Year 11 Curriculum Newsletter Summer Term 1

English

What are we studying? Revision of all topics - Language and Literature.

Assessment: Ongoing feedback on class work.

How can parents help? Ensure students revise regularly, and prepare for exams sensibly by getting enough sleep, eating well, resting - and revising!

Science

What are we studying? Revision of all topics, final content of paper 2 topics.

Assessment: continual exam practice in class.

How can parents help? Ensure students are revising at home. Using active revision techniques and constantly referring to their revision guides.

PE (Core)

Students continue to receive a balance of activities with the goal of further developing their love for physical activity and their ability to perform with confidence.

Assessment : None.

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

Art

What are we studying? Our Y11 GCSE Art & Design students are continuing their 'Externally Set Assignment' with the theme of 'Gathering'. Their GCSE Art & Design exam days are week commencing Monday 28th April 2025.

How can parents help? Please ensure that your child stays up-to-date with their ESA work. Students need to hand in all their ESA work at the end of their first exam day.

Maths

What are we studying? We will mainly be revising topics from the Pearson Edexcel general topic lists (which will also be saved on Teams), with a particular focus on classes' weaker areas as identified through the PLC's.

Assessment: No formal assessments, although students will be working through lots of practice papers in lessons.

How can parents help? All students will be set revision homework each week, please ensure your child does at least 4-5hrs of Maths revision per week. Useful websites: Mathswatch (very good for exam-style questions); Sparx (great videos if you don't know anything about a topic at all); Mathsgenie (great website for specific topic revision and past papers - it also includes worked solutions and videos).

Geography

What are we doing this half term? GCSE Geography students will be preparing for all three GCSE Geography papers.

Assessments: Practice exam questions will be used in each lesson. They will cover all of the assessment objectives. These skills will be continual practiced over the course of the GCSE. AO1: Demonstrate knowledge of locations AO2: Demonstrate geographical understanding of concepts and the interrelationships between places. AO3: Interpret, analyse and evaluate geographical information and issues. AO4: Use a variety of skills to investigate questions and communicate findings.

How can parents help? Ensure your child has the correct equipment such as a pencil, ruler, glue, scissors etc. Students need to be using a revision timetable to make sure they are covering all topics. Use GCSE Pod and Time for Geography to help students consolidate their knowledge.

History



What are we studying? Final revision for exams. Assessment: Final GCSE exams.
How can parents help? Dedicated revision time and strategies. Your child should be using: their revision text book, their class notes, their printed class handouts, GCSE Pod, making flashcards, mindmaps and any other strategy they find useful to fully learn the DETAILS of the course.

Drama



What are we studying this half term? Written Exam Revision in preparation for exam (8th May).
Assessment: Formal Written Exam (8th May 2025).
How can parents help? Please ensure your child completes their home learning, encourage them to revise key topics an practise timed responses outside of lesson time. Past paper questions are accessible on Bromcom and the Eduqas Exam board Drama website.

Computer Science



What are we studying? Students will be revising operating systems, queuing, the fetch-decode-execute cycle, network protocols, DNS, 2D arrays, iterating over a list, and reading/writing to text files.

Assessment: External Exams

How can parents help? Encourage independent revision.

DT GCSE

What are we studying? Checking on mock performance and any areas that might be useful to revisit and refresh knowledge. Covering exam question answering techniques that would benefit the students further now that the mock analysis is complete.
Assessment: Exam question examples.
How can parents help? Encourage use of revision books and Seneca learning online.

French



What are we studying? We will finish the course with the world of work (jobs, work experience & future plans.) We will then briefly revisit all topic areas & do exam-style questions in all skills in preparation for the GCSE exam.
Assessment: Final GCSE exams in speaking, listening, reading and writing.
How can parents help? With the learning of topic-related vocabulary from the AQA vocab booklet, test your child on verbs in different tenses, further use of the purple Pearson revision booklets for all skill areas, read out speaking questions from worksheets so that students become familiar with questions and practice answering with confidence, encourage students to look back on previous feedback from assessments and mock exams to identify areas of strength and areas to work on further. Students can freely access past papers to practice exam-style question from the AQA website.

Spanish



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Music

What are we studying? Students will be focusing solely on their listening and appraising exam preparation by breaking down how to answer specific exam style questions when listening and appraising music

Assessment: GCSE summer listening and appraising examinations

How can parents help? Encourage students to do as much revision and listening practice as possible using their books and revision resources on their teams page.

Food and Nutrition

What are we studying?

Course content has been completed the focus will be on revision for the final exam.

Assessment: External exam and NEA1 and 2 coursework

How can parents help?

Revision support

PE -GCSE

In Summer 1 students will continue to revisit topics from across paper 1 and 2 by looking at theory exam technique.

Assessment: Past papers.

How can parents help - Actively assist with their revision and continue to support their use of The EverLeaner online resources together with Seneca.