work to support learning across subjects and life skills. Learning will be connected to the Physics Science curriculum to help students make connections between the two subjects. Students will be encouraged to use their developing IT skills in all school work.

### **Computer Science (Option)**

This half term we will be looking at hardware design and computer networks, alongside developing programming expertise and building on IT skills from Key Stage Three.

### **Year 10 Practical PE**

In practical PE this half term year 10 students will be learning about football and dodgeball. In football they will work on applying skills such as passing, shooting and dribbling in competitive environments and think about tactics. In dodgeball they will work on skills such as throwing, dodging, catching and blocking in competitive environments and think about tactics in match play.

### **PSHE**

This half-term Year 10 are working on the Module on emotional wellbeing, including common mental health conditions and how we can connect with others. If you have any concerns around the PSHE curriculum, please contact me at the school.

### **Drama**

This term year 10 will be exploring Blood Brothers practically, to support the English curriculum.

Please do get in touch if you have any further questions. We recognise that the start of year 10 and a new Key Stage can cause some anxiety in young people and want to work together to reassure everyone that they will be supported to manage their time, workload and personal needs effectively to secure the best possible outcomes for them.

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