

Mathematics

Term: Autumn

Year: 9

Teacher: Mr A Shah

What will we be covering this term?

1st Half Term: 1. Number: properties of whole numbers, squares and cubes, index laws, HCF and LCM. 2. Angles: angles in polygons and bearings. 3. Scatter graphs: correlation and lines of best fit. 4. Fractions: fractions of quantities and worded problems.

2nd Half Term: 5. Expressions and sequences: expressions and like terms, index notation. 6. Measure: scale drawing and maps, unit conversions. 7. Decimals and fractions: convert between decimals and fractions, recurring decimals, rounding. 8. Expanding brackets: expanding and factorising expressions.

How will my child be assessed this term?

Homework and end of chapter tests. In class assessment via classwork observations and traffic light feedback.

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: 9

Teacher: Mrs Annie Khan

What will we be covering this term?

1st Half Term: Students will be studying World War One poetry. Cross curriculum links with History will help to strengthen their understanding of the social and historical contexts of the poems. They will develop their analytical skills in exploring the language, structure and themes of the poems. We will also develop skills of comparison, on order to prepare ourselves for the GCSE course next year. In conjunction with this the boys will be studying 'Private Peaceful' by Michael Morpurgo. They will be learning about the social and historical context of the novel and will examine the themes and ideas that the author explores therein.

2nd Half Term: Students will study biographies as a genre, they will learn how to research biographical information and organise it clearly. We will use the topic to debate the morality of investigating a public figure's life and practise our argument and persuasion writing skills. Students will also study the gothic horror genre through a reading of a short story: 'The Kit-Bag' by Algernon Blackwood. We will study techniques descriptive techniques used and analyse their impact, later replicating them in our own original writing. We will use this as an introduction to the skills required in the original writing component of the GCSE coursework next year.

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. Students will be expected to contribute to class discussions. As the term progresses we will start having regular timed practice questions which are done in exam conditions; the results will influence end of term reports.

How can I help my child in this subject?

Students will benefit from having a designated quiet space in which they can study. They should make a habit of working with a dictionary and thesaurus by their side. Please encourage your sons to always read through their homework before handing it in, this will help them to self-correct any silly mistakes and is a vital element in their own self-assessment. Any missed homework will be flagged up through their diaries, so please do check them. Personal reading habits should also be encouraged; even ten minutes a day will improve their standard of English.

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 9.00-12:30 if you have any questions or concerns.

Science

Term: Autumn

Year: 9

Teacher: Mr. S. Ahmed

What will we be covering this term?

1st Half Term: In this term pupils will be able to describe the raw materials and their uses. How atoms join to form molecules and compounds, Pupils will be able to use symbols and formulae to write balanced equations for chemical reactions.

2nd Half Term: In this half term we will continue to study the final part of the chemistry unit and develop their knowledge about rocks and other useful materials. Pupils will know the uses of limestone and understand the blast furnace and the equations. Pupils will also be able to consider the advantages and disadvantages of using metals and recycling.

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

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 continue from surah At-Takathur which is where we left off in the last academic year.

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 continue with our Tafseer lessons. 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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History

Term: Autumn

Year: 9

Teacher: Mr. Abdul Fattah Hussain

What will we be covering this term?

1st Half Term: First term we will study Moghul India focusing on building up background knowledge for a GCSE topic. The aim will be to also give them key skills of GCSE history one year early. Although it will focus on stimulating them for their love of this subject. It will also focus on the student trying to come up with their own interpretation of events.

2nd Half Term: Second term we will focus on the independence movement. The idea will be to learn the key concepts and terms. We will focus on how to deal with the document and primary source questions in this term.

How will my child be assessed this term?

Homework is an integral part of ongoing assessment. This combined with his contribution to class and final exam will be used to assess him.

How can I help my child in this subject?

In terms of visual stimulation Richard Attenborough's Ghandi is a great film to watch together. There are countless of good introductory books on India designed for young students. Visits to the British Museum is also a useful way of getting your child acquainted with the subject.

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

Please feel free to contact me on Thursdays 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: 9

Teacher: Ms Mariam Amele

What will we be covering this term?

1st Half Terms: Pupils in year 9 will be studying 'Population' where they will learn about how the world population is distributed as well as the factors that influence variations in global population. Pupils will be learning about migration both international and local. They will also examine population change in developed and developing countries and try to understand the problems presented by these changes. Learning about population will help pupils to understand some of the challenges facing our world and to develop their own views on how these problems may be solved.

2nd Half Term: After half term pupils will be studying the unit 'Tectonic Activity'. Pupils will take an in-depth look in to the movement of the Earth's crust and the natural hazards caused by this movement e.g. earthquakes, volcanoes etc. Pupils will also be learning about the formation of fold mountains and about settlement and other human activities in areas of tectonic activity.

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. Pupils will also be doing some case studies in class on areas of the world relevant to the topics studied. Pupils would benefit from doing some independent research on the case studies by reading more widely on the topic. Please ensure that your child is up to date with their homework.

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

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ICT

Term: Autumn

Year: 9

Teacher: Ms Afsha Mohamed

What will we be covering this term?

1st Half Term: In this unit pupils consider the information that they need in order to collect appropriate data to test a hypothesis. They will collect data using questionnaires, and design a structure to contain the data. They will learn to design questionnaires that elicits the correct information. They will gain a good understanding on using Microsoft Access and learn how to set up an appropriate database structure that enables successful queries, to enter data and to check the accuracy of the data as it is entered and to use verification techniques provided by the software

2nd Half Term: students will continue familiarising themselves with Microsoft Access. The focus in this term will be past GCSE exam questions on Database and students will start to develop exam technique methods and gain understanding on how to tackle questions.

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. 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 11.20am-11.40am and 13.20pm-14.20pm. You may also leave a written message in your son's homework diary or email me at afsha.alkhair@googlemail.com

Arabic

Term: Autumn

Year: 9

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). We started this book in the spring term of the 2008-2009 academic year, and shall be continuing with it. In this half term we will briefly revise the first six chapters then move on to chapter 7. Chapter 7 is الدراسة (Studies). Chapters 7 will introduce new target language for the students to enable them to converse in the particular situation. There are additional exercises for students to improve their pronunciation and handwriting. Year 9 will also begin studying Arabic grammar as a prelude to the GCSE syllabus that they will be starting in year 10.

2nd Half Term: In this half term we will study chapter 8. Chapter 8 is العمل (Work). The chapter will 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. The grammar component will also be continued in this term.

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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