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Dear Parents and Carers,

English GCSE and Unit Awards

Many of our year 10 students have had the opportunity to test out a new and exciting literacy programme we are looking at purchasing for the school. We are grateful to them for embracing it and giving us valuable feedback on how it's going - ask your child about 'Reading Plus' and please do encourage them to complete some sessions on this at home if they are trialling it.

We are studying Macbeth in English lessons at the moment and the class are finding it stimulating and challenging. Using smaller groups to focus on developing different skills we are preparing students for the demands of the English Literature exam this half term. They have already completed an in class assessment on another text in this course where all students did themselves proud and we are very pleased with how their essay writing skills are coming along. Our targets for the class now are to increase their reading speed and comprehension, prepare them for the demands of the GCSE exams where appropriate and foster a curiosity and appreciation of classic literature.

Maths

Students will begin the half term looking at the topic of Ratio and Proportion, then we will move to Geometry.

Homework will be set for students on a Monday and due in the following week on Wednesday. If a student has any uncertainty regarding the homework, please ask them to bring it to their next Maths class and we will support them so they are able to complete it.

As previously mentioned in a letter before half term, we are currently trialling the ARC Maths App during March. Students are able to use this as a revision tool at home on their own mobile phones or iPads. Most Year 10 students have been given their own log in details. Any student yet to receive a log in will obtain this by the end of the week. We encourage students to download the ARC App at home and begin to use ARC. The idea of the ARC is to revise "little and often", each session should take about 10-15 minutes to complete. If students develop the habit of using ARC a few times a week (and then increase this as they move to Year 11) then potentially it could be a very good revision tool and support them as

they work towards the GCSE exams. If you have any questions regarding the ARC App please contact Clare van Gurp (Maths teacher) at the school on cvangurp@allsaintslessingham.co.uk.

Science GCSE

This half-term Year 10 will be finishing the Chemical Changes topic, which looks at common chemical reactions. We will then move on to look at some physics and biology with the Electricity and Communicable Diseases topics respectively.

Revision resources are available on the students' google classroom page, but additional resources, questions and quizzes are available on BBC Bitesize (see link below). Students can also access revision quizzes on the website Seneca Learning and have assignments set on their class tab. Students have been shown how to access this and I would like students to be completing a minimum of 30 minutes of this per week.

BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z8r997h> Seneca learning: <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>

Option Subjects

PSHE – We are continuing to explore the topic of respectful relationships this term. In particular, the boundaries we put in place in our friendships and other relationships. Then during careers month, we will spend more time considering what our opportunities are for life after All Saints.

Philosophy and Ethics – Students will be studying topics related to Christian worship such as festivals, pilgrimage and the Church in the 21st Century. We will be looking at these issues in relation to different denominations. We will be completing our second piece of coursework for the ASDAN short course.

Practical PE

In practical PE this half term year 10 students will be learning about a new sport called Tchoukball and circuit training in a fun fitness approach with links to GCSE PE learning for those learners who have chosen this option.

<https://www.tchoukball.org.uk/>

GCSE PE: Students will be learning about fitness and preparing themselves for their piece of coursework which uses their understanding of fitness to plan, deliver and review a six-week exercise plan for themselves.

Drama - This half term, using set texts, we will be developing our mime and improvisation skills.

Art GCSE - In art GCSE, year 10s will continue their 'gathering' project as part of their personal portfolio. Students will focus on combining their ideas, including their own photography, to work towards a final piece. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z8nq6rd>

History

For those that study History, for the rest of the Spring term we will be starting a new topic for our British Depth Study for Paper 2: Early Elizabethan England. This includes how Queen Elizabeth I came to the throne, the role of the Church, challenges to Elizabeth's reign both at home and abroad alongside schools, leisure and the age of exploration.

A useful overview can be found on BBC Bitesize - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z29rbk7> A link to the Specification for topics we use All Saints can be found using this QR code:



Computing - All students will be continuing to connect computing and Maths, with spreadsheets and data processing as well as mathematical revision software. Our GCSE group will be looking at operating systems and ethics of computer technology and also continuing to develop programming skills.

Child Development - Students will be studying labour, birth and postnatal care this half term.

<https://www.nhs.uk/pregnancy/>

<https://www.bestbeginnings.org.uk/baby-buddy>

<http://www.learnplayimagine.com/2013/02/200ideasformessyplay.html>

ASDAN short courses - students will continue to work through their chosen courses: Animal Care, Living Independently, Roadwise and History.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/secondary>

College - students will continue to develop their practical skills and expertise.

As always, if you have any questions or want to let us know about anything your young person is achieving or concerned about outside of school or at home, please do let us know. We will be delighted to work together and it is very important to us to see your whole child, not just their time in school!

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