

Faculty of English, literacy and communication

English language:

What will your child be learning?

Pupil will continue the study of their novel and play in preparation for the summer examination series. Once the examination is completed, pupils will they complete their individual research presentation linked to the speaking and listening assessment for their language qualification.

What can you do to help at home?

Pupils 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. Pupils should watch speeches from history and Ted talks discussing what makes them engaging and successful.

Faculty of mathematics and numeracy

Mathematics and numeracy:

What will your child be learning?

During this term your child will be learning to develop knowledge, skills and understanding of mathematical methods and concepts; and acquire and use problem-solving strategies. If they are following the foundation course they will be interpreting distance-time graphs and developing their statistical skills by calculating and giving reasons for using the different types of averages. For pupils who follow the intermediate course; they will they will be interpreting and drawing distance-time graphs and developing their statistical and problem solving skills by calculating and giving reasons for using the different types of averages and estimating the mean from a frequency diagram. For pupils who are following the higher tier course they will be working improving their statistical skills by drawing and interpreting a variety of statistical diagrams including histograms, box and whisker diagrams and, cumulative frequency diagrams.

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. This will enable them to review lessons and consolidate their learning. They need to ensure they are completing all set work on the Google Classroom by the set deadlines.

Business Studies:

What will your child be learning?

During this term your child will dive deeper into the world of marketing. Whilst considering the impact of government legislation, they will create a marketing plan for a product or service, and consider how the sales process is adapted for different customers. They will complete the term exploring the impact of good customer service before completing their end of year mock examination.

What can you do to help at home?

PBy supporting your child to complete revision ahead of the end of year examinations. Revision materials and resources will be posted to Google Classroom and after school revision sessions will run each Wednesday to support this.

Faculty of science and technology

Biology, chemistry and physics:

What will your child be learning?

During the last term in year 10 pupils will undertake a detailed revision program to consolidate all the work undertaken this year and to fully prepare them for the examinations in the May and June. Within lesson a wide range revision techniques will be undertaken to support them and to provide them with the necessary skills to complete the revision at home. All revision material is on the Google Classroom and it is essential they are accessing this to support them in achieving their target grade. There are revision classes available to all students both after school and with some targeted Saturday schools. They should be spending at least 2-3 hours a week on their revision at this stage. In June they will complete one topic from the year 11 course - The variety of life. They will need to complete this to ensure all topics can be taught next year. So it is important they attend to the end of the term.

What can you do to help at home?

In the first month of this term pupils will have a practical exam. This is worth 10% of the total grade. If you could support them at home in preparing for this. They will have revision notes and work for the exam will be on the Google Classroom. There is a wide range of resources on the Google Classroom that will support and develop their understanding of the units of the GCSE at home. You will find the resources from the lesson, WJEC past papers and questions and there are even blended learning videos they can access. If you could ensure they are accessing these regularly and using them to complete the independent work which has been designed to support them. The following link to the WJEC biology website will provide you extra support in terms of past papers and resources:

https://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/biology-gcse/#tab_keydocuments

https://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/chemistry-gcse/#tab_keydocuments

https://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/physics-gcse/#tab_keydocuments

Engineering:

What will your child be learning?

Pupils will continue to prepare for the Unit 1 examination by completing their assignments. These assignments require pupils to learn about different materials used in engineering and their properties such as tensile strength, durability and malleability. Pupils will assess the suitability of materials for particular jobs and compare the use of materials for certain purposes. Lastly, pupils will perform a series of tests on materials in order to evaluate their properties.

What can you do to help at home?

Pupils should use the GCSEPods on the Google Classroom to support the learning of topical vocabulary. They should also complete all independent learning tasks set, these will be uploaded to the Google Classroom and will support the development of skills as well as building vocabulary and improving grammatical accuracy. Pupils are also able to use free online learning resources such as Quizlet and Duolingo to build their vocabulary and gain confidence in speaking aloud.

Further information about the course, as well as blended learning tools are available at:

https://educationalresources.wjec.co.uk/en/Welsh%20Second%20Language?_gl=1*9uzgyc*_ga*MjA4OTM3NjU3LjE2NzUzNTEyMjg.*_ga_WVT2ZYV72W*MTY4ODYzMTg4MjY4yOC4xLjE2ODg2MzE4ODkuMC4wLjA.&_ga=2.100860353.118565181.1688631884-208937657.1675351228

Food and Nutrition:

What will your child be learning?

Pupils will have an opportunity this term to complete a practise NEA in readiness for their assessments in year 11. Pupils will be given a mock task which requires them to research, plan and carry out a scientific investigation. Pupils will be required to write a detailed scientific conclusion to their investigation. This will prepare pupils fully for their 'real' NEA which will be issued in September of Year 11.

What can you do to help at home?

Pupils will be weekly informed via Google classroom of the ingredients required for the next week dish they will prepare. It is essential they check this and inform the member of staff if any issues. The following is a link to resources which can support them at home
WJEC resources: https://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/food-and-nutrition-gcse/#tab_keydocuments

Digital Technology

What will your child be learning?

In the third term pupils will develop knowledge, skills and understanding in integrating spreadsheet data and data-informed digital products. They will need to produce a portfolio of evidence to submit to the WJEC. Unit 2 contributes 40% towards their final GCSE qualification. Pupils will analyse the work undertaken in the second term. They will need to write about the planning of the product, developing the digital product and evaluating it.

What can you do to help at home?

All work for unit 2 needs to be completed in lessons as it is assessed assignments. Discussing the progress of this work with your child and checking on the deadlines for each piece is essential. At home they should be completing the independent learning task which develop further the necessary skills for the GCSE examination. This is link to the WJEC GCSE website which will provide you with information on this course;

https://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/digital-technology-gcse/#tab_keydocuments

Faculty of language and culture

Welsh-Cymraeg:

What will your child be learning?

This term, we continue to look at the GCSE course, through the theme 'Cymru a'r byd' (Wales and the World). Pupils are working on developing their grammatical and language skills whilst studying the topics of technoleg (technology) and Patagonia. Pupils are developing their translation, correction, oracy and extended writing skills. Working on all 3 skill areas of reading, writing and oracy, pupils will continue to develop key grammar terms with a focus on the conditional tense and extended opinion phrases. They apply these rules to create phrases to write and speak about the topic as well as to understand written texts.

What can you do to help at home?

Pupils should use the GCSEPods on the Google Classroom to support the learning of topical vocabulary. They should also complete all independent learning tasks set, these will be uploaded to the Google Classroom and will support the development of skills as well as building vocabulary and improving grammatical accuracy. Pupils are also able to use free online learning resources such as Quizlet and Duolingo to build their vocabulary and gain confidence in speaking aloud.

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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?

Encourage the completion of home tasks that will be available through Google Classroom and by encourage practice of drawing techniques and skills. Pupils will be expected to take sketchbooks home to complete tasks.

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?

Encourage the completion of home tasks that will be available through Google Classroom and by encourage your child to take photographs in preparation for in school lessons. Pupils will work on a digital portfolio that can be accessed at home and there is an expectation to complete tasks outside of lesson time.

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

Skills:

What will your child be learning?

This term pupils will be working on the enterprise and employability challenge which is worth 25% of the final qualification. During this time your child will develop an enterprise mindset which can enhance their employability prospects. Pupils will be working in teams of 4 - 6 pupils to set up their own business. They will have the opportunity to create and implement innovative ideas based on meeting the needs of customers and/or businesses by developing a product or service. Throughout this process your child will focus and develop their creativity and innovation, personal effectiveness and digital literacy skills.

What can you do to help at home?

Talk to your child about employment and career prospects. Discuss with them the skills and techniques needed to set up their own business. Encourage your child not to limit themselves, but to take the time to explore something they perhaps have not considered before. The more awareness they have, the more confident you can be that they are making the best choice for them.

GCSE PE:

What will your child be learning?

During this term, your child will be undertaking and learning three modules. The three modules are health, fitness and wellbeing, movement analysis and socio-cultural influences. Your child will also plan, set up and complete a personal exercise programme (PEP). Pupils will assess their own fitness and determine areas to improve. They will then create a training programme in order to improve their own fitness, followed by analysing the results and evaluating how well their PEP worked.

What can you do to help at home?

You can support your child by discussing the importance of exercise on our everyday health and well-being and encouraging them to complete the tasks that are set on Google Classroom to the best of their ability.

BTEC Sport:

What will your child be learning?

During this term your child will continue to gather their video evidence and practically demonstrate their skills, techniques and tactics in selected sports. The video/presentation will demonstrate the relevant techniques and tactics of each sport studied in conditioned practices/games. These could include tactical applications and adapted competitive situations which further develop skills and techniques.

What can you do to help at home?

You can support your child by discussing the importance of exercise on our everyday health and well-being and encouraging them to complete the tasks that are set on Google Classroom to the best of their ability.

Faculty of life

Health and social care:

What will your child be learning

During the first half of this term we will be revising for the GCSE written examination which accounts for 40% of the final health and social care GCSE grade. This external examination will take place at 1pm on Monday 2nd June. After this date, we will begin the coursework aspect of the qualification which accounts for 60% of the final grade. It will focus on service provision and health campaigns.

What can you do to help at home?

Please support your child be encouraging and supporting them to revise and undertake past paper practice in preparation for the examination on the 2nd June. After this date, please ensure that your child is present for all of their timetabled lessons as we will be working on the coursework aspect of the course and beginning the controlled assessment. You can support your child with the research that will need to be undertaken in preparation for their controled assessment. Your child will have chosen to focus their investigation on one of the following life stages: infancy, childhood, adolescence, adulthood or later adulthood. They will research no less than six different health and social care services that support that life stage. They will go on to undertake an in depth investigation of two job roles within one of these services and finally they will undertake an analysis of their research. The following website will support you and your child:

<https://www.healthandcarelearning.wales/resources/gcse-hsc-childcare-double-award-unit-2-221-health-and-social-care-and-childcare-provision-in-wales-to-promote-and-support-health-and-well-being/>

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.