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Year 9

English	Across this half term, students will be working towards their GCSE Spoken Language examination which will be conducted in the weeks before the Christmas break. Students will look at a range of important speeches from throughout history, before researching, writing and practising their own speeches on a topic of their choosing. Further information about the GCSE Spoken Language examination will come out in a separate letter. Parents can support by talking to their child about the topic of their speech and encouraging them to practise and rehearse at home. Our subscription to 'The Day' will be a really useful resource in accessing news articles and information on current affairs that your child may use as inspiration for their speech.
Maths	This half term the curriculum will include: ● Standard form ● HCF and LCM ● Properties of shape ● Angles, lines and triangles ● Angles in Polygons (interior and exterior ● Transformations
Science	Students will be continuing to study science fundamentals, completing the following units: - P1 Energy - B1 Cell biology - C1 Atomic structure
Education for Life	This half term, we are moving onto our new unit, Citizenship. The theme is Equality and Justice. The topic begins by exploring Human Rights before moving onto Upstanders and Bystanders. Students will learn about what the bystander effect is, and how we can all become upstanders to promote equality and justice for all.
Core Pe	Applying learning in performance: Students are continuing to study a carousel of activities including team sports, badminton, table tennis, Fit4Life, outdoor adventurous education and swimming. Students will explore the different fitness requirements and skills for each sport and activity as well as how they transfer between sports. In OAA, students will be challenged to step outside their comfort zones whilst reflecting on what it means to be a good team worker, leader and problem solver.
Art **Art / Photography**	Throughout the remainder of this term students continue to analyse the work of a number of contemporary portrait artists whilst exploring a range of media and techniques.
Business Studies	Students will be learning about market research and market segmentation, looking at how businesses meet the needs of their customers.

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Dance	In theory lessons, students will be developing their knowledge on the 4 areas of Performance Skills to support their understanding of Section A of the exam paper. During practical lessons, students will be practically developing their execution of Technical and Expressive skills, through performance work which will be showcased and assessed in The Berry Theatre.
Design Technology	Students will be focusing on timbers, where they will be learning about the sources/origins, categories, examples and properties of timbers. They will get an opportunity to develop their practical skills by manufacturing a traditional finger jointed and hinged box.
Drama	Initially students will receive feedback from their monologue assessments that took place at the end of last half term. We then move forward and start exploring their GCSE play text Blood Brothers both practically and academically. The play text makes up 25% of their overall GCSE grade.
Food & Nutrition	This half term students will be developing their knowledge of nutrition, food choice and health issues associated with an energy imbalance. Both theory content and practical skills will be based on Mexican cuisine.
Geography	This term students continue to explore the theme of hazards looking specifically at weather hazards through a case study. Students will explore where and why weather hazards occur in different locations around the world, with a localised focus on the UK's extreme weather before moving on to look at the causes, impacts and evidence of climate change and how we can adapt and reduce these impacts in the future.
Hospitality & Catering	Throughout this half term students will be completing a practice scenario based task focused on a given scenario; meals for customers who have gluten and/or lactose free diets. Students will be required to research, plan and prepare a dish suitable for the customer within the scenario.
History	Students will be studying the nature of Crime and Punishment, including methods of law enforcement in the Early Modern Period (1500-1700) and comparing this to their previous learning about the Medieval Period. They will cover topics such as the Gunpowder Plot and witchcraft/witch trials. Students will then move on to Crime and Punishment in the 1800s and 1900s with the origin of the prison system and police services.
Digital Pathways	Students will be learning about Augmented Reality and considering how the technology can purpose and audience against a specific set of client requirements.
Media	We continue to explore the nature of Print Media but now with a focus on magazines before creating our own!
French, German or Spanish	This half-term, we are completing our study of the topic of family, friends and relationships. We will be looking to discuss the topic with a greater focus on grammatical complexity, using GCSE level structures, talking in multiple tenses and

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	widening the students' vocabulary. We will end the half term looking at how Christmas is celebrated in different cultures.
Music	Students will study 3 units of work this half term with an emphasis on learning about hooks and riffs in music. This will encompass studying minimalism, Film Music and Music of the Baroque, Classical and Romantic periods. Through studying these topics, they will be developing critical listening skills with an emphasis on keywords, as well as developing compositional techniques and group performance skills.
RE	Students will be studying Jesus' resurrection, the afterlife and judgement. They will then begin an introduction into ethics - looking at whether or not war is justified.
Examination PE	Having finished our first topic from the GCSE PE specification we move on to learning about the muscular-skeletal and cardio-respiratory systems. Students will be finalising their Netball assessment before moving onto Football for the next half term.
Photography	Showing inspiration from natural forms and the photographers studied, self study shoots are planned for and undertaken by students with support as required. Students created a final hand manipulated outcome.
Psychology	Students will first complete their initial GCSE module on Memory before progressing to the Perception module. The Perception unit, which is expected to take us up to the Christmas break, focuses on how the brain interprets sensory information, including the study of optical illusions. It will also explore key debates concerning whether perception is an innate ability or a learned process.
Animal Care	Students will study the following: Health and safety with animals, risks and PPE. Students will implement the theory that they have learned and safely handle an animal in lesson time. The students will also explore animal handling in different scenarios, practising restraint and use of equipment.