



KS4

SUBJECT SUPPORT GUIDE

2026/2027



'When schools, families and community work together to support learning, children tend to do better, stay in school longer, and like school more'.

- *Southwest Educational Development Report (2002)*



Introduction

Dear Parents

It is essential that each and every student achieves their potential and feel that they are successfully achieving and progressing during their time at AMVC. To assist a student to maximise their potential, it is vital that we develop and encourage a culture of study. With the introduction and implementation of new GCSE specifications there is an increasing need for our students to be resilient, robust, independent learners so as to achieve the best possible outcome to decide their future paths. Parents are a very important part of this process in influencing their child's success and achievement rate at school. We are often asked by parents how they can help support their child's learning at home. This guide has been produced to assist parents in supporting their child's education in helping them reach their potential. This booklet looks at the following areas:

- Subject by subject breakdown of the various topics your child will be studying during the academic school year. It will offer strategies and guidance of how to be involved in helping your child learn for their class assessments.
- Study strategies.
- Encouraging a study culture at home.
- The importance of homework, planner checking and homework club.
- The importance of independent reading.
- Dinner time discussions.

We hope you find this guide useful. Should you have any queries relating to subject matters, there are contact names on each subject page. Alternatively, you could contact your child's Form Tutor or Head of Year.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>



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<http://www.dad.info/education/>



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Encouraging a study culture at home

As your child progresses into Key Stage 4, there is the expectation that your child will build on skills already learnt and start to consolidate them in the next year. The GCSE/Vocational courses are designed to be delivered over two years. It is also important to remember that whilst your child will be focusing on new topics, it is vital that they do not forget about topics they learned in previous years. By implementing the strategies below, you are encouraging a healthy study habit in your home, at an early age. Students should study bite sizes of topics during the school year rather than leave it to last minute cramming. A slow and steady build-up of studying different topics and subjects allows students to feel that they are organising their workload in a more manageable way.

Keeping this in mind, it is advisable to do the following:

- Have a designated time of study each day for your child.
- Set them up in a place where they can study quietly and have space to do their work and for their books.
- Choose one subject every week where you will focus on one topic that needs to be re-studied and remembered. For example, study the heart in Biology for one week.
- What type of learner is your child? Is she/he a visual/auditory/kinaesthetic learner?
 - If your child is visual, then it will help your child to write or draw out their answers.
 - If your child is auditory, then your child learns best by hearing and speaking out their ideas.
 - Most students are often a combination of two types of learning: visual/auditory for example.
- Set your child a mini quiz, so by the end of the week, they have to answer verbal questions by you about the topic you have agreed on. This will check how much they can remember.
- Look and see what dates their teacher assessments are on, and on what topics, so you can keep reminding them what they need to study and when.



Homework and Revision at KS4

Homework and Revision at KS4 is the long-term revision of subjects and topics, revising over already studied material with the view to committing it to long term memory. Homework is the day-to-day practice of your present subjects and topics, and consolidating the knowledge the student has acquired in class to doing it by him/herself at home. Homework is the first step by the student in working independently on a topic that was first introduced by the teacher. To help support your child with homework:

- Set up the expectation that homework will be done at a certain time every day.
- Ask what homework they have and look in their planner to see what they have written down.
- If no homework has been written down, look at their planner and see what subjects they have had that day and ask them to talk to you about what they did in class.
- Check with them when homework is due. Look at their timetable for the following day and see what homework is due in. There is usually a minimum of 48 hours turn around for students to hand in homework.
- Around the dinner table, enquire what your child has learned today or was there anything of interest that they learned, this will also allow your child to recall and relay newly acquired information.

‘Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world’

- Nelson Mandela.



Independent reading

The importance of reading cannot be underestimated especially with the introduction of a much more rigorous and challenging exam system. It is important that your child has a strong reading age for the following reasons:

- Most texts at GCSE have an average reading age of 14-15 years of age. By having a strong reading age, it will give students a better chance to access and comprehend the curriculum.
- By having a strong reading age, it will help students to understand exam papers and what the questions are asking of them.
- By reading independently, it gives students creative ideas. It improves their word recognition for spelling and punctuation and increases their vocabulary knowledge.
- By reading a student is exposed to new ideas and concepts, that will allow them to make deductions, inferences, create images in their heads and make connections across subjects.

All these skills are necessary for a student to do well in exams. To encourage reading:

- Ask your child "have they visited the library at AMVC?" An incredible, well stocked resource. Each Year Group has a designated day to visit the library.
- Students can take out books and return them. The Librarian will order anything that they might have an interest in. Encourage your child to take a book out. Ask them to read to you, a page a night.
- There are lots of literacy competitions that are run throughout the year that encourage independent reading. Enquire as to what they are and encourage your child to be involved.
- Ask your child, what genre of book they like? Why?
- Get your child to read a wide variety of reading material: newspapers, magazines, novels, plays, short stories, etc.
- See the recommended reading lists published in the Summer edition of the newsletter.



Vocational Courses

We currently run 8 vocational courses with Year 11 students – Music, ICT, PE, Health and Social Care, Travel and Tourism, Engineering, Creative Media Production and Enterprise. These courses are equivalent to GCSE courses but are assessed differently. Whereas GCSE courses are all assessed at the end of Year 11, the vocational courses consist of 3 modules which are assessed throughout Years 10 and 11, with opportunities for resubmissions for students who are not happy with their grade first time around.

The cycle of assessments for vocational courses may differ slightly from one subject to the next, but all feature at least one internally assessed module in Year 10 worth 30% and end with a 40% external assessment at the end of Year 11. These modules involve students working under controlled conditions in class for at least 10 hours which will take place over a sequence of timetabled lessons in that subject. For this reason, it is normal for students in Year 11 to be completing 1 or 2 assessed modules from late October until early November which will contribute 30% or 60% of their final grade. Furthermore, some students will be sitting up to 3 vocational courses depending on their options.

Some vocational courses run regular lunchtime and/or after-school sessions for students who may be falling behind or have periods of absence in order to complete their work in the allotted 10 hours. Other vocational courses run sessions on a more bespoke basis, where certain students might be required to attend catch-up sessions at vital times at the discretion of their teacher, in order to ensure that they are able to meet deadlines and push for the best possible outcomes. Wherever possible, vocational teachers will endeavour to schedule these sessions to avoid clashes with other scheduled revision sessions for GCSE courses, but this might not always be possible.

ART

Art			
When	List of Topics	End of term Assessment	What can a parent do to support?
Year 10	Personal Portfolio (Unit 1 – 60%) Students will choose a title from a list of four and create a personal portfolio using the criteria from the assessment objectives. AO1: Primary photography and contextual research into theme and Artists AO2: Design ideas and experimenting with different types of media which work with chosen theme. Develop ideas showing links to Artists and ideas surrounding theme. AO3: Refining work and showing planning through annotation and presenting ideas clearly. AO4: Presenting final piece showing clear links to starting point that has been developed and refined showing Artist/Contextual influence.	Students will be given feedback on their work as it progresses. This will be verbal, post it notes in their sketchbooks and feedback sheets. Project will be graded according to the marking criteria based on evidence across the 4 assessment objectives. Abstract project will be assessed and developed with monitoring points, regular teacher feedback, verbal, written and as class.	- Parents can support by encouraging their child to attend the workshops we offer the students at either lunchtimes or after school. - Remind them to take their coursework home over weekends and holiday periods. - Check in on their progress and contact the Art department if they have any concerns. - Take an interest in their coursework and ask them to explain how it is developing and progressing. Ask if they understand what they are doing and if they feel they are doing all they can to develop their ideas. - Familiarise themselves with the 4 assessment objectives for GCSE Art Craft and Design. - Share deadlines with them and encourage creative work at home.
Sep - Dec	Skill Building - Taking Primary photographs - Drawing, Painting, Printing and Pottery - Presenting your sketchbook - Annotation		
Jan - Jul	Development - Using skills learned to develop and refine projects - Introducing artists to inspire work - Creating a mini final piece based on refinement and artist inspiration		



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Year 11	Personal Portfolio continued (Unit 1 – 60%)	Assessment will be in the form of monitoring, verbal, post it notes in sketchbooks and written class feedback sheets.	Parents can support students by running through their coursework as it develops and continue to encourage attending all extra sessions available to help with various stages of development. This may be for a period of time.
Sep - Dec	Further Refinement and Final Piece - Students will further refine their work - Creating a final piece showing clear links to their theme Externally Set Assignment (Unit 2 – 40%) Students will independently be required to work through all 4 assessment objectives, that they have become familiar with. They will apply these skills to a chosen theme/title within the AQA exam booklet.	Students will be assessed via monitoring points, verbal feedback, post it notes and class feedback sheets.	

Useful Websites: Pinterest, Tate.com. National Gallery, BBC Bitesize, AQA Art Craft and Design, You Tube: Technique demonstrations

Staff Contacts: Mrs C Henderson - Head of Department
 Ms L Keeley - Art Teacher
 Mrs L Mitchell – Art/Textiles Teacher
 Miss I Sawers – Art Teacher



GCSE Business

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When	List of Topics	End of term Assessment	What can a parent do to support?
Year 10	Theme 1 <u>Investigating small business</u> 1.1 Enterprise and entrepreneurship 1.2 Spotting a business opportunity 1.3 Putting a business idea into practice 1.4 Making the business effective 1.5 Understanding external influences	End of unit assessments Year 10 mock exam Paper 1 – Investigating small business	Test key words/Formulas Encourage homework completion (posted on Teams/Bromcom) Talk about any work with friends and family / discuss businesses locally and what they do Use Seneca Encourage students to read BBC news
Year 11	Theme 2 <u>Building a business</u> 2.1 Growing a business 2.2 Making marketing decisions 2.3 Making operational decisions 2.4 Making financial decisions 2.5 Making human resource decisions	End of unit assessments Mock window 1 Paper 1 – Investigating small business Mock window 2 Paper 2 - Building a business	Use BBC bitesize



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COMPUTER SCIENCE



Computer Science

When	List of Topics	End of term Assessment	What can a parent do to support?
Year 10 Sep - Dec	1.1 - Systems architecture 1.2 - Memory and storage 2.1 - Computational thinking 2.1 – Algorithms Designing, creating and refining algorithms	Paper tests at the end of every topic	Encourage the use of Smart Revise online for quizzes, exam type questions and online flash cards Test knowledge of key terminology (listed on Class Notebook) Practice with past papers and compare answers to mark scheme Encourage regular programming practice, including writing code by hand to solve problems. Re-watch Craig n Dave videos
Year 10 Jan - Apr	1.2 – Data Representation 1.2 Memory and Storage (Characters, images and sound) 1.3 - Computer networks, connections and protocols	Paper tests at the end of every topic	
Year 10 May - July	2.2 - Programming fundamentals - basics 2.4 - Boolean logic	Paper tests at the end of every topic	
Year 11 Sep - Dec	1.4 - Network security - Identifying and preventing vulnerabilities, Threats to computer systems and networks 1.5 - Systems software 2.2 - Programming fundamentals -advanced 2.3 - Producing robust programs	Paper tests at the end of every topic	Encourage the use of Smart Revise online for quizzes, exam type questions and online flash cards. Test knowledge of key terminology (listed on Class Notebook) Practice with past papers and compare answers to mark scheme Encourage regular programming practice, including writing code by hand to solve problems. Re-watch Craig n Dave videos

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Year 11 Jan - Feb	1.6 - Ethical, legal, cultural and environmental impacts of digital technology 2.5 - Programming languages and Integrated Development Environments	Paper tests at the end of every topic	Encourage the use of Smart Revise online for quizzes, exam type questions and online flash cards. Test knowledge of key terminology (listed on Class Notebook) Practice with past papers and compare answers to mark scheme Encourage regular programming practice, including writing code by hand to solve problems. Re-watch Craig n Dave videos
Year 11 Mar - May	Revision on all topics	Practice past papers	



Useful Websites:

<https://www.smartrevise.online/>

<https://adacomputerscience.org/?examBoard=ocr&stage=all>

<https://isaacomputerscience.org/?examBoard=all&stage=all>

<https://www.youtube.com/@craigndave>

<https://pythonprinciples.com/>

<https://time2code.today/>

<https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/past-paper-finder/>

https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/computer-science-ict?sort=best_selling&quantity=36&page=1&view=grid¤tFilter=KeyStage_59&filter_key%20stage=KeyStage_59&filter_exam%20board=ExamBoard_148

Staff Contacts:

Mrs A Beacham – Teacher of Computer Science

Mr I Wooster – Teacher of Computer Science

GCSE Design Technology

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When	List of Topics	End of term Assessment	What can a parent do to support?
Year 10: Technical Principles: Core Knowledge and Understanding In-depth Knowledge and Understanding Core Designing and Making Principles Year 11: Preparing for Assessment NEA Coursework (Non-exam assessment) Revision of Theory Topics 	Year 10: Component 1: Section A Core content Design and technology and our world Smart materials, composites and technical textiles Electronic systems and programmable components Mechanical components and devices Materials Electronic systems, programmable components and mechanical devices Paper and boards Natural and manufactured timber Ferrous and non-ferrous metals Thermosetting and thermoforming polymers Natural, synthetic, blended and mixed fibres, and woven, non-woven and knitted textiles Develop and apply core knowledge, understanding and skills Year 11: Component 1: Section B Focus on the material category Timbers Component 2: Non-examined assessment Students undertake a project based on a contextual challenge. The project will test students' skills in investigating, designing, making and evaluating a prototype of a product	Year 10: Tests on topics taught so far, building to a full mock exam by the end of Year 10. NEA Coursework (Non-exam assessment) Starts June Year 11: Revision with specific topic tests including full mock exam. NEA Coursework (Non-exam assessment) Submission: April Exam Date: June	- Ensure your child completes homework tasks/End of unit tests (use Seneca, other online quizzes, exercise book) - Work through past papers and use the mark scheme. Exam questions can be found on the website and revision guides can be found on the Bitesize website under GCSE Design and Technology with the exam board Edexcel. https://apps.daydreameducation.com/pocket-poster-revision-guides/gcse-dt/ Also available as an app on apple devices. Just type in pocket posters in the search bar on the app store and find the GCSE Design and Technology one. Students will be given their individual login - Mind Mapping, revision cards or posters on key theory topics (chapters 1-12) which can be used to test knowledge and complete past papers. - Encourage the use of Knowledge organisers and revision work booklets containing practice questions and revision exercises. - Encourage your child to take an interest in why products are designed the way they are. Discuss issues surrounding sustainability, innovation or new products/technology in the news/media. - Use Browser based CAD programs to develop design skills such as Sketchup Web

Useful Websites: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z4nfwty>
<https://apps.daydreameducation.com/pocket-poster-revision-guides/gcse-dt>
<https://qualifications.pearson.com>

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Drama



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When	List of Topics	End of term Assessment	What can a parent do to support?
Year 10 Term 1	Introduction to GCSE Drama: practitioners, conventions, and devising	Assessment: Frantic Assembly Hymns Hands or Chairs Duet sequence in pairs and written evaluation	- Support your child with watching live theatre productions, this can be in digital form. - Create flashcards or mind maps about key practitioners: - Berkoff - Brecht - Artaud - Stanislavski - Frantic Assembly
Year 10 Term 2	UNIT 02 -Devising Drama: students will receive their stimulus for the devising exam and will begin their portfolio's which is made up of 3 sections	Draft 1: Section 1 of the portfolio	- Ensure homework tasks are being completed. - Encourage your child to attend after school rehearsals.
Year 10 Term 3	UNIT 02: Devising Drama 3 parts of portfolio completion; Section 2 and Section 3 and full performance	Draft 2: Section 1,2 and 3 of the portfolio.	- Students need to be attending a group rehearsal after school once a week. - Encourage students to meet deadlines for coursework submissions.
Year 10 Term 4	UNIT 02: Devising Drama PRACTICAL EXAM	Students will be performing their official devising exam this term which is worth 30% of their mark.	- Students need to be attending a group rehearsal after school once a week. - Encourage students to meet deadlines for coursework submissions.

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Year 10 Term 5	UNIT 04: <i>Blood Brothers</i> Text exploration: social, political, and historical context of the play	Exam Paper: Section A - Blood Brothers	• Read news articles based around Margaret Thatcher – what are some of the issues and events concerning her rise to power in the 80's? What is your opinion about this? What views do other people have? • Revise any key vocab that students have in the back of their books. • Consider building a vocabulary bank of words that your child could use when discussing performance techniques. • Purchase a copy of <i>Blood Brothers</i> by Willy Russell for your child.

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Year 11 Term 1 UNIT 04: <i>Blood Brothers</i> + Live Theatre Trip (Live Theatre trip for Written Exam)	Blood Brothers contexts including: • social • historical (time set and period written) • cultural - define how the social, historical and cultural contexts have an effect on the chosen performance text • the theatrical conventions of the period in which their text was created • the characteristics of their performance text including: • genres • structure • characters • form and style • theatrical setting (place) • plot and subplot • dialogue • stage directions • how meaning is communicated through: • the use of performance space and spatial relationships on stage • the relationship between performers and audience • the design of: set, props, costume, lighting and sound • an actor's vocal and physical interpretation of character • the use of performance conventions	Exam Paper: (mock) Section A: Blood Brothers	• Create flashcards with key/topics vocab. • Work through the revision guide, completing each task.
Year 11 Term 2 and 3	UNIT 03: Presenting and Performing and Concept Proforma	Mock assessment of PAP performance and real exam end of term 3	• Help your child to learn their lines • Students should be attending 1 rehearsal a week after school. • Create flashcards with key topics/vocab.
Year 11 Term 4	UNIT 04: Blood Brothers + LTE Revision	Full Paper - Mock Exam	• Work through the revision guide, completing each task.
Year 11 Term 5	UNIT 04: Blood Brothers + LTE Revision	Real written exam in May	• Ensure your child attends weekly revision sessions.

Useful Websites: [Blood Brothers - GCSE English Literature - BBC Bitesize](#)
[12 Tips for Learning Lines - Drama Resource](#)

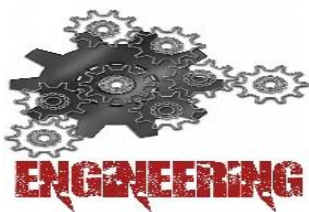
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GCSE Economics			
When	List of Topics	End of term Assessment	What can a parent do to support?
Year 10	Paper 1 Economic foundations Price determination Production, revenue, costs and profit Competitive and concentrated markets Market failure	End of topic assessments <u>Year 10</u> exam – paper 1 How markets work	Quick knowledge quizzes of key terms using each topic companion. Work through past papers and use mark scheme/compare to example answers. Test them using flashcards – all students will have copies Use tutor2u.net
Year 11	Paper 2 Introduction to National Economy Government objectives Fiscal policy Monetary policy Supply side policies International Trade and Globalisation	<u>Year 11</u> Mock window 1 Paper 1 – How markets work Mock window 2 Paper 2 - How the economy works	Replays of GCSE live-streams

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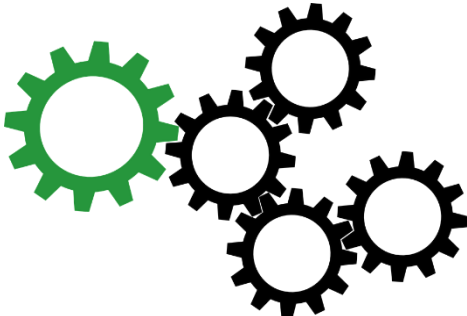
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Year 10 – R014 – Principles of engineering Topic 1 – Engineering Materials Topic 2 – Manufacturing Processes 1 x NEA unit coursework (non-exam assessment) Year 11 – Topic 3 – Manufacturing Requirements Topic 4 – Developments in Engineering manufacture 1 x NEA unit coursework (non-exam assessment)	R014 – Principles of engineering manufacture – Theory Exam Topic 1 – Engineering Materials including: • Properties and characteristics. • Metals, polymers, ceramics and composites • Smart and modern materials Topic 2 – Manufacturing Processes Including: • Fixed Machinery • Hand Tools • CAD/CAM • Industrial Processes Topic 3 – Manufacturing Requirements including: • Engineering drawings and standards • Scales of production • Quality control and assurance Topic 4 – Developments in Engineering manufacture including: • Inventory management • Lean Manufacturing • Globalisation and wider impact of the engineering industry Revision and reinforcement in preparation for exam dates – review of Topics 1-4 	Students complete one of the 2 NEA (Non-Exam Assessment) units per year of study. R016 – Manufacturing in quantity – submitted April 2026 R015 – Manufacturing a one-off product – submitted April 2025 R014 – Exam unit - Principles of Engineering Manufacture – May 2025 R015 and R016 units contribute 60% of the overall qualification, with the R014 exam unit making up the remaining 40% This qualification has terminal exam assessment, which means students can only sit the exam in Year 11. Elements of the exam also form part of the coursework, so students understanding of exam content will be further developed and applied through completing coursework tasks.	• Ensure your child completes all assigned homework tasks, these may be submitted via Teams or to teachers directly. • Ensure your child completes all assigned coursework activities within deadlines, which will be set in advance on Teams. These may be submitted via Teams or printed and handed to teachers directly. • R014 Revision guide activities – 30 minutes each week • Mind Mapping, revision cards or posters on key R014 topics which can be used to test knowledge and complete past papers. • Work through past papers and use the corresponding mark schemes provided (all found in the R014 folder on SharePoint) • Encourage the use of Knowledge organisers and revision work booklets containing practice questions and revision exercises. • Encourage your child to take an interest in why products are designed the way they are.

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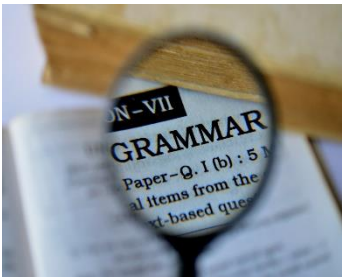
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			• Discuss issue surrounding sustainability, innovation or new products/technology in the news/media. • Use Browser based CAD programs to develop design skills such as Sketchup Web and Fusion 360 student edition. • Visit exhibitions or museums with engineering, science or technology links. • Watch documentaries or YouTube videos such as How it's made or How stuff works to help your child understand the resources, energy and work that goes into manufacturing a product.

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE - AQA

GCSE English Language

When	List of Topics	End of term Assessment	What can a parent do to support?
Year 10 Summer term 1	Paper 2: Writers' viewpoints and perspectives 	English language Paper 2 mock exam in the hall.	• Read the news – what are some of the issues and events concerning society? What is your opinion about this? What views do other people have? • Revise any language techniques your child could use to make their argument more convincing. For example, rhetorical questions, tripling, hyperbole, repetition, simple sentences. • Read an opinion article from BBC News or The Guardian. How do writers make their viewpoint clear and engaging? • Practise how to use punctuation accurately in your writing. • Consider building a vocabulary bank of words that your child could use to express their opinion. What could they use instead of saying this is a 'good' thing or has a 'bad' effect on people?

ENGLISH LANGUAGE - AQA

GCSE English Language

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Year 10 Summer Term 2	Spoken Language Endorsement	Students will be asked to present to their class for 5 minutes about a topic of their choice. They will then have to answer questions from their teacher and/or other students about their chosen topic. This is a separate grade from their English Language grade. They will be awarded a Pass/Merit/Distinction. 	• Discuss with your child what their interests are. What topics are they interested and passionate about? • Consider the positives and the negatives of your child's chosen topic. For example, the positives and negatives of teenagers having mobile phones. • Research some key facts or issues around the chosen topic in the news. What are people's opinions about this topic and why? • Consider a solution to the negative aspects of your topic. What could be done to turn this into a positive. • Watch examples of other people delivering presentations. What do you notice about their tone, pace and language they use? • Encourage your child to practise their speech with you as an audience. Ask them questions about their topic once the presentation is complete.

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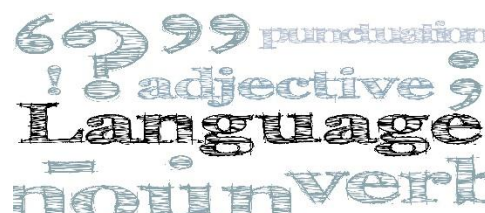
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Year 11 Autumn Term 2 and Spring Term 1	Paper 1: Explorations in creative reading and writing	Mock exam in the hall	Why do they want to read on? What questions and mood has been created? - Choose a paragraph from a fictional book. How has the writer used language to describe the setting, character, action? - Test your child on the definition of language techniques such as simile, metaphor, onomatopoeia, personification, alliteration. - Choose an image either online or on your phone. What would you describe in this image? What could you see, hear, taste, touch, smell? Can you create a sentence including a language technique? - Write a description of a character walking home. How do they walk, what is their personality like, what do they look like, is there something mysterious about them? - Practise how to use punctuation accurately in your writing. - Consider building a vocabulary bank of words that your child could use to describe a setting. - Revise how to use a range of sentence types: simple, compound, complex. Revise how to use different sentence starters and discourse markers to develop description and narrative: prepositional phrases, adverbial phrases, time connectives, adjectives, adverbs, subordinate clauses.

Useful Websites:

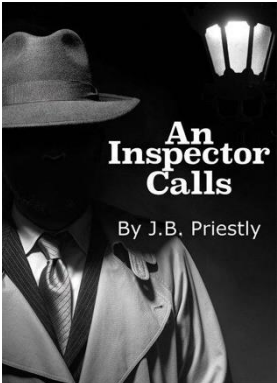
- AQA
- BBC Bitesize
- Seneca Learning
- BBC News
- The Guardian
- Oak National Academy
- Mr Bruff on YouTube

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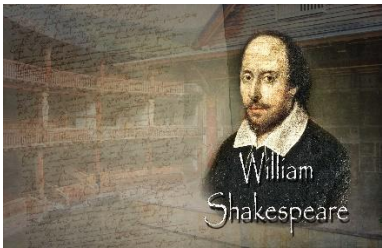
ENGLISH LITERATURE - EDEXCEL

English Literature

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Year 10 Autumn Term 1	An Inspector Calls by J.B. Priestley 	One question about character or theme	• Ask your child to compare life in 1912 (when the play is set) to life in 1945 (when the play was written). What attitudes had changed in society? • Define key terms such as capitalism and socialism. Explain how these two ideas link to the play. • Students have a list of key vocabulary in the back of their exercise books too. Test them on the definition of these words and explain how they link to the play. • Create a timeline of key events in the play which led to Eva Smith's death. • Create a character profile of Eric including details of his age, occupation, personality, hobbies, flaws, key quotes. • Revise Priestley's 'big ideas'. What messages was he trying to communicate through his play? • Create flashcards, Cornell notes or mind maps about key quotes, characters and themes in the play.

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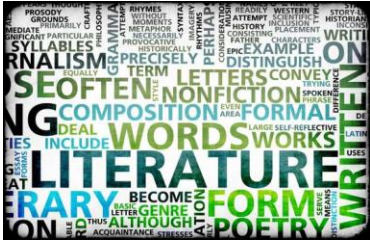
English Literature

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Year 10 Autumn Term 2	One Shakespeare play Either 'Macbeth' or 'Romeo and Juliet'	One question about character or theme in the play. 	• Ask your child to recall attitudes to power and gender at the time the play was written. • Define key terms such as power and tragedy. Explain how these two ideas link to the play. • Students have a list of key vocabulary in the back of their exercise books too. Test them on the definition of these words and explain how they link to the play. • Create a timeline of key events in the play. • Create a character profile including details of their personality, flaws, key quotes. • Revise Shakespeare's 'big ideas'. What messages was he trying to communicate through his play? • Create flashcards, Cornell notes or mind maps about key quotes, characters and themes in the play.

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English Literature			
When	List of Topics	End of term Assessment	What can a parent do to support?
Year 10 Spring Term 1	19th century novel EITHER A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens OR The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde 	One question about character or theme in the novel.	- Ask your child to recall attitudes to the class system, greed, reputation, and crime in Victorian England. - Define key terms such as morality and reputation. Explain how these two ideas link to the novel. - Students have a list of key vocabulary in the back of their exercise books too. Test them on the definition of these words and explain how they link to the novel. - Create a timeline of key events in the novel. Explain the importance of each event. - Create a character profile of Scrooge, Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde including details of their occupation, personality, hobbies, flaws, key quotes. - Revise Dickens' or Stevenson's 'big ideas'. What messages was he trying to communicate through his novel? - Create flashcards, Cornell notes or mind maps about key quotes, characters and themes in the novel.

ENGLISH LITERATURE - EDEXCEL

English Literature			
When	List of Topics	End of term Assessment	What can a parent do to support?
Year 10 Spring term 2	Unseen poetry 	Practice responses in books to two unseen poems linked by a similar topic	- Define poetic techniques and explain their effect. - Find a poem that you have never read before What is the main message? What techniques has the poet used and what effect do they have? - Have a go at answering some past papers.

ENGLISH LITERATURE - EDEXCEL

English Literature			
When	List of Topics	End of term Assessment	What can a parent do to support?
Year 11 Autumn Term 1	Conflict poetry: A collection of 15 poems selected by the Edexcel exam board 	English Literature Paper 2 mock exam in main hall	- Students have a list of key vocabulary in the back of their exercise books. Test them on the definition of these words and explain how they link to the poems. - Summarise each poem using no more than 5 bullet points of 'big ideas'. What messages are the poets trying to communicate through their poems? - Create flashcards, Cornell notes or mind maps about key quotes and themes in the poems. - Make a comparison diagram (a mind map or Venn diagram) highlighting the similarities or differences between two poems. - What is conflict? What different types of conflict have you seen in the poems you have studied?

Useful Websites:

- BBC Bitesize
- Seneca Learning
- The British Library
- Oak National Academy
- Mr Bruff on YouTube
- Sparknotes
- Digital Theatre+

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Mrs L Redfearn – KS4 Co-ordinator

FOOD PREPARATION AND NUTRITION

Food Preparation and Nutrition

When	List of Topics	End of term Assessment	What can a parent do to support?
Year 10	- Macro and micronutrients - Cooking methods - Food safety - Food provenance - Food science - Cooking method and heat transfer - International cuisine - Food choices	Last theory lesson of each half term.	- Quizzes use Seneca, - Work through past papers and use mark scheme/compare to example answers (all found on SharePoint) When you are cooking tea, ask your child to explain what is happening to the ingredients in that particular dish. For example; Why is that sauce going thick?
Year 11 Sep- Nov	NEA1 controlled assessment. This makes up 15% of their final grade and must be completed in class.	NA	Regular emails will go home with progress and deadlines for completion. Parental support is always gratefully appreciated in meeting the deadlines set.
Year 11 Nov - Mar	NEA2 controlled assessment. This makes up 35% of the final grade and must be completed in class. This element focusses on designing and making food for a particular target group or nutritional need.	NA	As this is the practical element pupils are encouraged to discuss with the parents and carers which recipes would be suitable. Although there are guidelines and design briefs to follow, we appreciate that this food will still need to be consumed at home and therefore recipes will need parental input.
Year 11 Apr - May	Revision of the syllabus covered in year 10. 	NA	- Work through past papers and use mark scheme/compare to example answers (all found on SharePoint) - Seneca - Use of revision guides Collins GCSE Grade 9-1 Revision - AQA GCSE 9-1 Food Preparation & Nutrition and illuminate digital textbook. Login Screen https://www.illuminate.digital/agafood/ Username: SARTHUR3 Password: STUDENT3

Staff Contacts: Mrs R Bowman – Head of Food Technology

GEOGRAPHY



Geography			
When	List of Topics	End of term Assessment	What can a parent do to support?
Year 10 Autumn term	Paper 1 - Section A: natural hazards overview, tectonic hazards and weather hazards	Tectonic hazards end of topic test (EOTT) Weather hazards EOTT	1. Encourage children to make a revision timetable to plan out days and times they are going to complete Geography revision. Parents can also keep track of the revision they have completed/are completing. 2. Encourage children to make a list of key terms for each topic area and make revision materials out of these, such as flash cards which parents can use to regularly test their children. 3. Encourage children to use PLC (personal learning checklists) to evaluate their understanding of the topic areas and then focus on the areas they are least secure in. 4. Encourage children to practise exam questions regularly. They can find these in their class books, from the AQA GCSE Geography website or using Seneca Learning. 5. Encourage children to use Seneca Learning website even if they don't have a specific assignment. They can find information and quizzes on all of the topics by searching AQA GCSE Geography. 6. Encourage children to regularly watch or read the news. Much of Geography links to current events which are happening (eg, an earthquake or volcanic eruption). Parents should discuss with their children the link to their Geography studies. 7. Encourage children to watch documentaries such as ones about different natural environments or cities or sustainability. Parents should discuss with their child the links to their Geography studies.
	Paper 2 - Section A: Urbanisation, Lagos	Urbanisation EOTT Lagos EOTT	
Year 10 Spring term	Paper 1 - Section A: climate change Section B: ecosystems	Climate change EOTT Ecosystems EOTT	
	Paper 2 - Section A: London Section B: Economic development	London EOTT Economic development EOTT	
Year 10 Summer term	Paper 1 - Section C: UK physical landscapes, coasts	Coasts EOTT Year 10 mock exam combines papers 1&2	
	Paper 2 - Section B: Nigeria and UK economies	Year 10 mock exam combines papers 1&2	
Year 11 Autumn term	Paper 3 - Section B: Physical fieldwork in Hunstanton Paper 1 - Section B: tropical rainforests and cold environments	Physical fieldwork EOTT Tropical rainforest EOTT Rivers EOTT	
	Paper 2 - Section C: resources and energy	Nigeria and UK economies EOTT Resources EOTT Energy EOTT	
Year 11 Spring term	Paper 3 - Section A: pre-release material Paper 1 - Revision	Year 11 mock exams (papers 1, 2 & 3)	
	Paper 3 - Section B: Human fieldwork in Glington Paper 2 - Revision	Year 11 mock exam (papers 1, 2 & 3)	
Year 11 Summer Term	All papers - Revision	External examinations for all 3 papers	

Useful Websites: BBC Bitesize- look at the AQA GCSE Geography information.
Seneca Learning- look at the AQA GCSE Geography information.

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11A2 - Mrs Brisbourne / Miss Cartwright
11B1 - Miss Cartwright / Mr Pepper
11D1 - Mrs Brisbourne / Mrs Ward
11D2 - Mrs Veale / Mr Pepper



OCR Level 1 / 2 Cambridge National Certificate in Health and Social Care

Health and Social Care		
When	List of Topics	What can a parent do to support?
All learners will be required to complete two mandatory units and one optional unit over the two-year course. R032 Principles of care in health and social care settings GLH 48 (MANDATORY) This is an externally assessed unit – ‘Terminal assessment’ - the exam must be taken in the final assessment series before qualification certification. Students have one lesson a fortnight learning the content for this exam from the start of the course, up until its completion. R033 Supporting individuals through life events GLH 36 (MANDATORY) This is assessed by a Set Assignment (Coursework) - NEA unit assessed internally and moderated by OCR. YEAR 10 – SEPTEMBER until MAY	Key topics that are important when caring for and protecting people in health and social care. YEAR 10 Topics include: • Topic Area 1 The rights of service users in health and social care settings • Topic Area 2 Person-centred values of care YEAR 11 Topics include: • Topic Area 3 Effective communication in health and social care • Topic Area 4 Protecting service users and service providers in health and social care settings Key topics are growth and development through the life stages and how to understand the needs of individuals who have been affected by life events and how to recommend support to meet their needs. YEAR 10 Topics include: • Topic Area 1 Life stages • Topic Area 2 Impacts of life events • Topic Area 3 Sources of support	Cambridge National Level 1 / 2 Revision Book (available to purchase or as an online copy on SharePoint). • Quick knowledge quizzes (use online textbook and notes in exercise book). • Prior to June complete examination work through sample/past papers and use mark schemes to provide example answers (paper copies provided or available on SharePoint). Students must interview someone and provide evidence for the completion of Topic Area 2. Parents can facilitate this, by being the interviewee. Encourage to meet deadlines set.



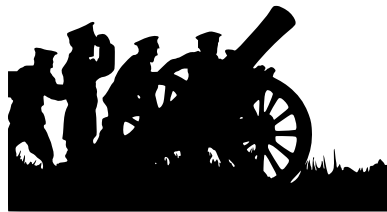
OCR Level 1 / 2 Cambridge National Certificate in Health and Social Care

Health and Social Care		
When	List of Topics	What can a parent do to support?
R035 Health promotion campaigns GLH 36 (OPTIONAL) This is assessed by a Set Assignment (Coursework) - NEA unit assessed internally and moderated by OCR. MAY of YEAR 10 until JANUARY of YEAR 11	In this unit the learner will research health promotion campaigns and learn about their benefits to society. They will also plan and deliver their own health promotion campaign. Topics include: • Topic Area 1 Current public health issues and the impact on society • Topic Area 2 Factors influencing health • Topic Area 3 Plan and create a health promotion campaign • Topic Area 4 Deliver and evaluate a health promotion campaign 	Students must plan and deliver a health campaign. Parents can consult and support with their knowledge on the focus topic area. Encourage to meet deadlines set.

Useful Websites: <https://www.ocr.org.uk/>
 <https://www.nhs.uk/>

Staff Contacts: Ms F Thomas – Head of Health and Social Care

HISTORY

History			
When	List of Topics	End of term Assessment	What can a parent do to support?
Summer term of Year 9 through to November/December of Year 10	1918-1939, Weimar and Nazi Germany	Students will be routinely tested in class and through homework using Germany exam style questions.	See letter sent home at the start of GCSE which outlines the textbooks we use and the revision material available for this course. All students are given a 'peach booklet' which covers all the key knowledge across the GCSE. Parents can support by testing students on key knowledge and encouraging the use of Seneca as often as possible as a vital revision tool.
December of Year 10 through to February/March	Early Elizabethan England, 1558-1588	Students will be routinely tested in class and through homework using Cold War exam style questions.	We will monitor the use of Seneca and will expect students to complete any sections in full which they may be given to complete for homework.
March of Year 10 through to October Year 11	Crime and Punishment (and Whitechapel) 1000-present day	Students will be routinely tested in class and through homework using Elizabeth exam style questions.	Ensure any work set via Homework booklets is complete. As above
October of Year 11 through to February of Year 11	Superpower Relations and the Cold War, 1941-1991	Students will be routinely tested in class and through homework using Crime and Punishment style questions.	As above 

HISTORY

History			
When	List of Topics	End of term Assessment	What can a parent do to support?
February of Year 11 through to exams	Revision of all four examined topics alongside key skills	Timed practice, using exemplar material to model successful answers, revision tests of key knowledge	Students will have access to past papers. Ask them to tell you how they would answer certain questions, what knowledge/structure would they use? Come up with a revision of strategy that starts in February of Year 11, to recap knowledge not studied since Year 10.

Useful Websites:

- www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize and then search for GCSE History. Our exam board is Edexcel.
- All students can also access Audiopi which are short podcasts on various aspects of Elizabethan rule. How to access is on the big letter sent home at the start of Year 10 and again in Year 11 and the students have the log in details on Teams.
- The History Teacher on YouTube does excellent revision videos on all four examined units.

Staff Contacts: Mrs K Price – Head of History / or class teacher



Cambridge Nationals in Information Technology

Information Technology



When	List of Topics	End of term Assessment	What can a parent do to support?
Year 10 Sep – Dec	R060 – Data manipulation using spreadsheets TA1 Planning and designing the spreadsheet solution TA2 Creating the spreadsheet solution TA3 Testing the spreadsheet solution TA4 Evaluating the spreadsheet solution	R060 Coursework submission	Practice Excel skills using Free Excel Tutorials at GCFGlobal website and Excel. Practice creating Mind maps and visualisations diagrams for a spreadsheet
Year 10 Jan – Apr	R070 Using augmented reality to present information TA1 Augmented reality TA2 Designing an AR model prototype TA3 Creating an AR model prototype TA4 Testing and reviewing	R070 Coursework submission	Practice AR skills using AR software (TBC) Practice creating Mind maps and visualisation diagrams for an AR product
Year 10 May – Jul	R050 IT in the digital world (exam content) TA1 Design tools TA2 Human Computer Interface in everyday life	Paper/online tests at the end of each topic Practice past paper questions	Test knowledge of key terminology (listed on Class Notebook) Practice with past papers and compare answers to mark scheme

Cambridge Nationals in Information Technology

Information Technology			
When	List of Topics	End of term Assessment	What can a parent do to support?
Year 11 Sept – Dec	R050 IT in the digital world (exam content) TA3 Data and testing TA4 Cyber-security and legislation TA5 Digital communications TA6 Internet of Everything (IoE)	Paper/online tests at the end of each topic Practice Past paper questions	Test knowledge of key terminology (listed on Class Notebook) Practice with past papers and compare answers to mark scheme
Year 11 Jan – May	Revise through all TA's for January exam Resit opportunity for coursework/exam 		

Useful Websites:

[Free Excel Tutorials at GCFCGlobal](#)
[Best courses | Boost \(boost-learning.com\)](#)

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 Mr I Wooster – Teacher of ICT

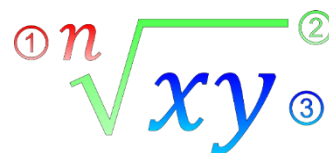
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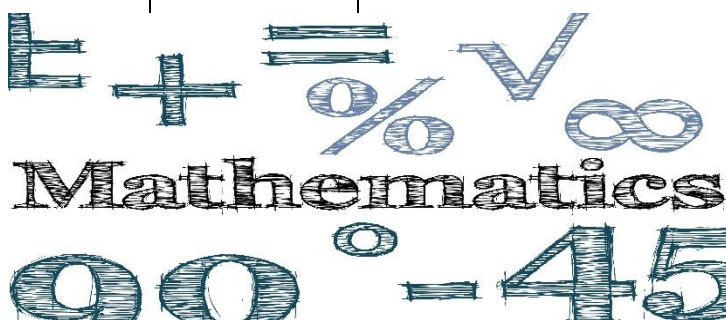
When	List of Topics	End of term Assessment	What can a parent do to support?
Year 10 Half Term 1	Calculations, Checking and rounding Algebra Basics Indices, roots, reciprocals Factors, multiples, primes, Standard form Surds Averages and range	Just before October half term.	• Test meaning of key words. • Test recall of formulae • Check homework completion.
Year 10 Half Term 2	Equations Sequences Representing and interpreting Data Fractions and Decimals Scatter Diagrams	Just before the Christmas holiday	• Check completion of any correct and reflect activities from teacher feedback.
Year 10 Half Term 3	Ratio and Proportion Angles and Parallel lines Pythagoras Perimeter and Area Linear Graphs and Coordinate Geometry Percentages	Just before Feb half term.	• Ask students to explain the methods they are using to you. • Encourage completion of the problem-solving question of the fortnight.
Year 10 Half Term 4	Angles in Polygons Trigonometry Quadratic, Cubic and other graphs Cumulative Frequency	Just before Easter	• Students will complete test analysis sheets for internal tests, which will also highlight areas they need to work on.
Year 10 Half Term 5	Circles 3D forms and Volume Transformations Accuracy and Bounds Measures of Spread	Practice exam paper for Year 10 exam	• Encourage students to work on areas of weakness identified using revision guides, Mathswatch and Seneca.
Year 10 Half Term 6	Solving Quadratics Bearings Data Collection, Sampling and Questionnaires	Year 10 exam	
Year 11 Half Term 1	Circle Theorems Inequalities Histograms Transformations Gradient and area under a graph Compound measures Pie Charts	Just before half term	• Completion of the 5 a day questions that are sent out in Year 11.

MATHEMATICS HIGHER



Mathematics Higher

When	List of Topics	End of term Assessment	What can a parent do to support?
Year 11 Half Term 2	Constructions and Loci Trigonometric graphs Further Trigonometry Circle Geometry Simultaneous Equations Functions	Year 11 Mock exam	
Year 11 Half Term 3	Reciprocal and Exponential Graphs Vectors and geometric proof. Surds Algebraic fractions Transposition of formula Proof Trial of improvement	Year 11 Mock exam 2 Key fact test before Easter	
Year 11 Half Term 4	Direct and inverse proportion Expanding multiple brackets Choices and outcomes Probability Similarity and congruence in 2D and 3D		
Year 11 Half Term 5	Revision for Exam		

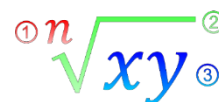


Useful Websites

- Mathswatch VLE – videos and practice questions
- Seneca
- Oak Academy
- BBC Bitesize.
- Corbett Maths

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MATHEMATICS – FOUNDATION

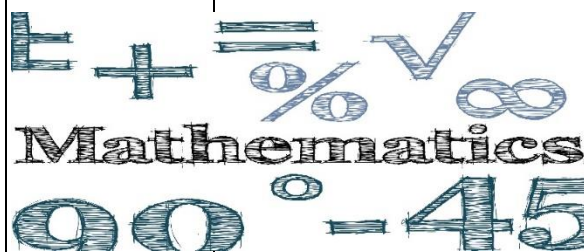


Mathematics - Foundation

When	List of Topics	End of term Assessment	What can a parent do to support?
Year 10 Half term 1	Written integer Calculations Mental methods Rounding to powers of 10 to estimate Angles – simple up to angles in triangle including parallel lines Simplifying expressions Indices powers and roots Decimal calculations Expanding and factorising expressions Substitution Two way tables and charts	Just before October half term.	• Test meaning of key words. • Test recall of formulae. • Check homework completion. • Check completion of any correct and reflect activities from teacher feedback.
Year 10 Half term 2	Fraction calculations Fraction decimals and percentage equivalence Solving linear equations Inequalities Sequences Quadrilaterals Factors, Multiples and primes Averages	Just before the Christmas holiday	• Ask students to explain the methods they are using to you. • Encourage completion of the problem-solving question of the fortnight.
Year 10 Half term 3	Percentages including increase and decrease Polygons including angles in them Straight line graphs Pie Charts Scatter diagrams	Just before Feb half term.	• Students will complete test analysis sheets for internal tests, which will also highlight areas they need to work on.
Year 10 Half term 4	Perimeter and area of basic shapes Volume and surface area for prisms Real life Graphs	Just before Easter	• Encourage students to work on areas of weakness identified using revision guides, Mathswatch and Seneca.
Year 10 Half term 5	Transformations Ratio Proportion	Practice exam paper for Year 10 exam	
Year 10 Half term 6	Right angled triangles Compound measures Plans and elevations Data Collection	Year 10 exam	• Completion of the 5 a day questions that are sent out in Year 11.

MATHEMATICS – FOUNDATION

Mathematics – Foundation			
When	List of Topics	End of term Assessment	What can a parent do to support?
Year 11 Half term 1	Indices and Standard form Algebra recall Fractions Perimeter, area and Volume – Circles and 3D Vectors Constructions and Loci	Just before half term Year 11 Mock exam	
Year 11 Half term 2	Percentages and Variation Bearings Quadratics	Year 11 Mock exam 2	
Year 11 Half term 3	Similarity and congruence Equations Simultaneous Equations Graphs	Key fact test before Easter	
Year 11 Half term 4	Probability Further Algebra Time Series		
Year 11 Half term 5	Revision for Exam		



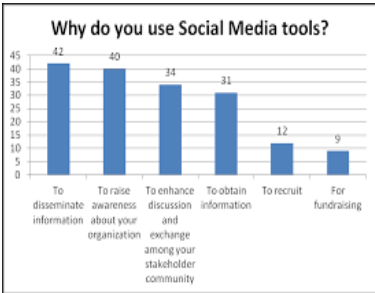
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BTEC TECH AWARD IN CREATIVE MEDIA PRODUCTIONS

Media Productions

When	List of Topics	End of term Assessment	What can a parent do to support?
Term 1 Year 10: Sep - Dec 	Unit R093: Creative iMedia in the media industry This is an examination unit that will be taught through the two years. Students will learn in Year 10 about the media industry, factors influencing product design and pre-production planning. In these units we will be teaching the fundamentals of working in a creative industry.	In the summer term in Year 11	Talk with students about what they are learning, so that they can use knowledge in everyday conversation. 
Term 2 Year 10: Jan - Apr	Unit R094: Visual identity and digital graphics This is an NEA assessment, where students will make a final product meeting a client brief. In this unit students will be taught skills and an understanding of how to follow a brief and the elements that go into making a product.	March	Discuss ideas and allow students to look at a variety of products imagery in a range of products such as film, tv and print based.
Term 3 – Year 10 Term 1 – Year 11 Apr - Jul	Unit R095: Characters and Comics In this NEA assessment unit, students will explore in depth how to create characters and comics. They will design and develop original characters through a practical approach, building their design skills and gaining a clear understanding of how to construct a successful creative project, from initial ideas through to a fully realised outcome.	October in Year 11	Students can access Adobe Creative Cloud both in and outside the classroom using their school login. We encourage them to use this access to practise and build confidence with the software. In addition, reading and exploring comics will help develop their understanding of key conventions; these resources are available through the school library.

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French

Modern Foreign Languages



French			
When	List of Topics	End of term Assessment	What can a parent do to support?
		Easter End of Unit 4 assessments (Listening Reading Writing Speaking)	To prepare for the speaking exam: • Complete and practise French speaking questions • Record your answers on your phone • Learn the chat mat phrases for the photo task
		June Mock Exams (Listening Reading Writing Speaking mock exams)	To prepare for the listening and reading exam: • Complete listening, reading and grammar tasks assigned on ActiveHub • Listen to French podcasts • Watch French movies/TV series or put on French subtitles and/or audio • Practise with past listening and reading papers and use mark scheme. Compare to sample answers • Revise vocabulary using Quizlet and Memrise To prepare for the writing exam: • Practise with past writing papers and use mark scheme. Compare to sample answers • Once a week write a 90 words (foundation) 150 words (higher) on the current topic

Modern Foreign Languages

French

When	List of Topics	End of term Assessment	What can a parent do to support?
What content will be taught in Year 11?	- Module 6: Our planet - Module 7 My area - Module 8 Future Plans 	October Half term End of Unit 6 assessments (Listening Reading Writing Speaking) November Mock exams (Listening Reading Writing Speaking mock exams) Christmas End of Unit 7 assessments (Listening Reading Writing Speaking) February Half Term End of Unit 8 assessments (Listening Reading Writing Speaking)	How should my child prepare for the mock exams at the end of Year 11 - Attend weekly after school booster sessions - Revise tenses using exercise books and notes - Use knowledge organiser booklets provided - Use vocabulary booklet provided - spend 15 minutes each day learning vocabulary - Use sentence builders provided - Use resources on Padlet and Microsoft teams - Keep folder organised - Keep book organised and neat - Complete all homework set - Do 20 minutes 3x per week on Seneca - Use websites such as GCSE Bitesize and Duolingo - Purchase revision guide and revision workbook containing grammar / vocabulary / tenses / complex structures (Pearson AQA new GCSE specification) - Use a bilingual dictionary paper or online (eg Collins) rather than GoogleTranslate - Make flashcards/ mindmaps

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French			
When	List of Topics	End of term Assessment	What can a parent do to support?
	 	March (Listening Reading Writing Speaking)	To prepare for the speaking exam: • Complete and practise French speaking questions • Record your answers on your phone • Learn the chat mat phrases for the photo task To prepare for the listening and reading exam: • Complete listening, reading and grammar tasks assigned on ActiveHub • Listen to French podcasts • Watch French movies/TV series or put on French subtitles and/or audio • Practise with past listening and reading papers and use mark scheme. Compare to sample answers • Revise vocabulary using Quizlet and Memrise To prepare for the writing exam: • Practise with past writing papers and use mark scheme Compare to sample answers • Once a week write a 90 words (foundation) 150 words (higher) on the current topic

Staff Contacts: Mr J Ros – Head of Modern Foreign Languages

Modern Foreign Languages



Spanish

When	List of Topics	End of term Assessment	What can a parent do to support?
What content will be taught in Year 10? 	- Module 2: Holidays - Module 3: Self and family - Module 4: Lifestyle - Module 5: Education	October half term Listening Reading Writing Speaking assessments End of Module 2 Tests Christmas (December/start of January) End of Module 3 Tests Listening Reading Writing Speaking assessments (February-March) End of Unit 4 Test (March-April) Mock Exams (June-July) Listening Reading Writing Speaking Exam	Useful revision resources: - Attend weekly after school booster sessions - Revisit previous modules regularly - Revise tenses using exercise books and notes - Use knowledge organiser booklets provided - Use vocabulary booklet provided - spend 15 minutes each day learning vocabulary - Use sentence builders provided - Use resources on Padlet and Microsoft teams - Keep folder organised - Keep book organised and neat - Complete all homework set - Do 20 minutes 3x per week on Seneca - Use websites such as GCSE Bitesize, Quizlet, Duolingo, Seneca - Purchase revision guide and revision workbook containing grammar / vocabulary / tenses / complex structures (Pearson AQA new GCSE specification) - Use a bilingual dictionary paper or online (eg Collins) rather than Google Translate - Make flashcards/ mind maps To prepare for the speaking exam: - Complete and practise Spanish speaking questions - Practice Role-Plays To prepare for their listening and reading exam: - Complete listening, reading and grammar tasks assigned on ActiveHub - Listen to Spanish podcasts - Watch Spanish movies/TV series or put on Spanish subtitles and/or audio - Practise with past listening and reading papers and use mark scheme. Compare to sample answers - Revise vocabulary using Quizlet, Seneca, Memrise To prepare for their writing exam: - Practise with past writing papers and use mark scheme Compare to sample answers - Once a week write a 90 words (foundation) 150 words (higher) on the current topic

Modern Foreign Languages



Spanish

When	List of Topics	End of term Assessment	What can a parent do to support?
What content will be taught in Year 11?	- Module 6 Local Area - Module 7 Our Planet - Module 8 Ambition and Future Plans	Listening Reading Writing Speaking assessments (October-November) Year 11 November Speaking mocks End of Module 7 Tests Listening Reading Writing Speaking assessments (January-February) Year 11 March mock assessments GCSE Spanish exams for all four skills including Speaking exam (May-June)	How should my child prepare for assessments at the end of Year 11? - Attend weekly after school booster sessions - Revise tenses using exercise books and notes - Use knowledge organiser booklets provided - Use vocabulary booklet provided - spend 15 minutes each day learning vocabulary - Use sentence builders provided - Use resources on Padlet and Microsoft teams - Keep folder organised - Keep book organised and neat - Complete all homework set - Do 20 minutes 3x per week on Seneca - Use websites such as GCSE Bitesize and Duolingo - Purchase revision guide and revision workbook containing grammar / vocabulary / tenses / complex structures (Pearson AQA <u>new</u> GCSE specification) - Use a bilingual dictionary paper or online (eg Collins) rather than GoogleTranslate - Make flashcards/mind maps To prepare for the speaking exam: - Complete and practise Spanish speaking questions To prepare for their listening and reading exam: - Complete listening, reading and grammar tasks assigned on ActiveHub - Listen to Spanish podcasts - Watch Spanish movies/TV series or put on French subtitles and/or audio - Practise with past listening and reading papers and use mark scheme. Compare to sample answers - Revise vocabulary using Quizlet and Memrise To prepare for their writing exam: - Practise with past writing papers and use mark scheme. Compare to sample answers - Once a week write a 90 words (foundation) 150 words (higher) on the current topic



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MUSIC

Music			
When (Periods of controlled conditions)	List of Topics	End of term Assessment	What can a parent do to support?
Jan - May Year 1	Component 1 – Exploring music products and styles. Students will study a range of musical styles that will include Rock music, House music, The Blues, Film music, Folk music. Styles will vary from year to year. Students will have a period of teaching, where they can gather class notes and examples of music that they have found or created. They then produce a portfolio of research and examples during a period of controlled conditions. Component 2 – Music Skills development Students are controlled conditions from September and the initial deadline is 1 December 2024. This is marked internally. Students are working in two disciplines out of performance, composition, and production. They must demonstrate the ability to plan for and demonstrate improvement in their skills through the preparation of two outcomes which will be performed/recorded at the end of the period of controlled conditions. Students will hand in a powerpoint detailing their progress and outcomes. Component 3 – Responding to a music brief will be started in January 2025. This is marked externally. Students will prepare a practical response in two disciplines Performance, composition or production	Period of controlled assessment is: September to December in Year 1	Encourage your child to listen to as much music in the different styles as possible. All work during the assessment period has to be completed at school. Attendance at school is vital during assessment periods.
Sep - Dec Year 2		Period of controlled assessment is: September to December in Year 2.	
January - May Year 2		Period of controlled assessment is: January to April in Year 2.	 Components 1 and 2 can be re-sat during the next assessment window

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AQA GCSE PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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When	List of Topics	End of term Assessment	What can a parent do to support?
September – December Year 1	Health, fitness and well-being – Paper 2: Socio-cultural influences and well-being in physical activity and sport. Applied anatomy and physiology – Paper 1: The human body and movement in physical activity and sport.	October – Health and fitness. December – Diet and nutrition October – Skeletal System December – Musculo-skeletal system	Using exercise books/ text books and revision guides to help revise. Mini Quizzes. Setting up independent revision timetables. Making sure pupils are completing homework's which are set through Seneca and revising for end of topic tests.
January - April Year 1	Sports psychology – Paper 2: Socio-cultural influences and well-being in physical activity and sport.	April – Sports Psychology and information processing	Encourage to attend after school revision lessons towards the end of year 2. Reading around the subject such as sports magazines/ latest news.
January – February Year 1	Movement analysis – Paper 1: The human body and movement in physical activity and sport	February – Biomechanics	Watching a range of sports competitions as a lot of the theory is applied to different sports.
February – July Year 1	Applied anatomy and physiology – Paper 1: The human body and movement in physical activity and sport.	April – Respiratory System July – Cardiovascular System	Revising 'command words' so they have access to the questions. Allowing access to computers to allow time to complete coursework at home.
May – July Year 1	None examined Assessment.	Coursework and practical evidence	Gathering video evidence for practical coursework by recording full competitions.
September – December Year 2	Physical training – Paper 1: The human body and movement in physical activity and sport.	October - Components of fitness and principles of training December – Injury prevention and training methods	Helping to edit the video footage by making it easy to identify the student within the footage. Helping the pupil with video commentary. Timestamping where key moments happened within a competition where applicable.



AQA GCSE Physical Education

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When	List of Topics	End of term Assessment	What can a parent do to support?
September - December Year 2	Sports psychology – Paper 2: Socio-cultural influences and well-being in physical activity and sport.	October – feedback, guidance and theories of arousal December – Aggression, personality and motivation.	
January - April Year 2	Socio-cultural influences – Paper 2: Socio-cultural influences and well-being in physical activity and sport.	February – Commercialisation and technology in sport April – Drugs in sport and behaviours	
January - April Year 2	None examined Assessment	Coursework and practical evidence	
May/June Year 2	All exam content over the 2 years	Paper 1 and Paper 2 official exams	

Useful Websites:

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

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

[AQA | GCSE | Physical Education | Specification at a glance](#)

[GCSE Physical Education Revision Guide | CGP Books](#)

[AQA GCSE PE Paper 1 2023 Revision \(youtube.com\)](#)



Staff Contacts: Mr T Neaverson (Head of PE)

R.E. FULL COURSE

RE Full Course

When	List of Topics	End of term Assessment	What can a parent do to support?
Year 10: Term 1 – Term 2 Christian Beliefs (Nature of God, Problem of Evil & Suffering, Trinity, Creation, Holy Week, Atonement, Eschatology) Human Rights (What are human rights, dignity of human life, personal conviction, censorship, freedom of religious expression, extremism, prejudice, racism, wealth & poverty) Good & Evil (Morality, Causes of Crime, Justice, Aims of Punishment, Treatment of Criminals, Prison Chaplains, Death Penalty, forgiveness, theodicies) Term 2- Term 3 Hindu Beliefs (Nature of Brahman, Trimurti, Shakti, Visnu's Avatars, Murtis, Soul, Purpose of Life, Responses to Suffering, Virtues, Cosmology)		For each unit: key word tests End of unit practice exam assessments	For Each unit: - Practice key words / meaning for all 8 units - Test knowledge using topic booklets on Teams - Test knowledge of sources of wisdom for each unit (e.g. relevant Bible quotes) - Play “devil’s advocate” on moral issues e.g. reasons for and against euthanasia - Discuss content of literacy homework tasks - Encourage student to complete work missed due to absence
Year 11: Term 1- Term 2 Christian Practices (Worship, Prayer, Sacraments, Pilgrimage, Festivals, UK laws and traditions, church in the local community, evangelism & missionary work, poverty, persecution and reconciliation) Hindu Practices (Places and types of worship, Hindu denominations, Festivals, Pilgrimages, Gurus, Social Concern) Life and Death (Scientific theories on origins, religious creation stories, environment, sanctity of life, abortion, euthanasia, life after death, funerals) Term 2-3 Relationships (Role of Family, Cohabitation, Marriage, Divorce, sex, contraception, gender roles)			

Useful Websites: BBC Bitesize / <https://iskconeducationalservices.org/HoH/> / Seneca

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Combined Science



Combined Science

When	List of Topics	End of term Assessment	What can a parent do to support?
Year 9 (GCSE Content begin in Year 9 for science)	Biology: - B1 Cell Biology - B4 Bioenergetics Chemistry: - C1 Atomic Structure and the Periodic Table - C2 Bonding, Structure, and the Properties of Matter - C5 Energy Changes Physics: - P1 Energy - P3 Particle Model	End of topic tests take place at the end of each topic. End of year exam takes place after the Easter holidays and includes B1, C1, C2 and P1.	For all year groups: - Ensure your child completes all homework and catches up on any missed work. - Do 30 minutes 2X per week revision starting as early as possible. This can include: - Completing questions in Collins Revision Guide or GCP Workbooks - Doing quizzes on Seneca - Making revision mind maps - Making and going through flashcards - Completing past exam papers
Year 10	Biology: - B2 Organisation - B3 Infection & Response - B5 Homeostasis and Response Chemistry: - C3 Quantitative Chemistry - C4 Chemical Changes - C6 Rates of Reaction Physics: - P2 Electricity - P4 Atomic Structure (Radioactivity) - P5 Forces Note – Exact topics covered depends on the class. For some classes, some topics may not be covered until Year 11 and other classes may study additional topics from the Year 11 list shown on the next page.	End of topic tests take place at the end of each topic. End of year exam, also known as mock exams, will be full paper 1 GCSE papers for each of the sciences and therefore will include topics from Year 9 and Year 10: Biology: B1, B2, B3 & B4. Chemistry: C1, C2, C3, C4 & C5. Physics: P1, P2, P3 & P4.	Test your child for 10 minutes a week on what they have been revising or covering in lessons. You can use revision guides or their exercise book to help.

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When	List of Topics	End of term Assessment	What can a parent do to support?
Year 11	Biology: - B6 Inheritance, Variation & Evolution - B7 Ecology Chemistry: - C7 Organic Chemistry (Hydrocarbons) - C8 Chemical Analysis - C9 Chemistry of the Atmosphere - C10 Using Resources Physics: - P6 Waves - P7 Magnetism and Electromagnetism	End of topic tests take place at the end of each topic. There are 2 mock exam windows, the first begins at the end of November. In this mock exam window students will sit full paper 1 GCSE papers for each of the sciences and therefore will include topics from Year 9 and Year 10: Biology: B1, B2, B3 & B4. Chemistry: C1, C2, C3, C4 & C5. Physics: P1, P2, P3 & P4. Please note that the first set of mocks is used to determine tier of entry (foundation or higher). The second mock exam window takes place in March and will be as close as possible to full paper 2 GCSE papers for each of the sciences and therefore will include topics from Year 10 and Year 11: Biology: B5, B6 & B7. Chemistry: C6, C7, C8, C9 & C10. Physics: P5, P6 & P7.	

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SINGLE SCIENCE BIOLOGY

Single Science Biology

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Year 9 (GCSE Content begin in Year 9 for science)	- B1 Cell Biology - B4 Bioenergetics	End of topic tests take place at the end of each topic. End of year exam takes place after the Easter holidays and includes topics from all 3 sciences: B1, C1, C2 and P1.	For all year groups: - Ensure your child completes all Homework and catches up on any missed work. - Do 30 minutes 2X per week revision starting as early as possible. This can include: - Completing questions in Collins Revision Guide or GCP Workbooks - Doing quizzes on Seneca - Making revision mind maps - Making and going through flashcards - Completing past exam papers
Year 10	- B2 Organisation - B3 Infection & Response - B5 Homeostasis and Response Note – Exact topics covered depends on the class. For some classes, some topics may not be covered until Year 11 and other classes may study additional topics from the Year 11 list below.	End of topic tests take place at the end of each topic. End of year exam, also known as mock exams, will be full GCSE Biology Paper 1 and therefore will include topics from Year 9 and Year 10: B1, B2, B3 and B4.	
Year 11	- B6 Inheritance, Variation & Evolution - B7 Ecology	End of topic tests take place at the end of each topic. There are 2 mock exam windows, the first begins at the end of November. In this mock exam window students will sit full GCSE Biology Paper 1 and therefore will include topics from Year 9 and year 10: B1, B2, B3 and B4. Please note that the first set of mocks is used to determine tier of entry (foundation or higher). The second mock exam window takes place in March and will be as close as possible to full GCSE Biology Paper 2 and therefore will include topics from Year 10 and Year 11: B5, B6 and B7.	Test your child for 10 minutes a week on what they have been revising or covering in lessons. You can use revision guides or their exercise book to help. 

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SINGLE SCIENCE CHEMISTRY

Single Science Chemistry

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Year 9 (GCSE Content begin in year 9 for science)	- C1 Atomic Structure and the Periodic Table - C2 Bonding, Structure, and the Properties of Matter - C5 Energy Changes	End of topic tests take place at the end of each topic. End of year exam takes place after the easter holidays and includes topics from all 3 sciences: B1, C1, C2 and P1.	For all year groups: Ensure your child completes all Homework and catches up on any missed work.
Year 10	- C3 Quantitative Chemistry - C4 Chemical Changes - C6 Rates of Reaction Note – Exact topics covered depends on the class. For some classes, some topics may not be covered until Year 11 and other classes may study additional topics from the Year 11 list below.	End of topic tests take place at the end of each topic. End of year exam, also known as mock exams, will be full GCSE Chemistry Paper 1 and therefore will include topics from Year 9 and Year 10: C1, C2, C3, C4 & C5.	- Do 30 minutes 2X per week revision starting as early as possible. This can include: - Completing questions in Collins Revision Guide or GCP Workbooks.
Year 11	- C7 Organic Chemistry (Hydrocarbons) - C8 Chemical Analysis - C9 Chemistry of the Atmosphere C10 Using Resources 	End of topic tests take place at the end of each topic. There are 2 mock exam windows, the first begins at the end of November. In this mock exam window students will sit full GCSE Chemistry Paper 1 and therefore will include topics from Year 9 and Year 10: C1, C2, C3, C4 & C5. Please note that the first set of mocks is used to determine tier of entry (foundation or higher). The second mock exam window takes place in March and will be as close as possible to full GCSE Chemistry Paper 2 and therefore will include topics from Year 10 and Year 11: C6, C7, C8, C9 & C10.	- Doing quizzes on Seneca - Making revision mind maps - Making and going through flashcards - Completing past exam papers Test your child for 10 minutes a week on what they have been revising or covering in lessons. You can use revision guides or their exercise book to help.

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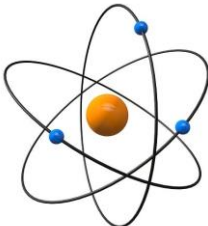
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SINGLE SCIENCE PHYSICS

Single Science Physics

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Year 9 (GCSE Content begin in year 9 for science)	- P1 Energy - P3 Particle Model	End of topic tests take place at the end of each topic. End of year exam takes place after the easter holidays and includes topics from all 3 sciences: B1, C1, C2 and P1. End of topic tests take place at the end of each topic.	For all year groups: - Ensure your child completes all homework and catches up on any missed work. - Do 30 minutes 2X per week revision starting as early as possible. This can include: - Completing questions in Collins Revision Guide or GCP Workbooks. - Doing quizzes on Seneca - Making revision mind maps - Making and going through flashcards - Completing past exam papers Test your child for 10 minutes a week on what they have been revising or covering in lessons. You can use revision guides or their exercise book to help.
Year 10	- P2 Electricity - P4 Atomic Structure (Radioactivity) - P5 Forces Note – Exact topics covered depends on the class. For some classes, some topics may not be covered until Year 11 and other classes may study additional topics from the Year 11 list below.	End of year exam, also known as mock exams, will be full GCSE Physics Paper 1 and therefore will include topics from Year 9 and Year 10: P1, P2, P3 & P4.	
Year 11	- P6 Waves - P7 Magnetism and Electromagnetism - P8 Space	End of topic tests take place at the end of each topic. There are 2 mock exam windows, the first begins at the end of November. In this mock exam window students will sit full GCSE Physics Paper 1 and therefore will include topics from Year 9 and Year 10: P1, P2, P3 & P4. Please note that the first set of mocks is used to determine tier of entry (foundation or higher). The second mock exam window takes place in March and will be as close as possible to full GCSE Physics Paper 2 and therefore will include topics from Year 10 and Year 11: P5, P6, P7 & P8.	

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BTECH AWARD IN SPORT

When	List of Topics	End of term Assessment	What can a parent do to support?
Sep – Dec (Year 1)	Component 1 - Preparing Participants to Take Part in Sport and Physical Activity. 4 Tasks: 1. Participation in different physical activities (12 marks) / Barriers to exercise and methods to overcome (12 marks) 2. Technology in Sport (12 marks) 3. Planning and justifying a warm-up (12 marks) 4. Leading a warm-up (12 marks)	• 4 Coursework tasks completed throughout the term. • Students will get the opportunity to resubmit following 1st submission of each task.	• Help their child organise work around deadlines set to ensure they are met. • Encourage their child to use all time available in lessons to maximise levels achieved. Using the additional time on offer at lunchtimes and after school if necessary. (No work is able to be completed at home) • Encourage their child to use the feedback given by staff to achieve higher levels to reach their targets. • Quick knowledge quizzes on kahoot looking at training methods and applying principles of training • Discuss leaders, in a sporting context or wider life. Looking at both good and bad examples of leadership techniques, qualities, and characteristics with a view to implementing some of them in C1 and 2 Task 4.
Jan – May (Year 1)	Component 2 – Taking Part and Improving Other Participants Sporting Performance: 4 Tasks: 1. Components of fitness (12 marks) 2. Practical Performance (12 marks) 3. Officials, Rules and Regulations (12 marks) 4. Planning a session plan to improve performance (12 marks) / Leading the planned session to improve performance (12 marks)	• 4 Coursework tasks completed throughout the term. • Students will get the opportunity to resubmit following 1st submission of each task.	• Help their child organise work around deadlines set to ensure they are met. • Encourage their child to use all time available in lessons to maximise levels achieved. Using the additional time on offer at lunchtimes and after school if necessary. (No work is able to be completed at home) • Encourage their child to use the feedback given by staff to achieve higher levels to reach their targets. • Quick knowledge quizzes on kahoot looking at training methods and applying principles of training • Discuss leaders, in a sporting context or wider life. Looking at both good and bad examples of leadership techniques, qualities, and characteristics with a view to implementing some of them in C1 and 2 Task 4.



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When	List of Topics	End of term Assessment	What can a parent do to support?
Sep – Dec (Year 1)	Component 3 – Developing Fitness to Improve Other Participants Performance in Sport and Physical Activity to include: Demonstrating knowledge and understanding and the application of: - Components of fitness - Fitness tests - Training methods/processes/principles - In relation to improving fitness in the sport and exercise 	Examination • January (1st sitting) • May (re-sit if required) Mock • November window	• Supporting revision with the use of revision guides, Youtube videos and other revision resources. • Promote and support positive behaviour in classrooms. • Encourage attendance of revision sessions.

Useful Websites:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RC0LfXpIqZA&list=PL2VOuuWnbIB3eZFUtoGk5oYsLNCM0H8Cn>

[BTECTechAwardSport - YouTube](#)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NUjnIsMpY_k&list=PL0SzLb70OrBKM5dt5zskey9aVoGWEMxGP

Staff Contacts: Mr T Neaverson – Head of PE

TEXTILES



Textiles

When	List of Topics	End of term Assessment	What can a parent do to support?
Year 10	Personal Portfolio (Unit 1–60%) Students will choose a title from a list of four and create a personal portfolio using the criteria from the assessment objectives. AO1: Primary photography and contextual research into theme and Artists. AO2: Design ideas and experimenting with different types of media which work with chosen theme. Develop ideas showing links to Artists and ideas surrounding theme. AO3: Refining work and showing planning through annotation and presenting ideas clearly. AO4: Presenting final piece showing clear links to starting point that has been developed and refined showing Artist/Contextual influence.	Students will be given feedback on their work as it progresses. This will be verbal, post it notes in their sketchbooks and feedback sheets. Project will be graded according to the marking criteria based on evidence cross the 4 assessment objectives Structure project will be assessed and developed with monitoring points, regular teacher feedback, verbal, written and as class.	- Parents can support by encouraging their child to attend the workshops we offer the students at either lunchtimes or after school. - Remind them to take their coursework home over weekends and holiday periods. - Check in on their progress and contact the Art department if they have any concerns. - Take an interest in their coursework and ask them to explain how it is developing and progressing. Ask if they understand what they are doing and if they feel they are doing all they can to develop their ideas. - Familiarise themselves with the 4 assessment objectives for GCSE Art Craft and Design - Share deadlines with them and encourage creative work at home. - Ensure feedback has been reviewed and responded to with improvements clearly presented in their sketchbooks or on paper to add into their sketchbooks.
Sep – Dec	Skill Building - Taking Primary photographs - Hand and Machine sewing, Colour on Fabric, Fabric Manipulation and Printing - Presenting your sketchbook - Annotation		
Jan – Jul	Development - Using skills learned to develop and refine projects - Introducing artists to inspire work - Creating a mini final piece based on refinement and artist inspiration		

TEXTILES

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When	List of Topics	End of term Assessment	What can a parent do to support?
Year 11	Personal Portfolio continued (Unit 1 – 60%)		Parents can support students by running through their coursework as it develops and continue to encourage attending all extra sessions available to help with various stages of development. This may be for a period of time to keep up to date.
Sep – Dec	Further Refinement and Final Piece - Students will further refine their work - Creating a final piece showing clear links to their theme	Assessment will be in the form of monitoring, verbal, post it notes in sketchbooks and written class feedback sheets.	
Jan - Apr	Externally Set Assignment (Unit 2 - 40%) Students will independently be required to work through all 4 assessment objectives that they have become familiar with. They will apply these skills to a chosen theme/title within the AQA exam booklet	Students will be assessed via monitoring points, verbal feedback, post it notes and class feedback sheets.	



Useful Websites: Pinterest, Tate.com. National Gallery, BBC Bitesize, AQA Art Craft and Design, You Tube: Technique demonstrations, The Textiles Skills Centre, Textiles Student.org

Staff Contacts: Miss C Henderson - Head of Art and Textiles
Mrs L Mitchell - Teacher of Art and Textiles
Ms L Keeley - Art Teacher
Miss I Sawers - Art Teacher

TRAVEL AND TOURISM

Travel and Tourism

When	List of Topics	End of term Assessment	What can a parent do to support?
Year 10 Term 1 – Term 2	Component 1: Travel and Tourism Organisations and Destinations A Demonstrate an understanding of the UK travel and tourism industry A1 The major components of the UK travel and tourism industry A2 The ownership and aims of travel and tourism organisations and how they work together A3 The role of consumer technology in travel and tourism B Explore popular visitor destinations. B1 Visitor destinations B2 Different types of tourism and tourism activities B3 Popularity of destinations with different visitor types B4 Travel options to access tourist destinations Component 2: Customer Needs in Travel and Tourism	Internal assessment monitored preparation: 4hrs supervised assessment: 6hrs 60 marks 30% weight	• Use Key terms list below to continuously help students improve vocabulary for coursework and exam. • Practice exam style questions • Ensure students complete question booklets for each component.
Year 10 Term 2 to Year 11 Term 1	A Demonstrate an understanding of how organisations identify customer needs and travel and tourism trends A1 Types of market research A2 How travel and tourism organisations may use market research to identify customer needs and preferences A3 How travel and tourism organisations may use research to identify travel and tourism trends		

TRAVEL AND TOURISM

Travel and Tourism

When	List of Topics	End of term Assessment	What can a parent do to support?
Year 11 Term 2 to End of Year 11	Component 3: Influences on Global Travel and Tourism A Factors that influence global travel and tourism A1 Factors influencing global travel and tourism A2 Response to factors B Impact of travel and tourism and sustainability B1 Possible impacts of tourism B2 Sustainable tourism B3 Managing sociocultural impacts B4 Managing economic impacts B5 Managing environmental impacts C Destination management C1 Tourism development C2 The role of local and national governments in tourism development C3 The importance of partnerships in destination management	External assessment Year 11 Summer 2 hour exam 60 marks 40% weight	- Use Key terms list below to continuously help students improve vocabulary for coursework and exam - Practice exam style questions - Ensure students complete question booklets for each component



TRAVEL AND TOURISM

BTEC Tech Travel & Tourism– Coursework Key Terms

Account	Description of particular events or situations.
Accurate	Produce work competently, fit for purpose and correctly without significant error.
Analyse	Examine in detail. Separate information into components and identify characteristics/patterns.
Applied	Put to practical use.
Argument	Different ideas supported by evidence.
Assess	Make an informed judgement.
Brief	Accurate and to the point but lacking detail/contextualisation/examples.
Compare	Identify the main factors, explain the similarities and differences, and say which is best and why.
Consider	Review and respond to given information.
Describe	Set out the characteristics. Include the relevant features, facts, or trends.
Demonstrate	Carry out and apply knowledge, understanding and skills in a practical situation.
Detailed	Point-by-point consideration of relevant and accurate features and facts supported by examples.
Develop	Consider and expand on all relevant points in detail.
Discuss	Present key points about different ideas or strengths and weaknesses of an idea.
Explain	Set out purposes or reasons.
Extensive	Large in range or scope.
Generic	Characteristic relating to a group of things; not specific.
Identify	Name the main features or purpose of something.
Interpret	State the meaning, purpose or qualities of something.
Investigate	Carry out research to discover and examine the facts.
Irrelevant	Does not apply to the task. Not focused on the situation/context.
Judgement	Make a conclusion having compared the evidence.
Justify	Support a case with evidence.
Limited	The work is narrow in ability, range or scope, including only a part of the information required.
Linkages	Something that relates directly to another piece of information.
Narrow	Limited in terms of range. Only considers a few aspects.
Persuasive	Influence through reasoning.
Range	The evidence presented is broad and varied.
Significant	Of great importance or size.
Specific	Relating directly to a particular area or subject.
State	Express something clearly.
Summarise	Gather together all of the main aspects of information and write in a condensed format.
Supported	Backed-up with evidence.
Thorough	Depth of detail with great accuracy.

TRAVEL AND TOURISM

Useful Websites/ resources:

- <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-tech-awards/travel-and-tourism-2022.html>
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'There is no substitute for hard work'.

Thomas Edison

'It's not what you do once in a while, it's what you do day in day out which makes a difference'. Jenny Craig

'Successful people are not gifted; they just work hard, then succeed on purpose'. G K Nielson