

Year 11

Parent Newsletter

SPRING TERM 2019

Head of Year Info

Happy New Year! I hope you had an enjoyable and restful break. Students showed real commitment last term especially in relation to the revision sessions. 2020 is an important year, we start the year with St James' Park, and will then be preparing for our GCSE

trial exams in February. We look forward to continuing on our journey to ensure students' achieve their personal best in the summer.

Best wishes,

Miss Welch and the Year 11 Team



Coming Up . . .

- Monday 6th January - School starts for students
- Friday 10th January - Year 11 St James' Park Day
- Monday 13th January - Year 11 Revision Launch Week
- Wednesday 22nd January - Post 16 Intentions
- Monday 3rd February - GCSE Food Practical Exams all week
- Tuesday 4th - 6th February - School Show
- Monday 10th February - GCSE Food Practical Exams all week
- Thursday 13th February - Year 11 Trial Exams start
- Thursday 5th March - GCSE Art Exhibition
- Week beginning 9th March - Maths Festival Week
- Friday 20th March - Year 11 Trial Exam results
- Thursday 26th March - Year 11 Careers Clinic
- Thursday 26th March - Year 11 Parents Evening (X band)
- Friday 27th March - Final Coursework Deadline for all courses
- Week beginning 30th March - Well-Being Week
- Wednesday 1st April - Year 11 Parents Evening (Y band)

Curriculum

English - Students will be starting to prepare for their trial exams. They will be studying English Language paper Two 'Viewpoints and Perspectives' and then revising Literature Paper Two focusing on 'An Inspector Calls' and poetry from the Power and Conflict anthology.

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 then Electromagnetism.

Applied Studies - Photography - completing coursework portfolio ahead of exam preparation. **Media** - website creation and reflection considering the views of target audiences.

Sport, Health & Fitness - practical development of skills within a range of sports and completion of coursework portfolio two.

Art - Students will produce 2 artist copies and 4 developmental pieces before Easter.

Art & Design Textiles - Students are completing their coursework this term.

Business - 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 continue to complete 3 focused tasks as part of their coursework. Students will then be preparing for the final exam.

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. They will also be rehearsing Component 2, Text in Performance, in preparation for their acting exam in March.

Food Technology - Students will complete coursework based on the theme of Valentine's Day.

French - Healthy Lifestyles, Family, Technology, Exam practice and support for the speaking paper. **German** - 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 Care - Students are completing their third, and final piece of coursework on creative activities.

History - Students will be studying Power and the People from 1170 to the present day.

IT (CIDA) - Students will be producing attention grabbing web products using web authoring software, multimedia assets and navigation features.

Music - Students will record ensemble performances, refine compositions and revise the 8 set works for the written paper.

PE GCSE - Students will begin to study Socio Cultural Issues in Sport for Paper 2 exam. Students are also starting the written coursework module.

PE (OCR Cambridge National Sports Studies Level 2) - Students are now working on the exam unit of the course, with the final exam being in the summer term.