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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 11 Curriculum Information – Autumn 1

Year 11 is a critical and exciting year for your child as they complete their studies and prepare for their final examinations. All students continue to study English, Maths, Science, their option subjects, and core PE and PSHE. To help you support your child through this important time, we are sharing an overview of the curriculum for this half-term.

We encourage you to use this information to have regular conversations with your child about their subjects, revision strategies and workload, helping them to stay focused, organised, and confident in the lead-up to their examinations.

What will my Year 11 child be learning during Autumn 1?

Subject	Key Topics/Focus Areas
English	Students will revisit <i>An Inspector Calls</i> and apply their knowledge to exam-style questions. They will also study the Power and Conflict poetry cluster, practise unseen poetry analysis, and refine comparison skills. Later, they will develop their ability to analyse non-fiction, focusing on viewpoints and attitudes.
Maths	Students will learn formal proof, functions, and advanced algebra techniques such as substitution. They will also study quadratic equations and different methods for solving them, building key problem-solving skills.
Science	In Chemistry, students will study rates of reaction, reversible reactions, and equilibrium, including practical investigations. They will then move on to Forces in Physics, exploring safety applications such as stopping distances, seatbelts and airbags.
Religious Studies (Tutor Programme)	Students will focus on crime and punishment, including causes of crime and the effectiveness of prisons. They will also explore Christian and Muslim perspectives on forgiveness and suffering.
PE (Core)	Students will continue handball, basketball and badminton, developing their skills and teamwork. They will also complete Health-Related Fitness training to build strength and resilience.
PSHE (Tutor Programme)	Students will study mental health, ways to improve it, and the negative impacts of alcohol and substance abuse.
Options Subjects:	
BTEC Health & Social Care	Students will complete a practice Component 2 assessment in preparation for their final graded assessment. They will also organise and prepare notes to support their written work.
WJEC Hospitality & Catering	Students will revisit nutrition and menu planning in preparation for their NEA. They will also practise advanced cooking skills and complete a three-hour mock practical exam.
BTEC Sport Science	Students will study the components of fitness and how they apply to different sports. They will also be assessed on their practical participation and understanding of officials' roles.

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GCSE Art and Design (Fine Art)	Students will work on the theme of <i>Still Life</i> , studying a range of artistic influences. They will refine their observation and practical skills through their own artwork.
GCSE Art and Design (Textiles)	Students will explore the theme of <i>Journeys</i> , drawing inspiration from a variety of artists. They will develop original ideas through textile techniques and materials.
GCSE Business	Students will study Theme 2: Building a Business. They will focus on decision-making in Marketing, Operations, Finance and HR.
GCSE Dance	Students will study <i>Shadows</i> as part of their set works. They will also prepare for their first practical exam, which includes solo and trio performances worth 30% of the GCSE grade.
GCSE Design and Technology	Students will continue their NEA project, worth 50% of their GCSE. This half term, they will write a design brief, create specifications and begin their design work.
GCSE Drama	Students will create and develop their devised performances in preparation for the final exam. Alongside this, they will complete devising logs to document their process.
GCSE Geography	Students will study <i>Urban Issues and Challenges</i> , focusing on the city of Bristol.
GCSE History	Students will investigate the origins of the Cold War, including tensions between the USA and USSR after WWII. They will then study key flashpoints in Berlin, Cuba and Czechoslovakia.
GCSE Media Studies	Students will study sitcoms for Component 2, comparing <i>Modern Family</i> and <i>Friends</i> . They will also complete their NEA coursework.
GCSE Music	Students will record their solo performance for their NEA and begin their brief composition. They will also study another set work and continue preparing for their written exam.
GCSE Religious Studies	Students will study human rights and social justice, focusing on Christian and Muslim views on racism, sexism, LGBT rights and disability.
GCSE Spanish	Students will complete Module 4: Jobs and Future Plans. They will use the near and simple future tenses to describe aspirations after school.

For more information about our curriculum intent and how we support all students, please visit the link below:

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As always, if you have any questions about your child's curriculum or would like advice on how to support their learning at home, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,



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