



Curriculum Overviews Autumn 2025 Year 10D

Subject	English	Teacher: Mrs Forbes	
Course specification	<p>AQA GCSE English and English Literature</p> <p>GCSE English Language</p> <p>GCSE English Literature</p>		
Termly units of study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will be reading and watching An Inspector Calls by J B Priestley and A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens. • We will be looking at the social and historical context of both texts, character, setting and narrative. • We will explore how texts present a writer's viewpoint. • We will be looking at how both writers use language to create different effects and spend time developing a personal and convincing response to the texts. • We will also develop the ability to use evidence from the texts to support a personal point of view. • Tasks will include using visual images to support learning and if appropriate students will also be introduced some examination practice using the texts. • Both texts will also be used as the basis for creative writing in order to prepare for the English language examination as well as encouraging students to write longer personal responses to literature. 		
Suggestions for Parental Support at home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk to your daughter about her targets and what she is doing in order to make progress, ask her what she has learned in lessons. • Ask her summarise what she has learned. • Discuss word choices and how they often make a picture in your head and how different words make the reader feel. • Talk to your daughter about her personal response to her current reading book. • Try to make sure that your daughter reads every day as this is a really useful way to build creative writing ideas and skills. • Encourage your daughter to make detailed references to what she is reading in order to back up her ideas or when she is expressing a point of view. • Please feel free to email regarding homework or with any other learning ideas you think may benefit your daughter or if you have any concerns regarding her work in English. 		
	theme explore	setting clues	text gender



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Keywords

explain
personal opinion
character
plot
language
structure
play
novel
poverty
analysis
symbolism

example
social and historical context
Victorian
Edwardian
authority
social class
socialism
dramatic irony
viewpoint
interpretation
moral

status
poetry
prose
letter
diary
opinion
fact
broadsheet
tabloid
older and younger generation



Subject	English	Teacher: Mrs Simpson
Course specification	Pearson GCSE English Language 2.0 GCSE English 2.0 Pearson Functional Skills English Functional Skills	
Termly units of study	<p>An Inspector Calls (Play)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use reading strategies: predict, summarise, clarify, question.• Understand the context of a text and how this affects our understanding. (Edwardian period)• Using a dictionary independently and alphabetical order.• Recognising correct and incorrect spellings.• Comprehension.• Extracting key information from a text.• Understanding different forms of writing and how these differ.• Compound sentences.• Using sentence demarcation correctly and consistently.• Writing in different forms.• Considering choices that the writer makes and explaining ideas around this. <p>Stone Cold (Novel)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Focusing on the topic of Homelessness• Reading and responding to a range of non-fiction texts.• Comprehension skills• Use reading strategies: predict, summarise, clarify, question.• Using a dictionary independently and alphabetical order.• Extracting key information from a text• Compound sentences.• Using sentence demarcation correctly and consistently.• Writing in different forms.• Connectives/conjunctions.• Analysing a writer's choice of language.	



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Suggestions for Parental Support at home	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Encourage your child to talk about the texts. Explaining the plot, characters, setting etc. will help to consolidate learning• Encourage your child to research around the text and the play independently, either online or by asking family members• Encourage your child to read on a daily basis and do ask questions about what they have read.• Encourage your child to express a personal viewpoint on a wide range of topics (particularly those of class and homelessness for these texts)• Encourage your child to explain new vocabulary they have learnt in this topic.• Encourage your child to read non-fiction as well as fiction, particularly reviews and advertising.• When reading a text at home, ask if they can tell you 2/3 things about what they have read.• Practice using a dictionary at home to look up words that they don't know.• Encourage writing in full sentences and checking key punctuation such as capital letters and full stops.		
Keywords	prediction character theme analysis symbol	symbolism personal response form live theatre conventions	summary terminology mood tone of voice improvisation



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Subject	Maths		Teacher: Mr McMillan
Course specification	<u>OCR GCSE Mathematics</u> <u>Pearson Functional Skills Maths</u>		
Termly units of study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calculations • Expressions • Angles and polygons • Handling data • Fractions, decimals and percentages 		
Suggestions for Parental Support at home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice using a calculator. • Look for tasks at home which require numbers or numerical knowledge or calculations. Point out what these are, and what could go wrong if we don't use our maths skills (e.g. miss the train, burn/undercook the dinner!) • When cooking and baking, get your daughter involved in reading the instructions, following recipes, weighing and measuring out ingredients. This will help her to practice using quantities, fractions, temperatures and cooking units. • Involve your daughter in household food shopping to practice reading food labels, comparing brands and prices, and finding the best deals. This will help her to understand the value of money and learn to understand numbers and prices. • Pose problems around travel situations. Examples could be 'how many minutes do we have until we have to leave', how long will it take to get to a destination based on your speed. • Make sure your daughter can tell the time by reading both analogue and digital clocks. • Play maths games at home – e.g. dominoes, chess, cards and memory games. 		
Keywords	Decimal system, digit, place value, negative numbers, estimate, rounding, decimals places (d.p.), significant figures (s.f.), first significant figure, partitioning, compensation, BODMAS Expression, equation, formula, term, variable, substituting, unknown, index/base/power, index laws, coefficient, brackets, expand, factorise, simplify, highest common factor	Acute, right, obtuse, reflex, alternate, corresponding, bearings, polygon, triangle, quadrilateral, congruent, similar, scale factor, interior, exterior Population, sample, survey, data collection sheet, tally chart, frequency table, frequency, pictogram, bar-chart, pie chart, mean, mode, median, range, outlier	Numerator, Denominator, Mixed number, Improper fraction, Decimal, Common factor, Lowest common denominator, Terminating, Recurring



Subject	Biology	Teacher: Mrs Dixon
Course specification	Edexcel GCSE Biology GCSE Biology	
Termly units of study	Key Concepts in Biology – Unit 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Microscopes• Specialised cells• Inside Bacteria• Enzymes and nutrition• Core-practical: Testing foods• Enzyme activity• Core-practical: pH and enzymes• Transporting substances• Core-practical: Osmosis and potatoes Cells and Control – Unit 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mitosis• Growth in animals• Growth in plants• Stem cells• The brain• Brain and spinal cord problems• The nervous system• The eye• Neurotransmission speeds	



Suggestions for Parental Support at home	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Talk to your daughter about her targets and her progress.• Help your daughter to study and revise by testing her on keywords and getting her to explain processes to you.• Encourage your daughter to use the Revision Guide and Workbook provided to support revision and compound knowledge.• Encourage your daughter to read popular science books or magazines and discuss them with her.• Talk about science-based stories in the news.• Visit science-related places of interest and museums.		
Keywords	magnification field of view adaptations haploid diploid prokaryotic enzymes lock and key model denatured biuret test	ethanol emulsion test benedict's test calorimeter diffusion and active transport concentration gradient active site catalyst iodine solution mitosis and meiosis differentiation	meristems elongation root hair cells xylem stem cells neurons cerebral cortex cerebellum medulla oblongata



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Subject	Health and Social Care		Teacher: Mrs Chippington
Course specification	BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2 Health and Social Care		
Termly units of study	<p>Component 1: Human lifespan and development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main life stages • Physical development • Intellectual development • Emotional development • Social development • Factors affecting growth & development 		
Suggestions for Parental Support at home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watch documentaries about e.g. children's hospitals, care homes, living on benefits, etc. also serials such as Casualty, talking with your daughter about how e.g. self-esteem may be affected by the illness/incident that has happened, how a poor diet may lead to obesity, this may then affect self-esteem and consequently employment prospects. • If you have any friends or relatives who access health or social care services talk about this with your daughter. find out about the support given and why it is needed. is the support voluntary or do they have to pay for it? • Talk about the careers that are available in the health and social care sector. if you have family or friends working in this sector ask them to talk to your daughter about their role. • Discuss life events that have happened in your family, e.g. moving house, redundancy, the arrival of a sibling, divorce, serious accident or illness, and how has that impacted on members of the family physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially. • If you spend time with pre-school children, point out to your daughter the skills they are developing, e.g. walking, using cutlery, putting shoes on, holding a pencil, etc. 		
Keywords	characteristic life stage infancy early childhood adolescence early adulthood middle adulthood older adulthood growth development	gross motor development fine motor development milestones primary sexual characteristics secondary sexual characteristics menopause oestrogen stamina lifestyle cognitive development	formal/informal relationships friendships intimate relationships inherited conditions mental ill health sensory impairment social inclusion and exclusion discrimination bullying cultural factors



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physical development
intellectual development
emotional development
social development

contentment
self esteem
self-image
attachment

environmental factors
economic factors



Subject	Art	Teacher: Miss Grant
Course specification	AQA GCSE Art and Design (Fine Art) GCSE Art and Design	
Termly units of study	<p>Students will develop a personal project from the starting point 'Inspired by Nature'. They will select a range of source images and explore these using appropriate materials. Students will record their ideas through drawing and annotation, and develop individual work from the starting point.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the structure of the GCSE course • Drawing for different purposes • Observational and investigative drawing • Recording insights through relevant annotation • Exploring materials and creating experimental work • Researching appropriate images. • Selecting appropriate artists and researching their work and ideas (John James Audubon, Andy Goldsworthy, Beatriz Milhazes, Charlotte Day, Georgia O'Keeffe, Karl Blossfeldt, Joanna Wedrychowska, Kate Malone, Sue Blackwell) • Using photography to observe and record. • Organising work in a suitable format (sketchbook or mounted sheets) • Developing visual literacy 	
Suggestions for Parental Support at home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussing ideas for the project and finding relevant inspirational images. • Observational drawing and copying images will build skills regardless of the subject matter (If the subject matter is relevant that is excellent but any drawing practice is beneficial). • Promote good drawing practice by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Using a sharp pencil ○ Including as much detail as possible ○ Using shading ○ Using contrast • Take time to look chat about ideas and images. • Own photos that are relevant to the selected project will contribute to the coursework so provide opportunities for this at home if possible. Photos should be put on a Word or Powerpoint document and emailed to miss.grant@limpsfield-grange.co.uk. 	



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Keywords

assessment objectives
recording
observing

tonal range
blending
directional mark-making

form
detail



Subject	Religious Studies	Teacher: Mrs Wells
Course specification	AQA Religious Studies A - Christianity and Islam GCSE Religious Studies	
Termly units of study	<p>Christian beliefs and teachings about Jesus, including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the incarnation and Jesus as the Son of God • the crucifixion, resurrection and ascension • sin, including original sin • the means of salvation, including law, grace and Spirit • the role of Christ in salvation including the idea of atonement. • Christian beliefs in the afterlife <p>Religion and life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The origins and value of the universe • The origins of the universe, including: • religious teachings about the origins of the universe, and different interpretations of these • the relationship between scientific views, such as the Big Bang theory, and religious views. • The value of the world and the duty of human beings to protect it, including religious teaching about stewardship, dominion, responsibility, awe and wonder. • The use and abuse of the environment, including the use of natural resources, pollution. • The use and abuse of animals, including, animal experimentation, the use of animals for food. 	
Suggestions for Parental Support at home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage you daughter to read the news and discuss current affairs that relate to the environment, including pollution and net zero. • Use the text book to test your daughter on the current topic. • Support your daughter to learn the key words for homework which will be tested regularly in class. • Use YouTube clips linked to the exam board, they often give short clear explanation of the topics. Our exam board is AQA. • Encourage your daughter to use Seneca to revise key information. (They have been set up with an account in class and should know how to access the resources.) • https://request.org.uk/ is a great resource for the Christian part of the course, watch videos on here about the topics covered in class. • Visit BBC Bitesize. 	



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Keywords

apostles
atonement
Bible
Christ
creation

disciple
Fall (The)
forgiveness
Garden of Eden
gospel

Holy Spirit
immanent
King
Messiah



Subject	Duke of Edinburgh	Staff lead: Mrs Salter
Termly units of study	<p>Physical section – Canoeing at Thames Young Mariners. They will attend every other Wednesday. On alternate Wednesdays, students will work on completing their Skills and Volunteering sections at High Ashurst.</p> <p>Skills section – 'Living Outdoors' will focus on developing their understanding of what a human needs to survive when living outdoors, including shelter (both handmade natural material shelters and tents), warmth (appropriate clothing), food (balanced menus, safely cooking on fires and stoves, health & hygiene) and water (appropriate hydration levels and water sources). They will also develop their teamwork, social skills, timekeeping and independence.</p> <p>Volunteering section – 'Site Development' on alternate weeks at High Ashurst during the Autumn term. The focus will be on developing their DIY skills, including using hand and power tools, through projects such as building a dead hedge fence along the edge of the archery overshoot area and planting trees along the new fence line at the coach house.</p> <p>Expedition section – the group will do a canoeing expedition. This will involve two days of canoeing and one night of camping, most likely at Henley Fort. The dates have not been finalised but this is likely to be after the May half term. The expedition will be undertaken with SOLD staff and more details of this will be shared once dates have been decided. The group will also undertake a shorter 'practice' expedition where they will travel to High Ashurst after school on a Monday, camp there overnight and spend the day there on Tuesday. This will give them the opportunity to be guided through the timings and events of the overnight section of their expedition before they are required to do it independently on their final expedition in order to achieve their award.</p> <p>Students must arrive at school in appropriate clothing. It must be hardwearing as it will undoubtedly get dirty. Students will be outside in all weathers throughout the year.</p> <p>They must wear and bring the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trousers/ leggings (long shorts in warmer weather), a T-shirt and a sweatshirt.• Trainers (walking/hiking boots and thick socks for winter) plus a spare pair of clean shoes to change into and a bag for the dirty shoes.• Lightweight waterproof coat which zips up/closes properly, and with a hood.• A filled water bottle.• A packed lunch (this will be provided for students who normally have a school lunch).• On days that they are canoeing, students should wear a swimming costume underneath their clothes and wear clothes and shoes that they do not mind getting wet. They must also bring a spare set of clothing, including a pair of shoes and a towel. Long hair must be tied back and jewellery is not allowed. Mobile phones and other electronic devices are not taken to the SOLD site and will be stored safely at school.	



Subject	PE	Teacher: Miss Kenyon
Termly units of study	<p>Autumn 1 - Hand-eye co-ordination (through varied sports and activities)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Warm-ups• Development of static skills<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Throwing○ Catching○ Controlling the ball• Movement and agility<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Catching on the move○ Passing on the move• Competition and performance<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Small-sided conditioned games• Communication and leadership<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Through drills and gameplay• Practice games<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Competition and refinement of skills• Competition/performance<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Gameplay and tournaments <p>Autumn 2 -Balance and flexibility (Stability skills) (Through varied sports and activities)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development of static skills<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Balances• Movement and agility<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ways to travel• Competition and performance<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Developing routines• Communication and leadership<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Through pair and group work• Practice games	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Development of routines ● Competition/ performance ○ Final routines <p>Continuous focus throughout the year on;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● warmups ● cooldowns ● types of fitness ● heart rate ● teamwork ● leadership ● choice ● challenge ● self-assessment ● refinement ● personal best 												
<p>Suggestions for Parental Support at home</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ensure students have full PE kit, hair band, water bottle, appropriate trainers and deodorant on their PE day. ● On the evening of PE day (Thursday), encourage them to do some different stretches to ease potential muscle soreness. ● Encourage students to be active over the weekend/ evenings. ● Encourage a healthy lifestyle. ● Encourage them to watch sporting events live/ on TV/ on YouTube, particularly of women in sport. ● Try to get outside once a day, either to walk, or exercise. 												
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Subject	WACI		Teacher: Mrs Janaway
Termly units of study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health & Prevention – breast examination • First Aid – CPR and Defibrillator training • Careers meetings with Innervate Careers Advisor • Careers – getting and starting a job • Drugs & Alcohol – Spiking • Relationship & Sex Education 		
Suggestions for Parental Support at home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the 'Home' strand on the independence framework to identify skills that your daughter needs to develop. • Encourage your daughter to take responsibility for emailing her subject teacher for advice about completing homework. • Encourage your daughter to plan, shop for and cook a family meal. • Look at the Coppafeel website - CoppaFeel! Check Your Chest Breast Cancer Awareness Charity • Look at the British Heart Foundation website - Learn CPR in 15 minutes for free RevivR - BHF • Look at the Brook website - Condoms: How effective are they? How do I use them correctly?, Sexually Transmitted Infections: Worried You have an STI? 		
Keywords	<p>Coppafeel self-examination cardiac arrest digital footprint cybervetting application reference referee covering letter supporting statement personal statement redundancy dismissal</p>	<p>promotion probation induction appraisal contract health & safety GHB date rape drug ask Angela rape sexual assault capacity victim blaming</p>	<p>safer sex withdrawal method male condom female condom ejaculation orgasm pregnancy chlamydia gonorrhoea HIV syphilis genital herpes genital warts</p>