

Faculty of English, literacy and communication

English language

What will your child be learning?

Pupils will be studying a novel and exploring language, context and structure impact the audience and readers in preparation for the summer examination series. Pupils will begin to develop the best methods for presenting their views in a formal manner that allows for a range of ideas and thoughts.

What can you do to help at home?

Learners should be encouraged to use BBC Bitesize to further develop their understanding. Watch 'An Inspector Calls' at the theatre or on film.

Ask about the plot, character and themes of the texts.

Encourage the use of Google Classroom for past papers and addition sites that help with revision eg. RSC and the Globe Theatre.

Watch speeches from history and Ted talks discussing what makes them engaging and successful.

Media studies

What will your child be learning?

Pupils will be learning about key media concepts in order to be able to apply this to a range of contexts.

Pupils will be learning how to use a range of software in order to create their own media products.

What can you do to help at home?

Learners should be encouraged to engage with a range of media, in particular the news. Pupils should practice with the chosen software (PhotoPea) at home to enhance their knowledge and understanding further.

Faculty of mathematics and numeracy

Mathematics and numeracy

What will your child be learning?

Pupils will be learning to:

develop knowledge, skills and understanding of mathematical methods and concepts; acquire and use problem-solving strategies;

All classes are preparing for their GCSE Numeracy exam

With a focus on:

Foundation

Drawing and interpreting scatter graphs

Intermediate

Interpreting box plots and cumulative frequency graphs

Higher

Interpreting a variety of graphs such as histograms and cumulative frequency diagrams
Interpreting real life graphs such as distance time graphs and finding area under curves

Once the examinations are over we will then be completing some modules of a finance qualification where they will be looking at the concept of legal tender, sources of money, income and income tax, managing money through bank accounts.

What can you do to help at home?

Ensure your child is making full use of the resources available to them on the Google Classroom, where they will find links to videos and websites to support them.

Faculty of science and technology

Biology, chemistry and physics

What will your child be learning

Studying biology provides the foundations for understanding the material world and how scientific understanding is changing our lives and is vital to the world's future. All learners will be taught essential aspects of the knowledge, methods, processes and uses of science. They will be helped to appreciate how the natural world can be described in terms of a small number of key ideas relating to medicine and the world around us. Practical work is an important part of biology and it is essential that practical skills are developed throughout this course and that an investigatory approach is promoted.

Studying chemistry provides the foundations for understanding the material world and how scientific understanding is changing our lives and is vital to the world's future. All learners will be taught essential aspects of the knowledge, methods, processes and uses of science. They will be helped to appreciate how the chemical world can be described in terms of a small number of key ideas relating to chemistry and the world around us. Practical work is an important part of chemistry and it is essential that practical skills are developed throughout this course and that an investigatory approach is promoted.

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What can you do to help at home?

It is very important that resources such as the Google Classroom, the WJEC question bank (www.wjec.co.uk), the WJEC biology app and our after school homework club are accessed to support learning and revision. All of the topics taught in science are fully resourced on the Google Classroom, including pre-recorded lessons, the WJEC revision guide and knowledge organisers. You are able to support your child by encouraging them to engage with the above resources and supporting them with their homework and revision.

Engineering

What will your child be learning?

Your child will be working towards the completion of one of their assessed units which will count towards their final grade. Unit 3 focuses on health and safety within an engineering context and requires pupils to investigate different health and safety legislation, fire safety policies in the workplace and PPE. Pupils will also begin preparing for their Unit 1 examination which requires pupils to show their knowledge and understanding of 'the engineered world'. Pupils will need to explore different engineering sectors and processes and techniques used in different aspects of engineering. Pupils will also develop their practical skills through focused practical tasks.

What can you do to help at home?

Discuss in-school learning with your child. Ensure your child is making full use of the resources available to them on the google classroom, where they will find links to videos and websites to support them.

I.T.

What will your child be learning?

In this term your child will be developing their skills and knowledge on IT tools for both familiar and unfamiliar times. They will also be reviewing their work and identifying ways to improve upon it.

What can you do to help at home?

Discuss what they have been learning within the lessons and encouraging them to access the Google Classroom where they will find the necessary resources to further support their understanding and knowledge of the subject.

Faculty of language and culture

Spanish

What will your child be learning?

The theme for this term is "The Spanish Speaking World". Pupils will study characteristics of Spanish speaking countries as well as researching festivals and celebrations in these countries.

What can you do to help at home?

Pupils will have fortnightly vocabulary tests, supporting your child in memorising these words will aid progression. As well as this, ensuring your child is signed up to, and uses, free language platforms such as Memrise, GCSEpod and Duolingo.

Welsh

What will your child be learning?

The themes for Welsh this term will be Welsh famous people and technology. Your child will learn a range of vocabulary and will write and speak in both the first and third person. They will use vocabulary taught to focus on a range of tenses including the past, present and future. All language skills will be covered in these topics, with a specific focus this term on reading and writing.

What can you do to help at home?

Supporting your child to complete homework tasks and any further assignments on Google Classroom will aid progression and ensure language skills are continually being developed. As well as this, ensuring your child is signed up to, and uses, free language platforms such as Quizlet, GCSEpod and Duolingo.

Art

What will your child be learning?

Your child will be following the WJEC Art and Design specification. They will be creating a personal portfolio that covers the four assessment objectives. They will study a breadth of artists, explore various materials and art making processes, developing their recording and drawing skills and create personal responses through original artwork.

What can you do to help at home?

By supporting the completion of home tasks that will be available through Google Classroom and by encouraging practice of drawing techniques and skills

Photography

What will your child be learning?

Your child will be following the WJEC endorsed photography specification. They will be creating a personal portfolio that covers the four assessment objectives. They will study a breadth of photographers, explore various ways to take photographs, techniques and editing processes and create personal responses through original photography and artwork.

What can you do to help at home?

By supporting the completion of home tasks that will be available through Google Classroom and by encouraging your child to take photographs in preparation for in school lessons.

Performing arts

What will your child be learning?

In Year 10 of the BTEC Level 2 Performing Arts Course pupils complete 2 units: Unit 3 Acting/Music Skills and Unit 1 Individual Showcase, which is an externally set exam task. Throughout these units pupils develop key skills and refine their performance expertise applying them in formative assessment situations throughout the year. Pupils will then apply these skills in an individual performance unit which is externally set by the exam board. Areas of focus for this year of the course include: Acting Skills, Musical Performance Skills, Devising Theatre, TIE, Scripted Plays, Political Theatre, Pup Music, Musical Theatre, Production Design and Playwriting.

What can you do to help at home?

Pupils will need support in the preparation and development of their roles and pieces for performance. The external exam requires two performances to be learnt off by heart so support at home with this would be highly beneficial.

Faculty of life

WBQ - What will your child be learning?

Pupils will work together in teams to set up their own health and well-being business. During this time they will need to organise their own meetings, produce action plans, set goals, demonstrate the 5Ps, produce promotional materials including the use of social media, provide evidence of financial planning, demonstrate methods of market research and prepare and deliver a pitch for their business proposal.

What can you do to help at home?

Encourage your child to discuss their business idea and rehearse their 'pitch' with you at home. You could watch some episodes of Dragon's Den for examples of what a good presentation looks like.

GCSE PE - What will your child be learning?

Pupils will be learning about the socio-cultural issues in sport and physical activity and the role of the active participant in physical education. They will develop decision making, problem solving skills as they refine their own physical techniques.

What can you do to help at home?

Ensure that pupils bring their PE kit to school to be able to participate in lessons. Discuss the work with your child and support them in the completion of the cases studies that will need to be completed during the term. Encourage pupils to access resources available of the Google Classroom area.

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BTEC Sport - What will your child be learning?

Pupils will be developing their skills of leading sporting activities. Pupils will learn about the attributes associated with successful sports leadership, undertake the planning and review the planning and leading of sports activities.

What can you do to help at home?

Ensure that pupils bring their PE kit to school to be able to participate in lessons. Discuss the work with your child and support them in the completion of the cases studies that will need to be completed during the term. Encourage pupils to access resources available of the Google Classroom area.

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Faculty of life

Health and social care

What will your child be learning

Pupils will study the Interdependence between physical health and good mental health. They will demonstrate knowledge that active participation is a way of working that regards individuals as active partners in their own care rather than passive recipients. Pupils will be able to explain why physical activity and exercise can have immediate and long term health benefits and can improve an individual's quality of life.

What can you do to help at home?

All materials will be posted on the Google Classroom. You can further support your child by encouraging them to lead an active lifestyle.

History

What will your child be learning?

Pupils will be learning about the key developments that have taken place over time, analysing a range of sources to develop their understanding of individuals, events, beliefs and their environments, and the impact of changes that have taken place over these periods. They will develop an understanding of another country, as well as make comparisons to life in the past and the present in the UK. Pupils will study unit 1: depression, war and recovery 1930-1951, unit 2: The USA: a nation of contrasts 1910-1929 and unit 3: changes in health and medicine c.1340- present day

What can you do to help at home?

Discuss with your child the work they have been studying in class, and encourage them to engage with the WJEC reading materials and GCSE Pod playlists for the unit 2. .

All pupils have been [provided with revision packs of revision activities and materials have been shared on their Google Classroom pages to support their revision for their examination on the 7th June 2023.

RVE:

What will your child be learning?

During the summer term pupils will be completing their assessment, looking at religious and non religious views about a range of medical ethics. Pupils will explore the factors that influence their worldview and how this may affect the treatment that people may have.

What can you do to help at home?

Parents can support by watching the news and finding ethical stories within the media. Ask your child to share their opinion, and encourage them to listen to alternative points of view.