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Dear Parent/Carer

As we start a new academic year I wanted to write with an overview of the different topics, units, and areas of study your child/ren will be completing this half-term in each of their subjects. This information will be shared with you at the start of each half-term to support your understanding of the curriculum and any upcoming assessments.

If you would like further details, please visit our website where additional guidance on the curriculum for each subject at the different key stages is available.

Yours faithfully



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Year 10 – Autumn 1

	Curriculum Focus	Assessment
English	Speaking and Listening Presentations: 'My Most Treasured Possession' Non-Fiction Reading Skills: Women at War	Oral presentation Language analysis and comparison (Language Paper 2)
Maths	Foundation and Higher students will cover: Percentages Similarity Linear Graphs Transformations	Assessment 1
Biology	B4: bioenergetics	Mid topic learning check End of topic test
Chemistry	C5: energy changes	Mid topic learning check End of topic test
Physics	P2: Electricity	Mid topic learning check
French	Discussing school subjects, school progress and what school used to be like using the imperfect tense	Mid-module writing task
Spanish	Discussing what a healthy lifestyle consists of by giving advice and using 3 tenses together	Mid-module writing task
Geography	Paper 1 Section C UK Physical Landscapes & River Landscapes: Students will learn about fluvial processes	Summative – GCSE questions on River Landscapes

	and how these can create some of the most iconic features such as waterfalls and ox-bow lakes. Students will also investigate the reasons for floods and how they can be mitigated	
History	KT1: Anglo-Saxon England, c1060-1066 KT2: William I in power: securing the kingdom, 1066-1087	End of Topic Assessment KT1
PRE	Buddhist Beliefs and Teachings: We build on our learning from last academic year by exploring different traditions and schools of thought within Buddhism. We then look at the difference between a Bodhisattva and an Arhat, which we need to identify the differences clearly	Full Buddhist beliefs unit assessment Questions 1-5
PE GCSE	Physical Training: 1.1 Movement Analysis – planes, axis and levers 1.1 Effects of exercise on the body: short- and long-term effects	Homework Questions every week
Sport CNAT	Sport and Media Task 1/2: Topic Area 1: The different sources of media that cover sport Topic Area 2: Positive effects of the media in sport	Coursework Homework – Task related
Art	Theme-based surface decoration cont'd: students will explore mixed media and design their surface decoration aspect inspired and influenced by their chosen element. They will then add this to their 3D clay vessel Artist Portrait copy: this will take place prior to the commencement of the Year 10 mock exam unit and will go on hold until the mock exam finishes	AO3 AO4
Drama	Reflection of last term's work Introduction to the written paper – component 3: Blood Brothers and Theatre evaluation	Practise questions Terminology
Music	Area of Study 5: Conventions of Pop Music Students will be learning about the 4 set-study areas of music: Rock 'n' Roll, Rock Anthems, Pop Ballads and Solo Artists through listening and practical activities	End of topic test Spelling and definition test
Computer Science	Component 1 – 1.2 Memory and storage of Characters, Images and Sound. Data Compression Component 2 - 2.2 Programming fundamentals - File handling and Subprograms	Formative and peer feedback of codes with Close-The-Gap action Summative end of topic test
D&T GCSE 3D products	Zoomorphic: Key assignment 2 Theory session linked to technical principles	Written feedback Assignment form Weekly topics Feedback via TEAMS
D&T GCSE Textiles	SYTYC Design Design Ventura competition	Verbal/peer feedback Verbal feedback

	Skills building in garment construction Homework focusing on theory-based topics	Written/peer feedback
Catering	The importance of nutrients in a balanced diet The impact cooking has on nutrients	
Business GCSE	Classes 10A/Be1, 10C/Be1 will be covering: Unit 3: Business operations Job and flow production methods, lean production, Just-in-time Unit 4 Human resources: Recruitment and selection of employees Classes 10D/Be1, 10/Be2 will be covering: Unit 4 Human resources: Recruitment and selection of employees	
Media	Recap on the key concepts of media Component 1: Set Product analysis (Context, media language and representation): Quality Street Set Product analysis (Context, media language and representation): This Girl Can	Advertising past exam question with CTG
Hair and Beauty Level 2	Unit 202 Science of Hair and Beauty Chemistry – learn about the effects acids and alkalis have on the hair and skin, including the pH scale, the different pH levels of hair and beauty products Scientific principles of ingredients in hair and beauty products – why do products do what they do	pH testing of products Identifying strong alkalis and strong acids Experiment – what’s in the pot, sampling products, creating chart Practical – Hair tests and skin tests
COPE/ ASDAN	Visit to a local park Traffic survey Study of local historic buildings and retail outlets	Ongoing in lessons
PSHE	Post 16/18 Intentions & Future study intentions Unifrog for careers and futures Work Experience Placement (preparation)	
Core PE	Students will be given 5 options for them to select what they would like to do in the term – Football, Leadership, Yoga/dance/aerobics, Basketball, Netball. Students will be leading in small groups to develop their life skills in – organising, communication, problem solving, teamwork	Ongoing in lessons