

## Year 11 Expectations Evening

### English

In order to be successful students must complete Homework tasks set, complete practice questions, read newspapers, magazines and even junk mail, learning lists of the language features that we find in texts and completing writing tasks, such as creating a story, writing a description of a picture, or writing non-fiction texts like newspaper or magazine articles, or formal letters. In addition, it's important to read as much as you can outside of lessons; novels, magazines, newspapers, autobiographies- all will help with your understanding of how language works.

### Science

Every lesson can be reviewed at home by reading the relevant pages in their 'Revision Book'. [PLEASE NOTE: *every student will soon have the opportunity to purchase a Science revision book in the next week*]. As students are working through each section of work, they can make revision cards summarising the key points/equations etc. *Students also record their progress through the Science topics by RAG-rating their knowledge on the checklists in the front of their exercise books.* Self-testing using BBC bitesize and their revision books, using the RAG-rated checklist as a starting point is always a good move. As the module progresses, regular reviewing of exercise book/revision book/revision cards and answering practice questions will consolidate knowledge and understanding. A range of Science revision apps are also available for download onto mobile phones etc., many of them free. "Gojimo" is a particularly useful example. There is a lot of revision to do for Science; the earlier they start the better.

### Maths

You should be starting to revise topics from Year 10, in the run up to the mock exams in Nov/Dec. I would encourage everyone to start using the MathsWatch website ([www.mathswatchvle.com](http://www.mathswatchvle.com)), which was so successful for students last year. Your teachers will show you how best to do this.

### IT

Obtain the revision guide and workbook, details to follow. You can be working on the questions and revising from now until May. Please come in after school if you fall behind on the controlled assessment.

### Computing

Download the text book using the details to follow. Obtain the revision guide, details to follow. Come in after school to make sure your controlled assessment is as complete as it possibly can be. Read the text book for revision; start now.

### Business Studies

All students should be spending at least half an hour a week on BBC bite size. A key area for development is key terms and students should spend a considerable amount of time developing their business studies vocabulary. I would also recommend students keeping up to date with business related stories in the press which they can refer to as case studies.

## **Music**

Pupils need to be engaged in music theory and revision. Using GCSE revision and SAM learning KS3/4 will help to establish a deeper understanding of music and its conventions. Pupils need to focus on composition in lessons. Ensuring interest and development in compositional will get you better marks. Pupils also need to organise their performances, making sure it can be performed to a good standard, again, will help with overall marks.

## **Art**

At home / in own time after school ----

Sept and Oct --- Finishing off anything still not done for unit 1 back up work (Natural Forms). Anything extra on tick list for unit 2 if they would like to get ahead

Nov and Dec ---- Finishing off any unit 2 back up work still not completed. Putting extra time into finishing their final unit 2 piece, if they are getting behind in lessons (everything for unit 2 must be finished by Christmas)

Jan and Feb --- following the 'countdown' sheet and keeping up to date with all homework to do with their preparation for their final exam

March, April and May – evaluation notes for exam plus any additions / improvements needed to their unit 1 and unit 2 (if the marks for these are still below their target grade)

June –too late – everything to do with their art will have been marked and sent off by then!

## **Drama**

Both groups should be preparing notes to learn for the written examination next June. They all have Pocket Poster books to help them.

## **Languages**

Grade booster classes will start this month. Spanish will run on Mondays and French and German will be on Wednesdays from 3pm to 4pm. Revision workbooks will be supplied for use in class and at home. There will be ample opportunity to practise past papers in lessons. Students are expected to learn vocabulary regularly. This should include at least an hour a week working on vocab express. Thorough revision will be required for the speaking exams scheduled for November and March.

## **Philosophy**

All Students have been given a revision guide with exam style questions included. Please complete this.

## **History**

History students are completing their controlled assessment task on Northern Ireland, they should use information from lessons, homework's and the essay plan provided to complete this to a high standard. When the controlled assessment is complete we will go on to do the 'Medicine through time' unit between October and Easter. We will revisit American West after Easter and revise up until the exams in summer. Websites: [http://education.niassembly.gov.uk/post\\_16/snapshots\\_of\\_devolution/gfa](http://education.niassembly.gov.uk/post_16/snapshots_of_devolution/gfa). Northern Ireland, <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/history/shp/>. Medicine through time, <http://www.learnhistory.org.uk/west/> American West.

### **Physical Education**

Students are to use the revision books that will be issued by Mr Protheroe to start revising for the mock examination. In addition, it is essential that all pupils attend revision sessions each Wednesday 3-4pm in room 36.

### **Health and Social Care**

Students are to attend coursework catch up sessions after school with Mr Ruscoe every Thursday.

### **Geography**

From now to the end of October half term all students should be spending 1-2 hours at home each week and Monday after school from 2.50pm to 4.00pm in Room 7 working on their assessed coursework. All students should look at the AQA A GCSE Geography website past papers section and be practising past exam papers to improve awareness and understanding of exam matter.

### **Textiles**

At home / in own time after school. Finishing off anything still not done for unit 1 (Creepy crawlies). Unit 2 (fairy tales) to be finished by Xmas 2015.

### **Resistant Materials**

Year 11 Resistant Materials expectations:

Students will need to complete occasional research tasks (e.g. photographing objects) at home. Homework this year is usually 1 hour after school in the workshop, every week, on a day of their choice. All Year 11 designing and making work up till Easter is assessed and counts towards the GCSE result. After Easter students will be revising exam questions in class, and will be expected to complete some of them at home every week.

Students should also buy the course book, which will help with the GCSE exam: AQA GCSE Resistant Materials, ISBN 978-1-4085-0273-0