

Faculty of English, literacy and communication

English language

What will your child be learning?

This term focuses on embedding the key reading and writing skills as preparation for the GCSE examinations. This will be completed through mastery lessons focusing on individual question types and through the completion of unit 2 and unit 3 past papers.

What can you do to help at home?

Encourage pupils to complete their revision booklet and access revision materials on Google Classroom and on the WJEC Resources website.

Faculty of mathematics and numeracy

Mathematics and numeracy

What will your child be learning?

During the last term in year 11 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.

How can I help at home?

Ensure your child is making full use of the resources available to them on 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 deadlines, this aid recall of key facts and processes. Pupils should be completing 1-2 revision each week.

There are copies of past papers and revision tools available on their Google classroom and are available on www.mathsdiy.com

Help videos are available on the Ysgol Nantgwyn maths Youtube channel @yngmathsyoutube9959

Business studies

What will your child be learning?

Pupils will plan an enterprise idea for a realistic business start-up in their local area, based on their research. They will select a format for the enterprise idea and then present the business model. This unit has synoptic assessment which will enable them to select and integrate knowledge, understanding and skills from across the qualification when planning an idea and presenting a business model for a new business.

What can you do to help at home?

Ensure all final drafts have been submitted to Google Classroom by the deadline given for final marking.

Faculty of science and technology Biology, chemistry and physics

What will your child be learning?

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How can I help at home?

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 at home. Speaking with them about the work is also supportive, just having a chat over what they have learn using the Google Classroom together. This is a link to the WJEC biology, chemistry and physics website which will provide you with 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?

This is the final term that all work for the qualification can be submitted. All assignments need to be completed by April and then submitted to the examination board in May. Pupils will be working on any outstanding work and improving other assignments using the detailed feedback provided by the teacher. They should be working on these within the lesson and ensuring that they submit their work within the first two weeks of term.

What can you do to help at home?

Pupils can access all of the unit guides and support materials via their Google Classroom. Please encourage them to be using these resources to complete the above units to the best of their ability.

Digital Technology

What will your child be learning?

In the third term pupils will recap the work covered in year 10 for the examination. In this term pupils will recap and further develop their skills and knowledge on digital technology systems, the value of digital technology and perspective on digital technology. These topics build the necessary skills to access the examination; The digital world. Within the lesson they will be practising the skills and will be assessed on the skills using a range of question type assessments in preparation for the exam in May/June.

How can I help at home ?

Supporting your child revise at home for the examinations is the key to success this term. There is a wide range of resources on the Google Classroom for you and them to access. They should be revising at least 2-3 hrs a week in preparation for the exam in May/June. As a parent you could be questioning them using their revision notes or revision cards.

Faculty of language and culture

Welsh- Cynraeg:

What will your child be learning?

This term there will be a focus on grammar and exam skills in preparation for the unit 3 and 4 examination. Pupils are working on developing their grammatical and language skills whilst revisiting key topics with Cymru, ieuenctid a chyflogaeth.

How Can I 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*MTY4ODYzMTg4My4yOC4xLjE2ODg2MzE4ODkuMC4wLjA.&_ga=2.100860353.118565181.1688631884-208937657.1675351228

Art:

What will your child be learning?

Your child will be creating a response to their chosen WJEC Art and Design examination question. They will be creating a personal response 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 your child to take photographs in preparation for in school lessons. Pupils will be expected to take sketchbooks home to complete tasks.

Photography:

What will your child be learning?

Your child will be creating a response to their chosen WJEC endorsed photography examination question. They will be creating a personal response 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. Pupils will be expected to take sketchbooks home to complete tasks.

Performing arts:

What will your child be learning?

In year 11 of the BTEC Performing Arts Course pupils embark upon Unit 2: preparation, performance and production. This unit allows pupils to build on their prior knowledge from year 10 in the development and rehearsal of a final piece for performance. Pupils are responsible for their own rehearsal, development and preparation for a final performance.

What can you do to help at home?

Pupils can be supported by being encouraged to rehearse and prepare for their final performance. Pupil attendance throughout this unit is also paramount to the success of the performance.

Faculty of life

Skills - What will your child be learning?

During this term, all pupils will be undertaking their final amendments to their individual projects and some pupils will be making their final amendments to their global citizenship challenge. Their work is submitted to the examination board in the first week of May.

What can you do to help at home?

Please support your child by reading their individual projects with them and making suggestions for any improvements they may be able to make. Please also ensure that your child has responded to the written feedback that will appear on their digital copies.

GCSE PE - What will your child be learning?

Pupils will undertake past paper practice and revision lessons in preparation for the external GCSE written examination which is worth 50% of the final grade. The examination will take place on Monday 19th May at 1pm.

What can you do to help at home?

Please encourage and support your child to revise and prepare thoroughly for the written exam as this is worth 50% of the final GCSE grade.

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

During the final term, the controlled assessment will be finalised and sent to an external moderator. During lesson time we will be revisiting and revising the work that we have studied since the beginning of year 10 and practising examination technique by completing past papers in preparation for the final written exam which is worth 40% of the final grade. This external WJEC GCSE exam will take place at 1pm on Monday 2nd June.

What can you do to help at home?

Faculty of life

Health and social care

What will your child be learning?

We will investigate indicators of good health and well-being across the life cycle and consider the influences on good health and well-being across the life cycle. We will further explore risks to health and well-being.

How can I 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 the factors that lead to a healthy lifestyle and explore healthy activities and diets that you could follow together as a family.

History

What will your child be learning?

Unit 1: Depression, War and Recovery 1930-1951 unit 2: The USA: A Nation of Contrasts 1910-1929 unit 3: Changes in Health and Medicine c.1340- present day unit 4: Controlled Assessment
Your child 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. Pupils will be revising in preparation for their summer examinations, and completing activities within class to develop their exam technique. Pupils will be developing their understanding of the course every lesson leading up to the examinations, and attendance to lessons is vital. Revision materials have been shared in class, as well as on Google Classroom.

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 WJEC History page for the units 1,2 and 3. 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.

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. Pupils will be completing all five units of their coursework based around a series of ethical and religious questions.

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.