

These are the exciting things I will be studying this half term...

English

Students will be preparing for their GCSE Paper 1 Section A – in doing so will be enhancing their reading skills for fiction texts. These skills will be taught through a range of 19th, 20th and 21st century texts.

Maths

For Maths Entry Level the component of study this half term is ratio. Pupils will be learning how to calculate fractions of a quantity. They will recognise and identify equivalent fractions and calculate addition and subtraction of fractions with the same denominator within one whole. Pupils will be working towards comparing fractions by changing to the same denominator.

Science

Students following the Entry Level Pathway will be completing Chemistry Components 3 which will involve learning about elements, compounds and mixtures and their properties. GCSE Biology Students will be learning about Organisation in the body and the functions and adaptations of organ systems in animals and plants.

Options 1

Art GCSE 1: Students in year one of their course, or who are working on newly introduced projects will begin exploring the influence of relevant artists on their chosen themes. Students in year 2 of their projects, who are beginning the exam project in January will work towards creating a final piece of work and drawing their current projects to a close.

History: This half term we continue with our Medicine through time topic, we move from ancient and medieval medicine, into the Renaissance and modern medicine.

Geography: In Geography this half term, we will be looking at Geographical applications, where we look at an issue and make an evaluation, we look at ways to present data and maps and interpret them.

Options 2

Duke of Edinburgh: First Aid: Learning Basic First Aid, Burns, Cuts, Bruises, CPR. Outdoor First Aid: Blisters, Sprains, Insect Bites and Stings.

Food Technology: Recipes this half term will focus on baking and puddings. We will be using www.foodafactoflife to support teaching of theoretical concepts around nutritional needs through life. Skills taught will include budgeting, sourcing of ingredients, methods of preparation and evaluation of recipes. The pupils will be able to demonstrate skills needed to bake: mixing, weighing, measuring, beating, baking and rubbing in etc.

ICT: Creative iMedia: Students studying the Creative iMedia course will continue working on their Controlled Assessment for the R094 Graphics Unit for 'Midnight Games'. Once the R094 assignment has been completed students will begin working on the R095 Controlled Assessment (Optional Unit) titled 'Characters & Comics'.
WJEC Pathways: Students are continuing to work through their chosen elective units and will aim to have most of their coursework completed by the end of the Autumn Term. Students will continue to prepare completed coursework for submission to the exam board.

Options 3

Forest School: Students will be setting up and lighting a campfire will happen every session and will be used to make a hot drink or a snack such as marshmallows or toasties. There will also be opportunities to use tools to make craft projects by whittling and carving carving wood and use natural materials related to the seasons to make art.

Employability: Students will be working on the topic of communicating with others at work and skills involved in this.

Music: Pupils will continue to build their portfolio of work, working towards completion of the bronze level Arts Award. Each pupil will be working at a different stage and section of the award; some may be researching an artist who inspires them whilst others may be working on reviewing an area of the arts or developing their