

Mathematics

Term: Autumn

Year: 7

Teacher: Mr A Shah

What will we be covering this term?

1st Half Term: We will cover work on 1. Number: multiples, factors, primes, square roots and cube roots. 2. Angles: angles in a triangle and quadrilateral. 3. Fractions and ratio: converting between decimals and fractions and dividing a quantity in a given ratio. 4. Probability: estimating probability from experimental data and calculating probability.

2nd Half Term: We will cover 5. Decimals: ordering decimals, solving word problems mentally, rounding off, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of decimals. 6. Percentages: relationship between percentage, fraction and proportion, calculate percentages including percentage increase and decrease.

How will my child be assessed this term?

Assessment will be mainly through homework and end of chapter tests. In class assessment via traffic light feedback (green = I understand, amber = not sure I fully understand, red = do not understand)

How can I help my child in this subject?

Please make sure that he has attempted all questions in the homework. Just take a minute to look in his homework diary to see what was set and that he has made a decent effort.

Who do I contact if I have concerns about my child's progress in this subject?

Please feel free to contact me at the school.

English

Term: Autumn

Year: 7

Teacher: Ms Afshan Siddiqui

What will we be covering this term?

1st Half Terms: Students will be focusing upon improving their character descriptions and development and looking at how drama and tension is created through use of language and sentence structure. They will examine closely such writing technique and will attempt to emulate some of these methods within their own story writing as well as in playscripting. This unit will culminate with the students putting all they have learnt into practice. The pieces of work that they will produce will be assessed and will form part of their end of term grade.

2nd Half Term: Students will be looking at different styles of non-fiction writing in the form of newspaper reports and learn how to identify as well as create bias and impartial writings. They will also focus on the different styles and forms of propagandist material and its effect on the reader. Students will also have the opportunity of developing their skills in oration and will examine and aim to model the most effective techniques. Similarly, the writings and orations that they will perform will be assessed and will form part of their end of term grade.

How will my child be assessed this term?

Homework is an integral part of ongoing assessment. Please refer to your child's timetable for the days when homework is given. In addition to this, your son will also be assessed by weekly spelling tests and end of unit tasks. Class participation is also necessary.

How can I help my child in this subject?

Please ensure that your son is up to date with his homework and that he reads at least two books of his choice from selecting them from the school library. Having a consistent reading routine will benefit your son greatly.

Who do I contact if I have concerns about my child's progress in this subject?

Please feel free to contact me at the school if you have any questions or concerns.

Science

Term: Autumn

Year: 7

Teacher: Mr. S. Ahmed

What will we be covering this term?

1st Half Term: Students will study the unit on cells . Be able to describe some earlier structure of living things and relate these to the evidence from microscope observations. Students will cover : What are living things made from? Using a microscope, What are cells like? What do cells do? How are cells made and tissues and organs. Pupils will start the 2nd Unit in Chemistry and study acids and alkalis. Students will cover different acids and alkalis and identify them in everyday life.

2nd Half Term: Pupils will study the Solar System . Where and what is the earth? What causes the year and the seasons? Where does the moon fit in? Stars and is there life anywhere else?

How will my child be assessed this term?

Pupils will be assessed using a combination of classroom participation, homework, class tests and end of term exams.

How can I help my child in this subject?

Students must go over their work every day and can visit the local library and read scientific magazines. Pupils must read through their work every night and ask him what has he learnt today.

Who do I contact if I have concerns about my child's progress in this subject?

Please feel free to contact me at the school from 9.00-16:00 if you have any questions or concerns. Alternatively, leave a note in your son's homework diary and I will try to give you a written response on the same day.

Religious Studies

Term: Autumn

Year: 7

Teacher: Mr. S Y Ali

What will we be covering this term?

1st Half Term: Students will be studying the Tafseer (explanation) of Juz Amma (The last volume of the Quran. We will aim to cover the last four surahs of the Quran. We will also cover supplications from the book Hisn Al-Muslim, Hadith of manners from Riyad us-Saliheen and stories from the Ahadith of the Prophet SAW and the lives of the companions of the Prophet SAW.

2nd Half Term: We will study the next six surahs in the Quran. We will also cover supplications from the book Hisn Al-Muslim, Hadith of manners from Riyad us-Saliheen and stories from the Ahadith of the Prophet SAW and the lives of the companions of the Prophet SAW.

How will my child be assessed this term?

Your son will be assessed through class participation, memorisation of the supplications and the end of term test.

How can I help my child in this subject?

Your son will benefit from having access to Tafseer books either at home or Tafseer websites. You can also help them by listening to the supplications they are supposed to memorise. It would be advisable for parents to regularly ask their children about the ahadith and stories we study at school as a way of helping them revise and analyse what they are taught.

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ICT

Term: Autumn

Year: 7

Teacher: Ms Afsha Mohamed

What will we be covering this term?

1st Half Term: students will be focusing upon improving their DTP (Desktop Publishing Skills) by creating a school booklet which can be given to new students. This will be done on Microsoft Publisher. During this project they will focus on layout and suitability of audience. There will be a self-assessment sheet and their final booklet will form part of their end of year term grade.

2nd Half Term: students will be using completeict.net for 2 assignments which are inter-related. They will be setting up their own ICT company for which they have to design various documents. They will use Microsoft Word to produce letter to enable them to get funding for their company. They will go on to use Microsoft PowerPoint to create a multimedia presentation which they will present to the class at the end.

How will my child be assessed this term?

Homework is an integral part of ongoing assessment. Please refer to your child's timetable for the days when homework is given. In addition to this, your son will also be assessed by weekly homework assignments and end of unit projects which will be handed in.

How can I help my child in this subject?

Please ensure that your son is up to date with weekly assignments. Assignments undertaken from completeict.net can be checked online from home. All work is carried out using Microsoft 2007 so it would be of benefit for your son to have the same software package at home.

Who do I contact if I have concerns about my child's progress in this subject?

Please feel free to contact me at the school from 11.20-11.40 and 13.20-14.20. You may also leave a written message in your son's homework diary or email me at afsha.alkhair@googlemail.com

History

Term: Autumn

Year: 7

Teacher: Mr. Abdul Fattah Hussain

What will we be covering this term?

1st Half Term: First part of the term will focus on the building blocks of history. That is sources, interpretation, and methodology. These principles will be developed on a Roman template. Whereby we will explore Roman history whilst trying to discover how we know what we know. It will focus on the child's analytical ability to interpret information.

2nd Half Term: Second part is more to do with subject knowledge. We will focus on close reading. Comprehension and expression on this part of the course.

How will my child be assessed this term?

Your child will be assessed through homework, contribution in class and final exam.

How can I help my child in this subject?

There are many documentaries and films on the Romans. There are some wonderful books and plays and histories that you can read to them. The library has many books on the Roman's designed for them. R H Barrow's book is a good introduction.

Who do I contact if I have concerns about my child's progress in this subject?

Please feel free to contact me on Thursdays in between 1.30-4.00. You can also make an appointment to see me after school on Thursdays to discuss the progress of your child.

Geography

Term: Autumn

Year: 7

Teacher: Ms Mariam Amele

What will we be covering this term?

1st Half Terms: Pupils will be studying the unit 'What is Geography?' The main purpose of this unit is to further develop pupils' knowledge and understanding of places. Pupils investigate some of the features and characteristics of the area around their new school while also developing a range of geographical skills.

This unit aims to help transfer between key stage 2 and 3 by building on locality studies pupils are likely to have carried out and encouraging them to talk about the work they have already done.

2nd Half Term: Pupils will be improving their map skills and learning how to use maps. They will learn how to work out distance and direction; how to use map symbols; how to use four figure and six figure map references; how height and shape of the land are shown on a map and how to plan and follow routes on a map. This will help pupils to develop some very important, key geographical skills that will be used in units studied further on in the year.

How will my child be assessed this term?

Homework is an integral part of ongoing assessment. Pupils will also be assessed through end of unit tests, which they will be notified about well in advance.

How can I help my child in this subject?

It is recommended that each pupil develops their own glossary. Encourage your child to learn the meaning and the correct spelling of key geographical terms. Please ensure that your son is up to date with his homework.

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Please feel free to contact me at the school if you have any questions or concerns.

Arabic

Term: Autumn

Year: 7

Teacher: Mr. S Y Ali

What will we be covering this term?

1st Half Term: Students will be studying Arabic from the book العربية بين يديك (Al-Arabuyyatu bayna Yadayk). In this half term we will study the first two chapters of the book. Chapter 1 is التحية و التعارف (Greetings and Salutations) and chapter 2 is الأسرة (The Family). Both chapters introduce new target language for the students to be able to converse in the particular situation. There are additional exercises for students to improve their pronunciation and handwriting.

2nd Half Term: In this half term we will study the second and third chapters of the book. Chapter 3 is السكن (The Home) and chapter 4 is الحياة اليومية (Everyday Life). Both chapters introduce new target language for the students to be able to converse in the particular situation. There are additional exercises for students to improve their pronunciation and handwriting.

How will my child be assessed this term?

Pupils will be assessed using a combination of classroom participation, homework, class tests and end of term exams.

How can I help my child in this subject?

Keeping in mind that most parents will not have the ability to offer extensive help to their children in this particular subject, it is imperative that you insure that they complete the work they are set for homework. The dialogues in each chapter have audio files associated with them. These files have been given to each student with the text book. Please try to ensure your son regularly listens to the dialogues and reads the text to improve pronunciation and to aid memorisation of the vocabulary.

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