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Dear Parent/Carers

Curriculum Letter - Year 10

Our curriculum is at the heart of our provision to ensure equality of opportunity for all our students. It is our intent that all students will develop the necessary academic habits in order to achieve the highest qualifications and so reach their true potential. In short our vision is to ensure we reach two main goals, to support our students to get their dream job and to become respectful, model citizens.

What is Curriculum?

Curriculum is the totality of a student's experiences in school, this includes form time, PSHE, break and lunch, assembly, clubs, intervention, interactions with teachers but above all it is what is taught in lessons.

Our Curriculum Structure

Key Stage Four – Year 10

Progressing into year 10 represents a different approach to study, students will now have opted into subjects that will allow them to progress into careers/professions that they aim to work in one day. Students will study core subjects such as English, Maths and Science but must also choose option subjects from the humanities (Spanish, History, Geography) and also from our open bucket (PE, Product Design, Music, Art, Media, Photography).

What are we learning?

Each half term we will provide an overview on what is being taught in each subject area so that you can support your child to keep focussed upon their learning. Please see below:

Year 10 – Learning Overview Half Term 1 September – October

Subject	Topic	Subject	Topic	Subject	Topic	Subject	Topic
English	Macbeth	Maths	Indices, Percentages & Sequences	Science	Cell Biology, particle movement in organisms	Sports Studies	Body Systems, Effect of health & exercise
Music	Musical Sequencing	Spanish	School	Food	Macronutrients	Art	Introduction to course
Design Technology	Design an Educational Toy	History	Whitechapel	Geography	Natural Hazards	RS	Christianity – Beliefs
Photography	Basic Photography Skills	PSHCE	Mental Health	Assembly	Black History Month World Mental Health Day	Health and Social Care	Human Growth and Development
Media	Set Products						

*a more detailed breakdown can be found on the school website by clicking [here](#).



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How well is your child doing? Assessment

Throughout the academic year we will assess your child's learning. We use a variety of sources of evidence to decide how well your child is learning including book work, mini-assessments, home learning and mock examinations. At three points in the year we will share information about their learning and attitude to learning, the first assessments begin 5th October 2020.

Home Learning

We have a home learning rota in place, each week we will hand out a knowledge organiser and the following week there will be an in-class test based upon this. To see our home learning rota and more help and advice on how to help your child at home please click [here](#).

If you want your child to really advance their learning we recommend the following websites. Use the 'Learning Overview' table in conjunction with the below to see what topics your child can study.

[Oak National Academy](#)

[BBC Bitesize](#)

Curriculum Updates

Throughout lockdown we worked hard to maintain learning and moved our teaching online and this has benefitted our students in staying on track. In order to prevent students falling behind we have adapted our curriculum to allow students to recover any lost learning and learn in a COVID-secure way. We have adjusted assessment points so that meaningful learning can take place before testing learning and some subjects have re-ordered the topics they teach.

I am also excited to announce that as of next half term we are moving to an online home learning platform called Show My Home Work. This is an app based programme that will allow you to track and follow how well your child is engaging with home learning. More to follow on this in the next letter.

I hope you found this curriculum overview useful keeping you up-t-date with what your child is learning this half term. I will write to you again in November with a further update on what we are learning in school.

In the meantime please follow our Twitter, Instagram and Facebook pages to keep updated with school life.

Yours sincerely,

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