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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are so excited to have year 11 back for this crucial and exciting half term. As a staff team we have been so proud of how the class have conducted themselves throughout the challenges of this year and we're sure they will continue to do themselves proud as we approach the exam season.

Core Subjects

English GCSE and Unit Awards

This half term we will complete the study of a collection of poems on the topic of 'Power and Conflict' in class. Those taking the English Literature GCSE will write about these poems in the exams, other students will complete unit awards based on these in their lessons. As well as this we will continue refining the skills needed to write essays and answer all questions in the English language exams - homework will be set each week appropriate for each student and their pathways in this subject.

For GCSE revision alongside the specific revision tasks I am setting for students I would recommend using BBC Bitesize. Students can access all kinds of resources and quizzes here when they select AQA and for English literature the texts we are covering (Blood Brothers, Macbeth, A Christmas Carol and the Poetry anthology - Power and Conflict cluster). Seneca is also a helpful way for students to quiz themselves.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zcbchv4>

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

Maths GCSE and Entry Level Certificate

This half term, students will be focusing on revision of all Maths topics for the exam entry they are sitting.

For those students sitting the GCSE exams we are currently trialling the ARC Maths App as an additional revision tool. Students are able to use ARC at home on their own mobile phones or iPads. We encourage students to download the ARC App at home and begin to use ARC to support their revision. 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 most days in the lead up to the GCSE Maths exam, 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 Gulp (Maths teacher) at the school at cvangulp@allsaintslessingham.co.uk

As well as revision resources given by the class teacher to students, additional resources, questions and quizzes are available on BBC Bitesize (see link below) and also Seneca. Homework for Year 11 students this term will be to revise for the upcoming GCSE exams in the summer.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z9p3mnb>

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

Science GCSE

This half-term Year 11 will be finishing the Physics aspect of the GCSE with the Electromagnetism topic, then moving on to the remaining chemistry topics; Crude Oil and Fuels, Chemistry of the Atmosphere and Using Earth’s Resources.

Revision resources are available on the student’s 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/>

Philosophy and Ethics

We will be continuing our revision lessons looking at Human Rights, Good and Evil and Life and Death. It would be really helpful if students can be finishing Evidence and Keywords Flashcards on these topics for homework. They can use their green revision folders for this.

Art GCSE

In art GCSE, Year 11s will continue their ‘gathering’ project as part of their externally set exam. 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>

ASDAN PSE

Students have almost completed the course. They will collate their work ready for marking and sending off to ASDAN for moderation.

ASDAN Animal Care

Students have completed 3 modules and will be working on a fourth before submitting to ASDAN.

Practical PE

This half term year 11 students will be developing skills learnt last academic year focusing on using a gym and learning the sport of Tchoukball.

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

GCSE PE: Students will be learning about sports psychology, coaching, sport as a business and sporting behaviours.

ASDAN PE/PE AQA Unit Awards: Students will be learning about working in sport, revisiting previous uncompleted challenges and working towards unit awards in line with what GCSE PE students are learning about.

For anything you wish to ask or find out from us please contact Rachel Jones

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