## Parent Newsletter

## AUTUMN TERM 2019

## Head of Year Info

Welcome back Year 11!

Dream big, I know you can do it! Best wishes, Miss Welch and the Year 11 Team

motivated and positive. If you keep working as hard



## Coming Up . .

Tuesday 1st October – Year 11 Parent Information Evening

Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th October - PE Practical exams

Wednesday 23rd October – Raising Achievement Assembly

Friday 25th October - Monday 4th November - Half Term

Thursday 7th November – Year 11 Future Options Evening

Wednesday 27th November – St James' Park Launch Assembly, Progress Checks sent home.

Monday 9th December - GCSE Art Textiles Trial Exam Week

Monday 16th December - Art trial exams

Friday 20th December - Christmas Jumper Day. End of Term.

Curriculum

**English** - Students will begin the year by studying their final Literature text 'Jekyll and Hyde' by Robert Louis Stevenson. Students will learn how to write exam style answers in response to extracts from the novella.

Maths Foundation tier: Probability Diagrams, Quadratics, Equations and Inequalities, Pythagoras' Theorem

Higher tier: Probability Diagrams, Trigonometry, Pythagoras' Theorem, Equation of a Circle, Numerical Methods, Rearranging formulae, Proportion and Graphs.

I hope you had an enjoyable summer. It is our last year together so let's make this one count! This is your final year of your GCSE's so it's important to stay focused

> Science - Combined and Triple Science- Biology: Inheritance. Chemistry: Quantitative Chemistry. Physics: Forces

Applied Studies - GCSE Photography- Experimenting with new techniques with both the camera and in photoshop. Trial Exam Project preparation, students explore 'Texture' project. V Cert Media - Plan and prepare for the external assessment. Students will experiment further with software editing tools and website creation.

V Cert Health & Fitness - Starting coursework portfolio 3 focused on working in the sports industry

Art -Trial Exam - Students must produce a new piece of coursework every 2-3 weeks and will have a five hour timed test in December.

Art & Design Textiles - Completion of coursework. A 5 hour trial exam will be carried out in December. This will contribute towards their coursework.

**Business** - Students will be learning about operation management - how products are made.

Child Development - Students will complete three mini coursework assignments based around child nutrition and baby equipment. The three will be completed by the end of the first term.

Computer Science - Students will begin their programming project set by the exam board.

**DT** - Coursework including research, writing a specification and design development, starting initial designs and design development.

Drama - Students will be revising the set text 'DNA', with a focus on answering the exam questions on how to stage, direct and perform the play.

Food - Students will begin the term with the first coursework module worth 20% of the final grade. The topic will be set by the exam board

French and German - Family, Global and Social Issues (Environment, Poverty and Exclusion and other issues), New Technology, World of Work.

Geography - Student are continuing to look at The Changing Economic World and their second human geography module involves looking at Nigeria as the cases study. They will also complete their human geography fieldwork.

Health and Social Care - Students are completing their First Aid module.

History - Students will study Norman England 1066-1100.

Music - Film music including analysis of the theme from Star Wars, fusions including analysis of 'Release' by Afro Celt Sound System. Recording of solo performance. Writing 2nd composition.

PE - Diet, Somatototypes, Health and Fitness, Psychology of Sport, Drugs, Hooliganism, Social and Cultural issues in sport

PE Cambridge National - Leadership and Exam - Contemporary issues of Sport. PE Core - Students will select a pathway and continue with this throughout the year.