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Dear Parent/Carer,

The table below outlines what is being studied during Half Term 5 in Year 8 in each subject and how students are assessed and given feedback to support their progress.

Subject	Content this half term	Assessments
English	Exploring conflict through Shakespeare- 'Having a Voice' in poetry and NF writing	Formative and summative
Maths	Units: Standard Index Form (converting and calculating), Fractions and Percentages, Number Sense (rounding, units, time, weight, error intervals.)	End of Topic Tests
Science	<p>Reactions 2 - Students will begin to identify what the reactants and products are in a chemical reaction, and how heat affects the reaction. The students will then understand the difference between an endothermic and exothermic reaction and how catalysts affect a reaction.</p> <p>Organisms 2 - Students will embed their knowledge of the respiratory system and learn how pressure changes are involved in the mechanisms of breathing. They will relate their knowledge of diffusion to the structure and function of the lungs and the importance of oxygen absorption. Students will then go on to relate the importance of a balanced diet and why enzymes are needed in the digestive system for the effective absorption of food molecules.</p>	End of topic tests
MFL	<p>French: weather descriptions, countries & nationalities, holiday activities, transport, past and present opinion phrases and adjectives to describe holidays structures - present and perfect tense verb structures, comparative and superlatives verbs - to be, to go, to do, to stay</p> <p>German: body parts, illness phrases, giving advice, opinion phrases and adjectives to describe healthy eating habits and exercise/sports, structures - "you have to", future and conditional tense verb structures, telling the time verbs - to have, to hurt, to eat, to play, to do</p> <p>Spanish: opinion phrases and adjectives to describe jobs, job responsibilities, work places, future plans, daily routine structures - third person and future tense verb structures, comparative and superlatives verbs - to work, to be</p>	Ongoing formative assessments and end of topic tests.
Computer Science	This term the Year 8 will move from looking at spreadsheets to a unit that looks at Computer Hardware. We will explain the mechanics of the circuit board and the nature of the computer chip and how it works.	The unit is assessed by the completion of website that shows their understanding of the material.
Technology	Students will undertake a range of CAD, practical and design exercises in order to develop their DT skills.	Some homework tasks set in line with the topic undertaken where appropriate.



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Food preparation and Nutrition	Students will be learning about cuisines from around the world. Students will be making links between history, immigration, migration and the way food reflects the past and future.	
Music	Ostinato composition	Performance and End of Unit Assessment
Art	Inspired by the creative process of Art Deco students experience developing art from imaginative & intuitive drawing. Apply knowledge of formal elements/paper collage learnt in yr7 to produce: drawing/designing/card relief	ongoing formative/summative feedback given by class teacher
Drama	Students will be focusing on a devised performance piece based on the topic of 'The London Riots'. Students will look at verbatim events linking to the London Riots and practically devise performances using a series of drama techniques and characterisation.	Students will be practically assessed on their ability to devise a performance showcasing their gained knowledge of the London Riots, incorporating characterisation and a series of drama techniques.
PE	Techniques, tactics & composition across a variety of sports. Knowledge and understanding of health & fitness. Introduction to character exam action and its value in sport.	Every 4 weeks on different aspects of physical literacy.
History	First World War	Essay: Causes of the First World War
Geography	Geography of Disease A unit that looks at the spread of diseases across the world and why some countries are more affected by diseases.	Decision Making Exercise about Cholera in the developing world
RS	Sikhism - NEW FOR 2024 In this module we look at the youngest of the Six World Faiths. Exploring its rich history and cultural practices.	Exam at the end of the unit Ongoing recall quizzes every lesson - students should use their Knowledge Organiser for support with this.

We hope you find this information useful and your child is enjoying learning with us at HCCS.

Kind regards,
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