

# Year 10

## Parent Newsletter

SPRING/SUMMER TERM 2019

### Head of Year Info

be having an assessment week where you will be completing exams in your GCSE subjects so it is vitally important that you revise to be fully prepared. This is going to be a busy but very rewarding final term of Year 10.

Best wishes,

Mrs Welch, Mr Winterbottom and Mrs Lawson



### Coming Up . . .

Tuesday 23rd April - First day back  
 Tuesday 30th April - Year 10 Health Morning  
 Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday  
 Monday 20th May - Literature Festival all week  
 Thursday 23rd May - Year 10 Assessments start  
 Monday 27th May - Half Term week  
 Monday 3rd June - Year 10 Assessment week  
 Monday 24th June - Year 10 Work Experience week  
 Thursday 4th July - Year 10 Results Day  
 Friday 5th July - Staff Training Day  
 Wednesday 10th July - Sports Day  
 Friday 19th July - End of term

### Wellbeing

This term is going to be an action packed one so it is important to look after both your body and mind. Remember to take time out from revising to take part in activities that you enjoy- meeting friends, reading a book, doing some exercise. Lots of rest and a good diet is also important, your body needs fuel. Apps like headspace are really helpful but if you are feeling overwhelmed in the final term please talk to someone, we will be able to help.



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### Curriculum

**English** - Skills relating to English Language Paper 1, some poetry from the Power and Conflict Anthology before beginning Macbeth.

**Maths** - Students will be revising for the end of year assessment. Alongside this the following new content will be taught;

**Foundation** - Graphs, averages, measures, constructions and loci and probability.

**Higher** - Quadratics, constructions, proof, functions and rearranging formulas.

**Science - Biology Combined:** Bioenergetics (Photosynthesis and Respiration). **Biology Separate:** Reviewing disease and immunity and microbiology. Then starting Bioenergetics (Photosynthesis and Respiration)

**Chemistry** - (Separate and Combined) Energy Changes topic and then reviewing all of the first 5 modules in preparation for the end of year 10 assessments.

**Physics** - (Separate and Combined) Finishing the particle model then revising for exams, focussing on atomic structure

**Applied Studies - Photography** - completing coursework portfolio and exploring technical functions on Photoshop. **V Cert Media** - Creating own interactive media product, including user-friendly website. **V Cert Health & Fitness** - practical sessions in fitness through sport and healthy eating.

**Art** - Students will be finishing the identity project with the final development pieces and a final outcome. They will then start their Trial Exam that will extend to Christmas of Year 11.

**Art & Design Textiles** - Students continue to develop their sewing skills based around their own chosen topic. They will also be finishing off their bomber jacket as part of their project.

**Business Studies** - Students will be looking at the importance of people to a business and the Human Resource department. Students will then be preparing for the end of year assessments.

**Child Development** - Students are planning two play activities for a child under the age of 5. Once planned, they will be carrying out the activities and evaluating what they have discovered.

**Computer Science** - Students will be looking at data representation and how text, images and sound can be represented using binary.

**Design Technology** - Students are now studying their chosen materials area and will learn more about systems, timbers or papers and board before getting a chance to improve their practical skills. Students will also start research on coursework contexts in June.

**Drama** - Students will continue to work on their devised performances and written portfolios. This is Component 1 of the GCSE, and is a piece of coursework comprising a 15-20 minute piece of devised theatre and a 2000 word written portfolio documenting the devising process.

**Food Technology** - Students continue to build on their practical skills in preparation for their trial practical exam on street foods. Students will also continue to cover food science looking at the role of ingredients.

**French and German** - Students will continue with the topics Media and Holidays.

**Geography** - Completing River Landscapes then Coasts and Physical Geography fieldwork.

**Health and Social Care** - Students will continue to revise for their up-coming GCSE theory exam.

**History** - Students will be continuing the 20th century USA module and focusing on the decades following World War Two, including rock'n'roll, civil rights and social and economic change.

**ICT (BTEC in Digital IT)** - Students will be looking at cloud versus traditional, cyber security, data security and user restrictions. Students will also investigate ICT legislation.

**Music** - Students will continue to study Beethoven's Piano Sonata No. 8 (1st movement). They will also study Defying Gravity from Wicked and the theme from Star Wars.

**PE (Core)** - Students will participate in a range of summer sports including Cricket, Athletics, Rounders and Softball.

**PE (OCR)** - Students are completing their final assignment for their Media Unit. Students marks are being submitted to the exam board in May for their practical unit and the Media unit which leaves them two units to complete in Year 11. These marks will make up half of their final GCSE grade.