

## Faculty of English, literacy and communication

### English language

#### What will your child be learning?

Pupils will be studying the novel 'Heroes' and exploring how 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 practise 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;

Topics that will be covered are:

#### Foundation

Calculations involving money (foreign exchange and hire purchase), calculating angles and bearings and, 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 and, interpreting a variety of graphs

#### Higher

Interpreting a variety of graphs such as histograms and real life graphs (distance-time and velocity-time graphs), finding area under curves and surds.

#### 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.

### Business Studies

#### What will your child be learning?

Pupils will be reviewing their coursework completed for unit 1 of the course (an introduction to business). They will also begin work on the next unit about promotion and branding. This will involve review the advertising and brand promotion which existing businesses use.

#### What can you do to help at home?

Pupils should be encouraged to look at the businesses they see around them in their daily lives and think about how those businesses promote and brand themselves. Specific tasks will be given each week for pupils to complete to develop their understanding of this brand promotion.

## Faculty of science and technology

### **Biology, chemistry and physics**

#### **What will your child be learning**

The focus of all lessons within biology, chemistry and physics will be revision of all topics within unit 1 in preparation for their exams in June. Pupils will be provided with a detailed revision pack which they should be completing at home and this will be used within lessons. They will be recapping the work from each topic and practising the past paper questions linking to that topic.

#### **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](http://www.wjec.co.uk)), the WJEC 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. You can also encourage them to complete their revision packs.

### **Engineering**

#### **What will your child be learning?**

Pupils will be 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. They will be sitting this examination in June and all pupils will be provided with a detailed revision guide to support them. All pupils need to complete their assignments on unit 3 and unit 2. These will be marked in May and grades submitted for each.

#### **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. Encourage them to meet the deadlines for their work. Help them prepare for the exam by testing them on the topics using the revision guide provided.

### **Food and Nutrition**

#### **What will your child be learning?**

Pupils will continue to complete all practical skills and fully prepare a wide range of food using the core skills. They will then move onto the theory work focusing on the different food groups, practical techniques and different dietary requirements. Pupils will sit a mock examination at the end of the term to assess their skills, this will consist of both a theory paper and practical element.

#### **What can you do to help at home?**

Encourage your child to cook the food they have been preparing in school and encourage them to cook regularly at home. They will also have revision material for the mock which they will need to access at home to prepare for the assessment.

### **I.T.**

#### **What will your child be learning?**

All pupils will be working on their unit 2 NA work and this will need to be completed and submitted via their examination accounts by May. This is worth 40% of their total grade in the GCSE and all pupils will need to ensure this supports them. They can practice the skills at home in preparation for the examination lessons. They will also be developing their understanding of unit 1 digital technology in preparation for a mock at the end of the year in June.

#### **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. Encourage them to meet the deadlines for their unit 2 work.

## 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?

Please 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?

Please 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 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 psychology of sport and physical activity alongside completing their personal fitness plan that they made during the spring term. During the summer term they will learn about goal-setting (including SMART targets, information processing, guidance, mental preparation, motivation, the characteristics of a skilled performer and what classification of skills mean in a sporting context.

### **What can you do to help at home?**

**Ensure that pupils bring their kit to school to be able to participate in practical lessons. Ensure they regularly check Google classroom for up to date information on when they need kit.** Discuss the work with your child and support them in the completion of the independent learning tasks that are released termly.

### **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.

## 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 be planning their non-assessed coursework, exploring the role and significance of an individual within history. Their coursework tasks will be under controlled conditions within school, however pupils will have independent study tasks to complete as part of their research beforehand. Pupils will also be revising for their summer examination, taking place on the 4th June.

#### 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 BBC Bitesize revision activities for the unit 2 examination. 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 4th June 2024.

### 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 crime and justice. Pupils will explore the factors that influence their worldview and how this may affect attitudes regarding forgiveness.

#### 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.