

YEAR 11

SCENE-SETTING



It's September

what should I be working on now?



We asked Heads of Department to give us an idea of what stage the students should now be at. We hope parents will find this useful in supporting their Year 11 students.

SUBJECT	UPDATE
<p>Art</p>	<p>Students have completed two coursework assignments. Both are being submitted for their GCSE. Students with outstanding work from Year 10 were to complete this over the summer holiday, as detailed in the letter which was sent home in July. In addition to this, students are expected to complete most sketchbook work at home and by now should have completed at least 12 pages for each assignment. Details and examples of sketchbooks, course and exam information is on our website. You can also access photographs of your child's assignments to date. Students have the password to this area of the site.</p> <p>The new assignment is on the theme of '<i>Figure and Anatomy</i>', and is currently being introduced to each class, together with clear instructions on accessing the Art website, which provides help and information for this and other coursework assignments. At home students should be working on their '<i>Figure and Anatomy</i>' sketchbook and improving pieces of older coursework if they are trying to improve their grade.</p> <p>Students will undertake their art exam in March. All coursework should be completed by then. Students have access to the Art Department and additional help most lunch times.</p>
<p>Design Technology</p>	<p>Through September all students will continue to complete sections of their Controlled Assessment tasks. These tasks started in Year 10 and consist of a design folder and a manufactured prototype. All of these tasks will be carried out during lessons, with some completion work being set as homework. Planning ahead for the next Controlled Assessment task will also be set as homework in order to use class time effectively. The different disciplines in Design Technology have their own independent deadlines for tasks, but all students must have completed their folder and practical work by the February half term holiday. This will give them time</p>

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<p>Design Technology (continued)</p>	<p>to prepare thoroughly for the final exam in June 2012.</p> <p>In November students will prepare for their Mock examination. They will be given preparation materials to take home so that they can revise the relevant topics, which will appear in the examination paper.</p> <p>Please look closely below at the breakdown of how marks are awarded for GCSE Design Technology: 60% Controlled Assessment (a design folder and a manufactured prototype). 40% Terminal Examination</p>
<p>Drama</p>	<p>We will soon be starting Practical Unit 1, which should be completed by Half Term. Students will need to complete a portfolio of written work based on the practical. They will need to keep a working notebook and record their contributions to the drama for every assessed lesson. These notes will need to be done at home and are used to complete the written portfolio. The portfolio is done in school under controlled conditions, although they can prepare, research and make notes at home.</p> <p>Practical Unit 2 will be completed in the second half term, along with the portfolio work to accompany it.</p> <p>During the practical work any behaviour liable to disrupt others may result in an individual having to be removed from the examination course.</p> <p>All students will need to attend a live theatre performance. This will usually be an evening performance at a professional theatre. Letters will be sent home with details of this at the appropriate time.</p>
<p>English</p>	<p>All students should be up-to-date with controlled assessments. However, they will be given the opportunity in Year 11 to revisit these tasks.</p> <p>In preparation for their English exam all students</p>

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<p>English (continued)</p>	<p>should analyse a variety of non-fiction and media texts in terms of the writers' use of language and presentational devices. When writing non-fiction tasks, students should also consider the audience and purpose and adapt their writing accordingly.</p> <p>Students studying the English Language course (Sets 1 and 2 only) will be revisiting the poetry from the anthology in preparation for one of their Literature exams. They will also be studying two prose texts for their 2nd Literature exam. Finally, they will be studying a Shakespeare text and completing a controlled assessment on it.</p>
<p>Geography</p>	<p>Controlled Assessment Information</p> <p>Students should have completed neat copies of 'The Purpose of Investigation' (Introduction) and draft versions of their Methodology. Over the summer holidays they should have completed the Data Presentation section. All these sections have to be completed in neat by the half term holidays.</p> <p>The Analysis and Evaluation sections are completed in school under controlled conditions in the spring term.</p> <p>In January, students will take their second modular exam <i>Unit 3: The Human Environment</i>.</p> <p>The final modular exam will be taken in the summer, when the Controlled Coursework Assessment will also be submitted.</p>
<p>Diploma Level 2 Edexcel</p>	<p>Society, Health and Development</p> <p>Eight Controlled Assessments and one External Exam</p> <p>Students have now completed four of their 9 units of study for the Diploma. This work has already been externally moderated. Some students have already gained a C grade but a small number of students are not doing as well. In January 2012 three more units</p>

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<p>Diploma Level 2 Edexcel <i>(continued)</i></p>	<p>will once again be sent out for external moderation. This will then leave one more piece of coursework for year 11. The marks that students should gain in January will be a strong indicator of their overall grades.</p> <p>All units left to complete are 60 guided learning hours which means students can achieve higher marks.</p> <p>Students need to be clear that their attendance is vital if they hope to pass the course. I would ask that all students who miss their Diploma lessons for whatever reason do catch up during their lunch time.</p> <p>In March 2012 students will start their revision classes for their external exam in June.</p> <p>In the Diploma group all students are undertaking their Functional skills in Maths, English and ICT. It is clear from the results that students are not putting in enough revision time. They need to allow for this in their timetable. Without functional skills the students will not achieve the FULL Diploma.</p>
<p>History</p>	<p>Pupils are now working on the second question for the Controlled Assessment part of their GCSE course. After preparation work, pupils will answer the question under exam conditions in school. It is envisaged that pupils will have completed this by October half term.</p> <p>Pupils are then to complete a Mock Exam in November/December. Revision will take place in the week before.</p> <p>Students will finish being taught the subject content of the course by Easter, when revision for the final exams will commence.</p>
<p>ICT AIDA (Single Award)</p>	<p>The examination project is being completed at the moment and the deadline for this will be Friday 10 February 2012.</p>

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ICT AIDA (Single Award) <i>(continued)</i>	<p>Students should be completing approximately 2 hours of homework each week for this subject.</p> <p>A coursework evening is held every Monday from 3:15-4:30pm in IT1 & IT4. Students are required to attend if they fall behind with their coursework, but it is also open to all students studying the course.</p> <p>The final deadline for this course is Friday 30th April 2012.</p>
ICT Digital Media	<p>Students have completed the Animation Unit and the Communication Techniques Unit in year 10. Anyone who has not passed these should be attending the coursework evening held every Monday from 3:15-4:30pm in IT1 & IT4.</p> <p>Students should be spending 2 hours a week on homework.</p> <p>Students will complete the Research for Media Unit this term – the deadline is Friday 16th December.</p> <p>The final unit, Web Page design will be completed in the spring term with the final deadline being Friday 30th April.</p>
Modern Foreign Languages <i>French</i> <i>Spanish</i>	<p>All students have now completed Controlled Assessments in Speaking and Writing on the topics of <i>'Healthy Lifestyle'</i> and <i>'Holidays'</i>.</p> <p>This term, the focus will be on the topic of <i>'Education and Work'</i>. We will use this topic to complete all our Controlled Assessments by Christmas, leaving the rest of Year 11 to concentrate on building vocabulary and developing strategies to cope with the listening and reading exams in May/June.</p>
Mathematics	<p>Year 11 Set 3 will be preparing for the November entry exam at Foundation level. Students in Sets 1 and 2 will continue to prepare for the GCSE exam in June 2012.</p> <p>All students have personal access to the online</p>

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<p>Mathematics <i>(continued)</i></p>	<p>MYMATHS resource, http://www.mymaths.co.uk (<i>login: trinityhigh and password: angles</i>) which is used for homework purposes and general revision.</p> <p>In addition, all Y11 students are strongly encouraged to supplement their learning using the MATHSWATCH resource (available in CD format from the Maths Department for £2.50), which contains interactive lessons and exercises.</p> <p>A two tier system is followed and students will be entered for either the Foundation Paper (Grades C-G) or the Higher Paper (Grades A*-D) as appropriate. Students who have achieved Level C in the November Foundation Paper will be given the opportunity to sit the Higher Paper in June.</p>
<p>Music GCSE</p>	<p>By now students should have completed a composition and should have recorded one solo performance. Any outstanding work must be completed as soon as possible in the student's own time.</p> <p>Students will now start a new composition and need to consider the solo and ensemble pieces they will perform at the GCSE Music Recital Evening on Wednesday 14 March.</p>
<p>Music BTEC Level 2</p>	<p>Extended Certificate in Music</p> <p>By now students should have completed the written assignments for Unit 11: Exploring Computer Systems used by musicians and Unit 1: Working in the Music Industry. They should have created an original track and a cover version. They should be focussing on recording audio sources using the recording studio. They are currently working on a professional development plan for Unit 2 they should continue to update throughout the year. This term we will start the final unit; Unit 3 - Planning and Creating a Music Product.</p>

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PE GCSE	<p>Pupils will be completing their second Controlled Assessment in the first term by completing an Analysis of Performance question & answer task on their preferred sport.</p> <p>Students will continue to be assessed in different practical activities every half term. Throughout the year 100% practical participation is needed, together with sustained effort, in order to achieve success.</p> <p>Students should also be participating in their chosen sports in or out of school in order to improve their experience.</p> <p>It should be noted that good practical marks DO NOT guarantee a 'C' grade and Theory Work must be a main focus. Students should attend revision classes and complete all homework if they are to have a chance of achieving their potential. They will also have regular tests on topics covered.</p> <p>Students are strongly advised to purchase a Revision Guide from PE Dept staff (£3.50). They can also visit the Edexcel Exam Board website and practise answering past papers online. BBC GCSE Bitesize website is also useful as a revision tool.</p>
PE BTEC	<p>First Extended Certificate / Diploma Sport</p> <p>This course is 100% coursework and pupils have covered 4 units in Year 10. This year they will be covering 4 more units: Effects off Exercise, Sports Development, Leadership in Sport, Anatomy & Physiology</p> <p>Pupils will be working through the Units in lessons and can access the work at home via the school website.</p> <p>If all 8 units are achieved, students will gain the Diploma Sport qualification – equivalent to 4 GCSEs. If 4 units are achieved, students will gain the Extended Certificate, which is the equivalent of 2 GCSEs. If 3 units are achieved students will gain the</p>

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PE BTEC <i>(continued)</i>	Certificate which is the equivalent of 1 GCSE at A-C grade.
RE	<p>All students should have been given their Year 10 result which represents 50% of their final GCSE mark. They should have been set targets based on this result.</p> <p>They are currently working on the '<i>Religion and Social Responsibility</i>' Unit and, in addition to completing class work, they must know all the key words and meanings relevant to the Unit.</p> <p>Students should be regularly revising for the end of Unit tests.</p>
BTEC Level 2 Firsts in Applied Science	<p>This course is assessed entirely through coursework. Students should have completed the assignments for 6 units during Year 10.</p> <p>If students complete the classwork and assessments from Year 11 they will be awarded a BTEC Level 2 Diploma qualification, which is equivalent to four GCSEs. The levels are Pass, Merit and Distinction which are equivalent to GCSE grades C, B, and A.</p> <p>As pupils need to complete all assignments, good attendance must be maintained throughout the year.</p>
GCSE Science	<p>Students who studied GCSE Science whilst in Year 10 should have completed all the assessments for this course – four examinations and two pieces of coursework. Parents should have collected a summary of these marks and an estimate of the final grade that has been achieved.</p> <p>It is very important that if this grade is lower than a C that parents speak to Mr Johnson (Head of Science) as soon as possible</p>

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GCSE Additional Science	<p>Students are beginning this course at the start of Year 11 after completing GCSE Science in Year 10.</p> <p>Students will study 3 Units of work for Biology, 3 for Chemistry and 3 for Physics.</p> <p>There will be two GCSE exams in January 2012 (30th and 31st) and two in summer 2012. The marks are divided as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">66.7% examinations33.3% coursework <p>The investigation coursework will begin at the start of February and should be completed by Friday 9th March</p>