

Year 11

Parent Newsletter

WINTER/SPRING TERM 2019

Head of Year Info

Happy New Year!

As you are all aware, 2019 is an important year for Year 11. We are very excited about our St James' Park day in January

and helping you to get prepared for the trial exams in February. We look forward to continuing to support you on your GCSE journey ahead.

Mrs Fitzpatrick, Miss Medhurst and Mr Robinson



Curriculum

English - Students are studying 'Jekyll and Hyde'. If your child does not yet have their own copy of Jekyll and Hyde to annotate we are selling them (along with 'Macbeth' and 'An Inspector Calls') from the Finance Office for £2 each.

Maths Foundation tier - Students will be studying Pythagoras, Trigonometry in right angles triangles, Compound Percentages, Proportion and Quadratic Graphs and Vectors.

Higher tier - Students will be studying 3D Pythagoras and Trigonometry in right angles triangles, Proportion, Inequalities, Vectors, Algebraic Fractions, Rates of Change and Circle Theorems.

Science - Biology - Sixth Topic: Genetics and Inheritance, followed by the final topic: Ecology. **Chemistry** - Topic 9: Chemistry of the Atmosphere, then Topic 8 Chemical Analysis before finishing with Topic 10 using resources. **Physics** - Forces.

Art - Externally Set Project. This is the equivalent of the exam unit. Students will be given a paper from the Exam Board which they must respond to. They must produce 2 artist copies and 4 developmental pieces before Easter. The 10 hour Timed test will be after Easter.

Art & Design Textiles - Finalising coursework and pieces. Students will be issued with exam titles. 10 hrs of practical exams on 25th and 26th April 2019 (5 hours each day).

Business Studies - Students will complete a marketing project before preparation for their trial exam begins. They will then start the final unit of the course focused around business finance.

Child Development - Students will be developing knowledge and understanding in preparation for the final written exam in the summer.

Computer Science - Students will be looking at sort and search algorithms. We will then start to look at computer hardware, primary and secondary storage, and the workings of the CPU.

DT - Students will move on to manufacturing their products for the non examined assessment part of the GCSE.

Drama - Students will be revising Component 3 set text, DNA, in preparation for the written exam. They will also be rehearsing Component 2, Text in Performance, in preparation for their acting exam in March.

Food - Students will complete coursework based on the theme of street foods. GCSE Practical exams begin week beginning 4th February until 11th February.

French and German - Topics include: Social Issues, The Environment, Healthy Lifestyles, Family, Technology, Exam practice and support for the speaking paper.

Geography - Students will be studying The Living World, Ecosystems - Tropical Rainforests and Cold Environments.

Health and Social - Between January and February students will complete their third and final piece of coursework on Understanding Life Stages.

History - Students will be studying Power and the People from 1170 to the present day, looking at how we moved from power residing only with the King, to a parliamentary democracy and protection for the rights of the people.

IT (CIDA) - Students will be preparing for their exam which takes place straight after Christmas. They will be producing attention grabbing web products using web authoring software, multimedia assets and navigation features. They will have to demonstrate their ability to design, build and test a web product in a practical computer-based examination set by Pearson.

Music - Students will record ensemble performances, refining compositions and revising the set works.

PE GCSE - Students will begin to study Socio Cultural Issues in Sport for Paper 2 exam. Students final 3 practical marks will be sent to the exam board around February time with an external moderation for a sample of students (selected by exam board) usually around Easter.

PE BTEC First Award - Students will begin to study their last unit - Leadership in Sport. Students will plan and deliver a sports session to a number of students.

Coming Up . . .

Monday 7th January - First day back

Friday 11th January - St James' Park Day

Monday 14th January - Revision Launch Event Week

Tuesday 5th - Thursday 7th February - School Show

W/C 11th February - Celebration week

Thursday 14th February - Trial Exams start

Friday 15th February - End of half term

W/C 11th March - Maths Fest Week

Monday 11th March - Guidance Meetings begin

Tuesday 26th March - Trial Exam results

Thursday 28th March - Parents Evening (X)

Wednesday 3rd April - Parents Evening (Y)

Friday 5th April - End of term

Check the school web site for details of revision activities