

Faculty of English, literacy and communication

English literature

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.

What can you do to help at home?

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

Media studies

What will your child be learning?

Pupils will be applying key media concepts to specific texts which will inform their examination.

What can you do to help at home?

Learners should engage with the chosen texts in their own time to enhance their knowledge and understanding, particularly the audio-visual medium.

Faculty of mathematics and numeracy

Mathematics and numeracy

What will your child be learning?

They will be learning to:

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

With a focus on:

Foundation

Calculations involving money (foreign exchange and hire purchase)

Calculating angles and bearings

Interpreting a variety of graphs

Intermediate

Calculations involving money (foreign exchange and hire purchase)

Calculating angles and bearings

Using Pythagoras and trigonometry to calculate angles and sides in triangles

Interpreting a variety of graphs

Higher

Calculating volumes of a variety of shapes

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

How can I 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.

Business studies

What will your child be learning?

This unit introduces the pupils to the language and terminology used in business. They will explore different types of business ownership and how they relate to the size and scale of a business. They will also explore how the type of ownership impacts on the responsibilities of the owners of a business. By combining all this with looking at different types of business model, you will begin to understand how diverse the world of business is.

What can you do to help at home?

Ensure all assignments have been submitted to Google Classroom.

Faculty of science and technology

Biology, chemistry and physics

What will your child be learning?

All pupils will be sitting their GCSE practical exam in January. They will only have this period of time to sit these examinations. All lessons in January in science will be for the practical exams, a full timetable will be shared with parents. There will be a revision Saturday school on the 27th January to support their preparation for the written examinations.

What can you do to help at home?

It is very important that resources such as the Google Classroom for all sciences, the WJEC question bank (www.wjec.co.uk), the WJEC biology, chemistry, physics apps and our after school homework club are accessed to support learning and revision. All of the topics taught in biology 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.

D.T.: food and nutrition

What will your child be learning?

Pupils will learn to work independently to create an outcome in response to a brief. They will learn how to experiment with their skills and how to refine their work in response to feedback. Finally, they will learn how to evaluate their work in relation to the brief.

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?

The main focus for the term is the coursework for unit 2. This is worth 40% of the total GCSE grade and they will be practicing the necessary skills in class prior to them completing their assessment. All work must be completed and submitted in school. They do however have a wide range of practice papers online for them to use.

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

Welsh - What will your child be learning?

This term your child will be learning specific vocabulary and structures to support their written and spoken Welsh around the theme of Cymru (Wales). They will be studying the benefits of bilingualism and looking at famous Welsh stars. They will use vocabulary taught to focus on a range of tenses including the past, present and conditional. All language skills will be covered in this topic, with a specific focus on oracy in preparation for the unit one speaking and listening exam.

What can you do to help at home?

Support 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 Memrise, GCSEpod and Duolingo.

Spanish - What will your child be learning?

The theme for this term is "Our World". Pupils will study technology and social media, environmental problems and solutions, social issues as well as looking at their area.. They will continue to write and speak in a range of tenses.

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 will support your child with vocabulary recall.

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?

Support 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?

Support 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 chocolate 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?

Your child will be undertaking and learning the skeletal system, muscular system, cardiovascular system, respiratory system, anaerobic and aerobic activity, short and long term effects of exercise, lever systems, planes and axes of movement, relationship between health, fitness and exercise, components of fitness and fitness testing, principles of training, methods of training, how to optimise training and prevent injury, effective use of warm up and cool down.

What can you do to help at home?

All learning and revision materials will be posted on Google Classroom. You may view these and discuss the work with your child and offer advice on how to make improvements to their work.

BTEC Sport - What will your child be learning?

Your child will be undertaking a unit entitled 'Leading Sports Activities' whereby they will learn about the attributes associated with successful sports leadership, undertake the planning and leading of sports activities and review the planning and leading of sports activities.

What can you do to help at home?

All materials will be posted on Google Classroom. You may view these and discuss the work with your child. You can discuss factors surrounding the leadership in sporting activities with them.

Faculty of life

Health and social care - What will your child be learning?

Unit 1: Human growth, development and well-being.

Pupils will gain knowledge and understanding of human development across the life cycle and the ways in which this may be affected. We will explore how individuals can take control of their care and health and well-being and how early intervention and prevention can support growth and development of individuals.

What can you do to help at home?

All materials, lessons and independent learning will be uploaded to google classroom so that the work may be accessed at your convenience.

History - What will your child be learning?

Your child will be learning about the key developments in american society during 1910-1929. They will be exploring how the role of women changed over this period and the factors that influenced these changes. Your child will be exploring how technological advances changed entertainment during this time and who did not/ were not able to engage in these activities.

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 revision materials shared in class and on Google Classroom in preparation for their summer examination.