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Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to get in touch and let you know our plans for the Half Term Mr Pinsent and I feel very excited about the term ahead and are looking forward to the challenges and opportunities of this special final year at All Saints. 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 in their subjects.

English GCSE and Unit Awards

In English this half term will practice the English Language skills required for writing texts for different purposes, the use of accurate and varied punctuation and grammar, recognising a range of word classes, language techniques and structural features as well as selecting evidence from a text that supports our interpretations. All of this is in preparation for the two English Language exams that we wish to enter all year 11 students for this year.

Maths GCSE and Entry Level Certificate

In Maths, students are working towards the Maths qualification that is appropriate for them (GCSE Higher, GCSE Foundation or Entry Level Certificate). This half term, students will be covering the topics of numeracy and algebra during lessons.

Students will be given either Edexcel GCSE practice workbooks or other alternative worksheets or times tables practice 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 we will be studying exclusively Biology topics. We will start with Photosynthesis and Respiration, then move on to look at Genetics and Variation, which will lead into the topic of Ecosystems. We will also be revisiting the topic Rates of Reaction, which we were studying at the end of the last academic year. I would encourage students to engage with the Seneca website, accessible with their school Google log-in, to help learn and revise keywords and concepts. I would also strongly recommend BBC Bitesize to support revision and help understanding of the ideas we have covered in class.

Philosophy and Ethics

This term we will be finishing the GCSE module on Human Rights before moving onto exploring the concept of Good and Evil from a Christian and Humanist viewpoint. Students will also have the opportunity to complete the ASDAN project on Martin Luther King Jr before we move onto designing our own prison.

Practical PE

In practical PE this half term year 11 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.

GCSE PE

This half term in year 11 GCSE PE students will be revisiting year 10 topics, working on their coursework and practising their practical sport options. A useful revision website is https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zxbg39q.

Towards the end of the half term and the start of next half term students learn about movement analysis and injuries in sport, to learn about some injuries such as fractures which occur during sport we look at videos or images from previous matches. Any students who don't want to watch these are able to excuse themselves from this. If you require any additional information on this please email Mr Morton on importantes: importantes: importa

Computer Science

During the whole class computer science lesson, we will be focusing on using computers effectively to assist with our presentation of work through word processing, powerpoints and spreadsheets. We will also be finding and using suitable revision websites to help to extend our knowledge of key concepts in Science and Maths.

Computer Science (GCSE Option)

This half term we will be revisiting the first section of topics from last year's studies, focusing on developing a set of extensive and effective revision resources on the areas of computer internal structures and number systems. We will also be learning how to write executable programmes using Python and linking them into the robos to check they are effective programs.

Drama

In Drama students will be exploring the various forms of improvisation, using the English set texts.

PHSE

We are continuing to think about respectful relationships and finish some creative projects on this topic. Then we will move onto a unit on the effects and dangers of Alcohol.

You may find that as the GCSE exams are coming at the end of this academic year our young people may feel nervous or stressed about this at times. But at All Saints we have ways of managing these emotions with students, giving them every opportunity to succeed and guiding them in keeping a healthy balance of work and free time.

If you have any questions, concerns or feedback for us please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mr Pinsent: rjones@allsaintsl.co.uk
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Looking forward to meeting you at Parents evening early November. Rachel Jones