

English

Term: Summer

Year: 9

Teacher: Mrs Annie Khan

What will we be covering this term?

1st Half Term: Students will complete their study of 'Of Mice and Men', they will round this period of study off with both a set of timed essays and a screening of the film version of the novel. Students will also consolidate their original writing skills with opportunities to practise their skills.

2nd Half Term: Poetry skills will be revised by applying them to a few of the poems in their GCSE course next year. The boys will also sharpen descriptive skills and get the opportunity to improve speaking and listening skills in preparation for next year. Provided adequate progress is made in these areas, the boys will get to enjoy a play of their choice towards the end of term.

How will my child be assessed this term?

Homework will continue to be a key indicator of a boy's performance. However class contribution and participation is also very much valued. Students should be aware that their ability to listen attentively is almost as important as their ability to contribute.

How can I help my child in this subject?

Students will benefit from having a designated quiet space in which they can study. Homework should be handwritten unless otherwise specified. Students should take care over presentation and the appearance of their folder; asking the boys to see their folders will help to encourage them to keep it in order. All of the boys in this year group have great potential in this subject; they should be encouraged to focus on their own personal progress during class time.

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.

Mathematics

Term: Summer

Year: 9

Teachers: Mr A. Afzal and Mr S. Ahmed

What will we be covering this term?

Following topics will be covered from Book: Edexcel GCSE Mathematics Linear Course:

1st Half Term:

Averages and Spread (Chapter 17) and Transformations (Chapter 14) with Mr A. Afzal

Inequalities (Chapter 15) and Estimating and Accuracy (Chapter 16) with Mr S. Ahmed

2nd Half Term:

Pythagoras' Theorem and Trigonometry (Chapter 19) with Mr A. Afzal

Formulae (Chapter 18) with Mr S. Ahmed

How will my child be assessed this term?

Homework is an integral part of an ongoing assessment of the above mentioned topics. Please refer to your child's timetable for the days when homework is given. Students will be expected to contribute to class presentations as well. As the term progresses there will be class tests and 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 would need scientific calculators and geometry sets for some of the mentioned topics. They should make a habit of practising questions at home. Please also encourage your child to always check their homework before handing it in as this will help them to self-correct any silly mistakes and is a vital element in their own self-assessment. Presentation is very important. All the diagrams including construction work as well as graphs should be done with pencil only. Any missed homework will be flagged up through their diaries, so please do check them.

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

Please feel free to contact Mathematics department should you have any questions or queries.

Geography

Term: Summer

Year: 9

Teacher: Ms Mariam Amele

What will we be covering this term?

1st Half Terms: Pupils will be studying the unit 'Managing resources'. Management of resources is crucial to sustainable development which is a pressing concern for both developing and developed countries. Pupils will first look at the use of non-renewable over renewable fuels and consequences for global warming. Also in this unit pupils will look at tourism as a growth industry in both developing and developed countries. Pupils will learn about how tourism can lead to an increase in economic development, but also it's potential to bring about social and environmental problems.

2nd Half Term: After half term pupils will be looking in more depth at rivers and coasts. Pupils will be learning about how the processes of erosion help to create waterfalls and gorges. They will be examining the way rivers are able to transport and deposit material, helping to form flood plains, deltas and levees. We will also be looking at the effects of flooding in both LEDCs and MEDCs and comparing the natural and human causes of flooding.

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 son is up to date with his homework.

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History

Term: Summer

Year: 9

Teacher: Mr. Abdul Fattah Hussain

What will we be covering this term?

1st Half Term: This term the focus will be on understanding the society and how it works through the study of Nazi Germany. In the previous term we focused on interpretation of primary sources. This term I would like to focus on research and essay writing skills both timed and untimed. Nazi Germany also gives us an opportunity to investigate ethical and moral issues relevant to all of us.

2nd Half Term: The focus will more on to the Middle East. Students will study issues such as the Palestinian and Israeli conflict. Through a case study of the Suez crisis whereby we will explore the role of the international community. It is hoped that by the end of the term pupils will be able to express themselves better and also, be more prepared for dealing with GCSE History next year.

How will my child be assessed this term?

Pupils will be assessed on their written work as well as class room exams.

How can I help my child in this subject?

Read the work with them. Help them in their written work. See to it that they are using the computer for research. Please encourage your child to read around the subject. With regards to Nazi Germany there are tons of resources on the web as well as in the library. Also discuss the Palestinian issue with your child, question him, let him explain it to you.

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. Alternatively get in touch with me on tam_f_home@hotmail.com

Arabic

Term: Summer

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-Arabyyatu bayna Yadayk). In this half term we will be covering chapter 11 الناس و الأماكن (People and Places). We will cover new target language associated with this topic then cover exercises designed to improve students listening, reading and writing skills.

2nd Half Term: In this half term we will study chapter 12. Chapter 12 is الهوايات (Hobbies). The chapter will introduce new target language for the students to be able to converse about the particular situations presented in this chapter. There are additional exercises for students to improve their pronunciation and handwriting. Grammar components will also be covered 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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Religious Studies

Term: Summer

Year: 9

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 cover surah Al-Fajr and Al-Ghashiyah. We will also cover supplications for Morning and Evening from the book Hisn Al-Muslim 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 continue to cover supplications for Morning and evening from the book Hisn Al-Muslim 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: Summer

Year: 9

Teacher: Ms A Mohamed

What will we be covering this term?

1st Half Term: CRYPTOGRAPHY

In this unit students will learn about the use and purpose of cryptography and encryption of data. They will learn about the purpose and use of cryptography in everyday society and understand how the use of computers enabled ever more secure and sophisticated methods of cryptography to be developed.

2nd Half Term: UNIT 3 (G.C.S.E Coursework)

Students will be working on Unit 3 : ICT & Society coursework which forms a third of their actual GCSE grade. They will cover 5 main components : ICT and personal use, how ICT has influenced working styles, ICT is used by someone with special needs, local community and legislations pertaining to it. A wide range of technologies will be looked at.

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 project 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. Your son will need to access to 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. For majority of lessons students are emailed electronic copies of homework along with other worksheets.

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. The best method to contact me is via email.

Science

Term: Summer

Year: 9

Teacher: Mr. S. Ahmed

What will we be covering this term?

1st Half Term: students will study about eating healthy and how species and plants and animals evolve. Understand asexual reproduction and genetic engineering. Then the pupils will study different types of energies and how they are transformed. Know how efficient the energies are?

2nd Half Term: Pupils will continue to study the physics unit on electricity and how it is generated and about the National grid. Pupils will learn about renewable and non renewable energies. Pupils will learn about radiation and radioactive waves and their uses. This will lead on to the origins of the universe and how it is changing. The pupils will learn about stars, telescopes and the big bang theory.

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 was learnt today.

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