Year 10 Curriculum Newsletter Summer Term 2

English

What are we studying this half term? Students will look at poems from the GCSE Power and Conflict anthology, exploring contextual links and analysing and exploring these poems in detail. They will also explore a range of Unseen Poetry in preparation for GCSE Literature Paper 2.

Assessment: End of year exam - A Christmas Carol and Language paper 1.

How can parents help? Please ensure your child completes the revision home learning.

Maths



What are we studying this half term? Year 10 students will be finishing ratio and moving to different types of graphs, before they do work on sequences, sampling, and types of proportion.

Assessment: There will also be an 'end of year' exam which consists of two papers (calculator and non-calculator) on the 18th and 22nd of June.

How can parents help? Students should be doing revision for their end of year maths papers. Please help students to check they have the correct Maths equipment, especially scientific calculators, and that home-learning is being completed. Students also might need support in remaining focused in these final weeks.

Science

What are we studying this half term? Triple Science: We will be doing some revision for the end of year exam. Bio topics 1-4, Chem topics 1-5, Physics topics 1-4. We will then be continuing learning paper 2 topics - B5 homeostasis and response, C6 rates of reaction, C9 development of the Earth's atmosphere and P5 Forces. Trilogy Science: Students are also starting the term with some revision for the end of year exam: Biology topics 1-4, Chem topics: 1 -5 Physics topics 1-4. We will then be continuing learning paper 2 topics - B5 homeostasis and response, C6 rates of reaction, C9 development of the Earth's atmosphere and P5 Forces.

Assessment: End of year exams in Bio, Chem and Physics. 1 hour 15 mins for all students.

How can parents help? Make sure students are using their revision guides/ knowledge organisers to do active revision, such as mind mapping or revision cards. Students should not copy from the guides but instead use the read/cover/write technique. Students need calculators for their exams. BBC bitesize is another good resource:

Trilogy: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z8r997h Triple: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z9ddmp3 https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zs6hvcw https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zpm6fg8

History

What are we studying this half term? USA revision for the end of year exams, followed by our third GCSE topic: Germany in Transition 1918-1939. This looks at the conditions in Germany after WW1, the rise of Hitler and the Nazi Party and the impact of their rule on the German people (to be continued in Autumn term year 11).

Assessment: End of year exam - USA 1929-2000

How can parents help? Encourage revision for the end of year exam. Visit the Imperial War Museum. Watch documentary series on BBC on the rise of the Nazis.

Religion, Philosophy and Ethics (RPE)

Year 10 have now completed RPE and are doing extra Maths in their RPE lessons.

PE -GCSE



What are we studying this half term? Students will be revising Paper 1 topics in preparation for their mock exam. They will also continue to work on their GCSE PE PEP coursework during lessons, with additional expectations to complete parts of this for Home Learning.

How can parents help? Parents can support by encouraging regular revision for the mock exam using resources such as The EverLearner, Brainscape, mind maps and class notes. It would also be helpful for parents to check in with students about their coursework progress, ensuring they are keeping up to date with deadlines and completing any Home Learning tasks set.

Drama



What are we studying this half term? Students will complete their Devising Performance (Component 1- Eduqas GCSE Drama) and will work on their coursework for this component (worth 30% of the GCSE)

Assessment: Performance of the devised piece coursework.

How can parents help? Please ensure your child completes their home learning and coursework on time. Their home learning will be on their Portfolio of Evidence (coursework) which is worth 20% of the GCSE.

Spanish



What are we studying this half term? Future plans and celebrity culture as well as revision of previously covered topics in preparation for the end of year exam.

Assessment: End of year exams in listening, reading, writing and translation.

How can parents help? Parents can help by encouraging students to learn the vocabulary from each lesson and revise their tenses regularly. Exam-style questions and different skills, including listening, reading, translation and writing, can be practised using the AQA revision book and the Active Hub platform.

French



What are we studying this half term? Future plans and celebrity culture as well as revision of previously covered topics in preparation for the end of year exam.

Assessment: End of year exams in listening, reading, writing and translation.

How can parents help? Parents can help students by encouraging them to learn vocabulary from each lesson and revise their tenses regularly. Exam-style questions and different skills, including listening, reading, translation, and writing, can be practised using the AQA revision book and the Active Hub platform.

Music



What are we studying this half term? Year 10 Musicians will study area of study 2 'music for ensemble' and continue to develop their understanding of key musical vocabulary when listening to music from this style. They will also aim to finish off their free composition coursework (15% of their actual GCSE grade). They will decide their final solo and ensemble performance repertoire ready to be performed at the beginning of next year.

Assessment: Year 10 performance exam on all content learnt so far. End of Year Appraising exam.

How can parents help? Please encourage your child to complete regular instrumental practice and revise for their exam using the resources on their music teams page.

Geography



What are we studying this half term? GCSE Geography students will be continuing to investigate resource management, and writing up fieldwork.

Assessments: An end of topic written assessment, based on past GCSE exam questions.

How can parents help? Ensure your child has a glue and scissors. Students have a revision help sheet for each topic, and should be encouraged to complete revision notes at the end of each week's lessons, so they are producing them in manageable detailed chunks. Please assist students in keeping their physical and human Cornell Notes books organised and with detailed notes and diagrams. Students should use GCSE Pod to consolidate knowledge.

Art

What are we studying this half term? Our GCSE Art & Design students are completing their next coursework project based on 'Identity'. Students will be completing work in their A3 sketchbooks. Assessment: Students will be completing their final piece for this project during their mock exam between Monday 6th July and Thursday 9th July 2026.

How can parents help? Please ensure that your child stays up-to-date with their coursework, our students are expected to be spending 3-4 hours a week working on their art coursework at home outside our timetabled lessons. A space for students to work on their art coursework at home is an excellent way to support them. Year 10 students are also invited to attend catch-up sessions in 13a after school. This is regularly on a Monday and Friday but is also available most other days too. Students purchase a pack of materials at the beginning of the course but if parents are able to also purchase acrylic paints for students to also use at home, this would be a really supportive measure to ensure that coursework can be completed both at home and at school. If parents are also able to support students in visiting different museums and galleries and engaging in conversations about artworks, this is a great way to prepare them for and support them throughout the GCSE course.

DT GCSE

What are we studying this half term? We will be preparing and starting the NEA portfolio in earnest. The AQA contexts are released in June and Task analysis and research will be started and hopefully completed before the summer break. Theory sessions will focus on revision for mock exams and revisiting and areas for further clarity of refreshing.

Assessment: Exam style questions, NEA portfolio pages.

How can parents help? Encourage use of revision books and Seneca learning online. Short, sharp questioning sessions to help recall of information or practice exam technique. Encourage sketching and doodling in most forms and visit museums to help build creativity.

Food and Nutrition

What are we studying this half term?
We will be completing the NEA2 Mock Assessment and the 3 hour Practical exam. Student will undertake a sensory analysis of the food.

Assessment: Mock NEA2 Practical exam, Year 10 Mock theory exam

How can parents help? Support for practical lesson and ingredient choices for NEA2 Mock exam. Feedback on sensory testing. Revision support for exam.

Business &Enterprise

What are we studying this half term?
- Starting Component 2: Planning and Presenting a Micro-Enterprise Idea.
- Students will explore and develop two micro-enterprise ideas.
- Students will complete a business plan for their chosen idea.
- Students will prepare and deliver a presentation based on their selected enterprise idea.

Assessment: End of Year Assessment (60 minutes) based on financial aspect of Component 3: Marketing and Finance.

How can parents help?
- Ensure your child attends all B&E lessons to avoid missing important Component work completed in class
- Encourage attendance at catch-up sessions when invited
- Support students in completing homework tasks on time
- Help students meet all coursework deadlines
- Encourage good organisation and regular revision of class materials. -

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PE (Core)



What are we studying this half term? All students will continue to follow a curriculum which covers team and individual sports. However the focus is to provide opportunities to develop lifelong participation in sport and exercise. All students have one lesson per week and options are changed each half term.

Assessment: Students are not formally assessed in core PE.

How can parents help?: Please ensure students are organised with their full kit on PE days.

BTec Sport



What are we studying this half term? In summer 2 the students will be working towards their Component 1 and 2 mock exams. Once this is complete in June, we will continue working on Component 1 & 2 coursework ahead of their submission in December.

Computer Science



What are we studying this half term? Students will continue to develop their Python programming skills.

Assessment: Students will complete paper 1 a short paper 2 which will assess their programming skills as they complete practical programming tasks.

How can parents help? Direct and encourage revision. Students can develop their programming skills by using the revision guide and revision workbook that they have been given. They can also use edabit.com and this website: https://www.w3schools.com/python/default.asp