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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 the lead up to the Christmas break. 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 half term our focus is on nonfiction writing. We will study speeches, blogs and travel writing and try our hand at writing our own nonfiction texts in each of these genres. We'll also cover a few poems from the GCSE collection on power and conflict including some WW1 & 2 poetry on remembrance day. Alongside this we will be developing our exam skills and undertake a mock exam to help students encounter the skills required for success in exams.

Maths GCSE and Entry Level Certificate

In Maths students will continue to work through the curriculum topics while focusing on related examples of past paper questions. In this way, we can show students the type of questions they will encounter and work through them together.

Science GCSE

This half-term Year 10 will be studying Chemistry, specifically finishing the Atomic Structure topic then Bonding between atoms. Year 10 will also cover Physics, specifically energy resources. Year 10 are now set up on the revision platform Seneca, which they can access using their school google log-in. I would also continue to recommend the use of BBC Bitesize for keywords and developing background knowledge.

BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z8r997h>

Seneca learning: <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>

Option Subjects

Art

In Art GCSE, year 10s will continue their project as part of their personal portfolio with the theme 'Environment'. Students will begin by reflecting on their clay piece created at the workshop and refine their ideas towards a final piece for the project.

Useful website- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z8nq6rd>

Year 10 GCSE PE

This half term in year 10 GCSE PE students will be learning about the muscles and cardio-respiratory systems in the human body and how these link to sporting examples. They will learn about badminton and table tennis in their practical lessons.

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

Students will continue to work on their chosen short course option this half term. They will complete a range of tasks and activities, submit tasks on the e-portfolio and achieve their first credit.

Useful websites: <https://www.rspca.org.uk/>

Child Development

Students will continue the child development course by exploring antenatal care and preparation for birth. They will also continue to work on the first of two assignments which will count towards their final grade in year 11.

Useful websites: <https://www.nhs.uk/pregnancy/>
<https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/2019-03/pregnancy%20book%20complete%20march%202019.pdf>

College Courses

Catering / Construction / Hair & Beauty

Ongoing tasks and projects

Computer Science

In the single computer science sessions, we will be working on how to use spread sheets effectively while learning more about calculations in the energy topic of Physics. Then we will be working with PowerPoint effects while completing a project on energy resources and the future.

Computer Science GCSE Option

This term will be learning about data representations within computer systems, how data is transmitted and converted from Binary to Denary and Hexadecimal. We will also be learning about data compression and the links to the wider computer communication systems such as networks and the internet.

Year 10 Practical PE

In practical PE this half term year 10 students will be learning about volleyball and badminton.

PSHE

This half term we are covering respectful relationships and emotional wellbeing in our lessons as well as learning more about the school's zero tolerance of sexist language.

Drama

This half term we will continue to develop Drama skills, with the focus on improvisation.

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