

25th October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

I am pleased to share with you all an overview of the different topics, units, and areas of study your child/ren will be completing next half-term (November – December 2024) in each of their subjects. This information will be shared with you 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.

I also wanted to make you aware that you will begin receiving a weekly email on a Friday notifying you if your child/ren has missed one or more homework tasks set that week. More detailed information about missed homework can be found on the MCAS App.

Yours faithfully



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Vice Principal

Year 10 – Autumn 2

Subject	Curriculum Focus	Assessment
English	A Christmas Carol Victorian novel study and essay writing skills	Literature Paper 1 style assessment
Maths	Quadratics Congruency Pythagoras Trigonometry	Formative assessments
Biology	B5: homeostasis	Learning check
Chemistry	C3: quantitative chemistry	Learning check
Physics	P2: Electricity P5: Forces	P2 End of topic test
French	Talking about languages, meals and mental health	Receptive Productive
Spanish	Describing your school and studies with a focus on the conditional tense, 3 rd person opinions and forming questions.	Receptive Productive

Geography	Paper 2 Section A - Urban Issues and Challenges (Rio de Janeiro). Students will investigate push/pull factors (the reason for the rapid growth of cities), opportunities and challenges of the rapidly growing city of Rio de Janeiro and how life for the urban poor can be improved.	Summative – GCSE questions on The Urban World
History	Paper 2 – Anglo-Saxon & Norman England, c1060-1088: Key Topic 2 – William I in power; Key Topic 3 – Norman England	End of Topic Tests
PRE	How do Buddhists Worship? In this unit we will look at chanting, meditation and its various forms as well as rituals related to death within Buddhism. The concept of Samsara will conclude this section, which defines Buddhist beliefs about death.	Question 5 GCSE style regarding the relationship between Karma and Samsara
PE GCSE	Miss Emmess GCSE PE Group Physical Training: 1.1 Movement Analysis – planes, axis and levers Sport Psychology: 2.2 Characteristics of skilful movement 2.2 Classification of skill 2.2 Goal setting Mini mock 4 Mr Bareham GCSE PE Group Physical Training: 1.1 Finish Short Term effects 1.1 Interpreting data from graphs 1.1 Long Term Effects Sport Psychology: 2.2 Characteristics of skilful movement 2.2 Classification of skill Mini Mock 4	Homework and Intervention Questions every week
Sport BTEC	Sport and Media Task 3: Topic Area 3: Negative effects of the media in sport	Coursework Homework – Task related
Art	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. November mock exam – (practise run of year 11 GCSE exam). This work will become your coursework portfolio – worth 60% of your final GCSE grade). 12 weeks of structured weekly tasks -culminating in a supervised 10-hour final piece. See back of sketchbook for dated weekly task sheet.	AO1
Drama	Blood Brothers – practical exploration of the text. Page to Stage. Practitioners. Component 2: Pro-Forma.	

	Response to exam questions and preparation for Section B digital Theatre evaluation.	
Music	Area of Study 4: Film Music Students will be learning about the different approaches to film and video game music through listening and practical activities	End of topic test Spelling and definition test
Computer Science	1.3 Computer networks, Connections and Protocols – Network performance factors. Client server, peer to peer. Network hardware. The Internet and Topology of networks. 2.2 Programming fundamentals: Additional programming techniques – Strings manipulation, Random number generation, SQL and Records.	Formative feedback on lesson worksheets. End of unit test
Design Technology GCSE PD	Design Ventura competition/presentations. Theory session linked to revision guide/content. Weekly topics linked to revision guide.	Verbal feedback. Close the gap session. Panel feedback.
Design Technology GCSE TX	SYTYC Design Design Ventura competition Skills building in garment construction Homework's focusing on theory-based topics	Verbal/peer feedback. Written/peer feedback.
Catering	Factors that affect menu planning. How to produce production plans.	
Business GCSE	Classes 10A/Be1, 10C/Be1 will be covering: Unit 3 Business operations: Process of procurement and supply chain management. Unit 4 Human resources: Organisational structures Classes 10D/Be1, 10D/Be2 will be covering: Unit 4 Human resources: Training, appraisals and motivation. Unit 2 Influences on business: Legislation with a focus on employment law and employee rights.	Progress check 1 - Human resources
Media	Analysis of context, media language, representation, industry and audience for the sitcom set products: Friends and Modern Family.	Sitcom past exam questions
Hair and Beauty Level 2	Unit 202 Science of Hair and Beauty – main ingredients, properties and functions of substances used in hair and beauty products. Causes and signs of allergic reactions. Use of animal testing.	End of unit knowledge check.
COPE/ ASDAN	Importance of personal hygiene. What is a balanced diet: food groups and balanced plate. How to deal with 3 different types of first aid incidences. Hazards and risks. What is the highway code, traffic signs- warnings and orders.	Information poster on each topic to meet the requirements of 'Challenges'.
PSHE	Gambling/Addiction	



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	Debt Grief Digital Literacy	
Core PE	5 options will be offered for students – Football (boys and girls), Handball, Table Tennis (limited to 40), OAA, Fitness	

