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Dear Parent/Carers



Curriculum Letter – Year 11

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 11

Year 11 students are now into their final year of studying the subjects they opted for in year 10. Students will still study core subjects such as English, Maths and Science alongside their option subjects. This final year will have a more focussed approach to completing coursework and preparing for end of year examinations.

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 11 – Learning Overview Half Term 1 September - October

Subject	Topic	Subject	Topic	Subject	Topic	Subject	Topic
English	Poetry – Power and Conflict	Maths	H: Numerical Methods, Algebraic Fractions & graphs F: Inequalities & Stretching Sketching Graphs	Science	Rates of reaction, crude oil and uses, The earth's atmosphere and pollution	Sports Studies	Lifestyle Factors
Music	Music Industry	Spanish	Vacations	Food	Nutrition and Science of Food	Art	NEA
Design Technology	Design and Make Task NEA	History	Weimar & Nazi Germany	Geography	Living with the Physical Environment	RS	Peace and Conflict
Photography	Photography Skills and creative PPE skills	PSHCE	Careers/College application	Assembly	Black History Month World Mental Health Day	Health and Social Care	Care Services
Media	Coursework Introduction						

*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. And mocks begin in November.

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 adjusted their teaching to take into account recent government changes to examinations.

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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