



Curriculum Bulletin - Y9 EPS6



What Will I Be Learning About This Half Term?

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| English | We are learning and developing your understanding of GCSE style language extracts which you will read and then answer questions on. You will also be given some reading and writing tasks, one of which will be an assignment for you to complete. |
| Maths | We are learning a variety of topics depending on class. These could include: averages, displaying and interpreting data in charts, probability, transformations, similarity and number revision. Pupils will complete a mini assignment every 2 to 3 weeks on the topics covered. |
| Science | In Biology, we are learning about the heart and circulatory system. This includes looking at the impact different lifestyle factors can have on how the body functions. There will be an assignment based on the effect of lifestyle on health that will develop written skills. In chemistry, we are learning to understand the relative charge and mass of subatomic particles, relative size of atoms, how to calculate the number of protons, neutrons and electrons in an atom or ion, calculating relative atomic mass from isotopes, and how to work out electron configurations. This topic will be studied jointly with Physics, where we are learning to understand atomic structure, models of the atom and radioactivity building on from the Matter topic previously studied. The assignment will focus on all material covered within the Atomic Structure topic. |
| Geography | We are learning about resource management, with a focus on water management. We will look at how humans demand various resources such as food, oil and water. From this we will look at how the rising demand for water can lead to conflict in insecurity. Finally, we will look at how the demand for water can be met in the UK. |
| German | We are learning about music, TV programmes, film genres and the environment. We will be looking at opinions, reason and justifications. We will also be looking at connectives, sentence starters, time phrases and completing reading comprehension tasks based on these topics. The assignment will be a translation task. |
| History | We are learning about crime and punishment in Early Modern England. This builds upon pupils knowledge of crime and punishment in Medieval England. Next year, pupils will start learning about the American West, Anglo-Saxon Society and Nazi Germany. Pupils will complete a quiz assignment that reviews knowledge of a range of topics studied. Pupils will complete written tasks on the most recently studied topic. |
| ICT | We are learning and developing practical skills by completing a project to promote a business. |
| Learning for Life | We are learning about how beliefs and practises in Islam are celebrated in the UK today. The assignment will be a range of short answer questions based on the learning from this unit of work. S Band will continue to work on their Certificate of Personal Effectiveness, completing a number of independent mini assignments for their overall assessment folder. |



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| Art and Design | We are learning about the contemporary artist Jo Peel and her work around the theme of buildings. We will learn about creating a composition/drawing based on her illustrative style of work. |
| Computer Science | We are learning about ethical, legal and environmental issues in Computer Science and then we will review all of the major topic areas covered during the year. |
| Dance | We are learning to analyse our first anthology work - SHADOWS. This will build on our physical and aural setting work from last term and will develop into future anthology analysis. We are completing an assignment that brings together our complete knowledge of the work in an examination style question paper. |
| Design Technology | We are learning to gain knowledge of the key words and terminology used on our new course. It builds on from the introduction to the WJEC Designing the built environment, taught after February half term, and will develop new subject knowledge which will help in all 3 of the units we will be completing in Year 10-11. Assignment will be a knowledge check covering key exam content in preparation for Unit 1 exam. |
| Digital Art | We are learning about producing your own create outcome in response to a recreation design they have previously completed. They must utilise all of the skills learned so far to help them create their composition and subject matter. |
| Drama | We are learning to analyse and evaluate live theatre performance. Pupils will continue to develop their understanding of voice and movement skills and understanding of performance style. This assignment will introduce pupils to think critically about the production elements being used to help communicate meaning to the audience. |
| Enterprise and Marketing | We are learning to understand how to attract and retain customers, understand factors for consideration when starting up a business and understand different functional activities needed to support a business start-up. This is some of the exam content and some has been covered in lessons or as homework. The end assignment will be a range of multiple choice and short answer questions which reflect the final exam in Year 11. This is great practice and some previous knowledge before the coursework begins. |
| Music | We are learning to describe pieces of music from a range of styles using words from the GCSE syllabus. This will form the basis of the assignment for pupils at the end of the half term. We will also be completing a composition using BandLab to a set brief allowing us to develop our compositional skills |
| Music Technology | We are learning to use the research from Unit 1 Outcome 1 (Using a DAW) to create a piece of music that demonstrates the skills researched. Pupils will use BandLab to complete this work and then evidence their creation process and evaluate their final outcome with supporting PowerPoints and screenshots. |
| Psychology | We are learning and introducing developmental and cognitive research, looking at the research methods used and the links to criminal behaviour. The assignment will be a range of questions, including application questions on topics covered. |
| Sport | We are learning about the roles and responsibilities of officials in two different sports for our new unit - Practical Sports Performance. Within this we will be learning about the use of technology in each sport. The assignment will be to describe and explain the roles and responsibilities of all officials in our two sports. |