

Summer 2 Subject Information

Year 9

English	<p>Students will continue their study of the 'Power and Conflict' poetry anthology - their first study of one of their GCSE Literature set texts. Students will encounter a range of poems they haven't studied before and will be provided with several strategies to use when approaching a poem for the first time. The rationale is for students to become more independent in their poetry study, formulating their own interpretations and analysis of poets' methods. In doing this, students will explore key elements of poetry study, such as how to form interpretations; how to comment on language, structure and form and how to make links between poems.</p> <p>The 15 GCSE poems that need to be covered this term are <i>War Photographer</i>, <i>Remains</i>, <i>Kamikaze</i>, <i>Exposure</i>, <i>Bayonet Charge</i>, <i>Charge of The Light Brigade</i>, <i>Poppies</i>, <i>The Emigree</i>, <i>Checking Out me History</i>, <i>My Last Duchess</i>, <i>Ozymandias</i>, <i>Tissue</i>, <i>London</i>, <i>Extract from The Prelude</i> and <i>Storm on the Island</i>. Students will be provided copies of these poems in an anthology booklet free of charge.</p> <p>Students will begin learning the skills needed for a comparative poetry essay, which will be their assessed piece for this half term.</p>
Maths	<p>Foundation students will explore linear graphs. This includes: coordinates, midpoints, horizontal and vertical lines, plotting graphs and exploring $y=mx+c$. They will also discover Pythagoras' Theorem and learn about how this works in relation to right-angled triangles. Finally, foundation students will learn about scales and conversions, which includes both metric and imperial units.</p> <p>Higher students will explore perimeter and area. This includes: finding the perimeter and area of a range of different polygons, area and circumference of circles, exploring arcs and sectors, surface area of prisms and cylinders and converting between units of area. Higher students will also learn about Pythagoras and Trigonometry and how this works in relation to right-angled triangles.</p> <p>Higher + students will learn about Pythagoras and Trigonometry and how this works in relation to right-angled triangles before finishing the year with a module on percentages and compound interest. This includes: percentages in the real world; index and chain index numbers; RPI, CPI and GDP; weighted index numbers, reverse percentages, exponentials and bank interest.</p>
Science	<p>Students will be continuing to study science fundamentals, completing the following units:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - B2 Bioenergetics - P3 Particle Model - B3 Infection and response - C5 Energy Changes

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Education for Life	In their final unit this year, Year 9 will be exploring a number of contemporary issues in the modern world from Artificial Intelligence to protecting their Online Identity. They will investigate misinformation, cancel culture and the financial intricacies of social media.
Core Pe	Students will continue to challenge themselves to perform individually in athletics events and as a team in a range of striking and fielding and racket based activities.
Art	Having studied landscape artists and a range of materials and techniques, students work from their self-study photographs to select and recreate their most successful image inspired by the artists they have studied.
Business Studies	Students will be looking at how legislation affects businesses and their operations. They will also be looking at what place small businesses have in improving the economy.
Computer Science	Students will be continuing to learn about computer networks, protocols and layers. They will also be developing their coding skills in Python.
Dance	Students will be developing knowledge of the 2 solo Set Phrases, Shift and Breathe. These pieces are a part of the core GCSE content which will be examined in Year 11 and performed as a solo, carrying a weighting of 15%.
Design Technology	Students will be focusing on textiles, where they will be learning about the sources/origins, categories, examples and properties of textiles. They will get an opportunity to develop their practical skills by designing and making an item of workwear for the school workshops.
Drama	In theory students will be analysing the exam text Blood Brothers to gain a better understanding of the content in order to answer exam questions. In the rehearsal room they will be exploring Devising Drama. Creating their pieces of original theatre based on a stimulus provided by the exam board. This is seen as a practice practical exam in preparation for their year 10 assessment.
Food & Nutrition	Students will begin to investigate food science by learning about the different functional and chemical properties of ingredients through The Technical Traybake Challenge scheme of work.
Geography	Students will be finishing their learning on rivers, exploring flood hydrographs and applying their knowledge on the factors affecting flood risk.
Hospitality & Catering	Students will complete their Practice Controlled Assessment in Preparation for their real controlled assessment in September of Year 10. This task requires the students to suggest and justify two dishes suitable for customers described in a scenario. Students will then be required to prepare the dishes in class.
History	Year 9 students are studying the interwar years (1918–1939) as part of their AQA GCSE course, exploring the political, social, and economic changes that shaped the world between the World Wars. They are examining the Treaty of Versailles, the rise of dictatorships, the Great Depression, and the road to World War II. Through

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	analysis of key events and historical sources, they are gaining insight into the causes of global conflict and the lessons of this turbulent period.
IT	Students will be completing their second practice NEA in preparation for completing their real NEA in year 10, before moving on to learn about the use of different types of data in IT
Media	Year 9 students will move onto their next Set Product from the exam board: Magazines. This will involve analysis of how stories are created on magazine front covers.
MFL (French, German or Spanish)	Students will talk about their free time developing their listening, reading, speaking and writing skills. They will also reinforce their use of various tenses and complex structures. They will also prepare for a practice GCSE speaking assessment.
Music	Students will be completing an ensemble performance. They will also be building on their understanding of the musical elements by completing various listening tasks to deepen their understanding.
RE	Students are studying Christian Practices in which students will learn about the importance and role of prayer, pilgrimage, baptism, holy communion, street pastures, the schurch, reconciliation, persecution and festivals.
Examination PE	Students continue to develop their knowledge of fitness through exploring the differences between the components of fitness, how they are tested and how they can be improved.
Photography	Building on their understanding of composition and lighting students plan and undertake a range of self study shoots. Contemporary photographers that lead the war with landscape photography are studied by students and used as inspiration for their final outcomes.
Psychology	Students have recently completed Research Methods, the fourth and final topic of the academic year, and the concluding section of GCSE Psychology Paper 1. Building on their newly acquired understanding of psychological research, students will now be applying their knowledge by designing and conducting their own psychology project. This independent project will be submitted before the summer break.