



Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School & 6th Form College

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Dear Parent/Carer,

The table below outlines what is being studied during Half Term 6 in Year 10 in each subject and how students are assessed and given feedback to support their progress.

Subject	Content this half term	Assessments
English language	Non fiction writing and Non fiction comprehension (Paper 2) Component 3: Delivering a Speech	Formative and summative
English literature	Macbeth and Poetry (Anthology and Unseen)	Formative and summative
Creative Digital Media Production (BTEC L2)	Component 1- Exploring media products	Formative
GCSE Computer Science	Unit 3 on Computer Hardware and Operating Systems	The Unit 3 Exam and the Mock Examination (Unit 1, 2 and 3)
Technology	Introduction and starting the Controlled Assessment (coursework) which is worth 50% of the overall qualification. This will mainly be computer room based and students are expected to keep up with the schedule set by the teaching staff. The expectation is that by the summer holidays students should have completed the Context, Research and Analysis, Design Brief and Specification.	There will be a summer mock exam, assessed homework tasks and the beginning of the NEA (which is worth 50% of the GCSE grade)
BTEC Tech Award in Digital Information Technologies	Unit 3 preparation around Spreadsheets and their application to analyse data.	Coursework assessment that contributes to the final grade.
GCSE Business	1.5 Understanding External Influences on Business	End of year test
Enterprise and Marketing	R068 Design a business proposal	Coursework assignment
Physics	Electricity in the home & Circuits	End of topic tests
Chemistry	Quantitative Chemistry & Chemical changes	End of topic tests
Biology	Infection and response and Ecology	End of topic tests
Combined (Double) science	Biology - Infection and response Chemistry - Quantitative Chemistry & Chemical changes Physics - Electricity & Radioactivity	End of topic tests
Maths	Pythagoras; Trigonometry; Angles and Bearings, Working with Circles 10X4: Squares and Roots, Pythagoras, Angles and Bearings, Working with Circles	End of Unit Assessments
French	Marriage and Relationships Opinions & reasons on: romantic and familial relationships, future plans	End of year assessment on all year 10 topics

	Grammar: conditional voice, 'si' clauses, comparative & superlative structures, relative clauses, reflexive verbs, future expressions Retrieval: films & TV, hobbies, food	
German	Marriage and Relationships Opinions & reasons on: romantic and familial relationships, future plans Grammar: conditional voice, comparative & superlative structures, relative clauses, reflexive verbs, future expressions Retrieval: films & TV, hobbies, food	End of year assessment on all year 10 topics
Spanish	Marriage and Relationships Opinions & reasons on: romantic and familial relationships, future plans Grammar: conditional voice, subjunctive phrases, comparative & superlative structures, relative clauses, reflexive verbs, future expressions Retrieval: films & TV, hobbies, food	End of year assessment on all year 10 topics
Art/craft/design	A continuation with coursework project work with some lessons targeting individual strengths/weaknesses to focus on completing & improving existing coursework.	ongoing summative & formative assessment using AQA Art mark scheme
Drama	Students will finalise and present their devised performances they have been working on since January. Students will also finalise their supporting devising logs. The footage and logs will be sent to AQA next May and will form 40% of their overall grade.	Component 2 practical in class assessment and devising logs
History	Elizabeth and Germany	Year 10 mock exam - (Medicine and Elizabeth)
Geography	Changing Economy of the World topic; and start working towards their fieldwork and Paper 3 exam. They will also start the Natural Hazards topic starting to look at Volcanoes and Earthquakes.	An end of unit test on Changing Economy of the World; a write up of their fieldwork and exam questions throughout the topics.
GCSE RS	COMPONENT 1 - Islam Beliefs and Teachings (we go back to this module and look at the comparison between the sunni and shi'a beliefs) COMPONENT 2 - Theme D - Peace and Conflict Religious teachings and approaches to war, protest and pacifism	Recall quiz every lesson Practice questions in class End of topic mock exam
Psychology	Completion of sleep and dreaming topic Memory topic	End of unit assessment for sleep and dreaming Short summer mock exam with sleep topic, social influence and research methods
GCSE PE	Optimising training and prevention of injury Warm up & Cool Down Levers Planes & Axis Use of Data	PEP (Coursework) , Unit Tests, Homework
GCSE Food Studies	Functional and Chemical Properties of food and food choice. Mock NEA1.	Unit tests Practical assessments Mock NEA1 assessment
GCSE Music	Bach Brandenburg Concerto set work Beethoven Pathetique sonata set work (tbc)	Knowledge test at the end of each project; listening exam questions;

	Solo performances to the class Composition challenges using computer software	comparison essay question
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We hope you find this information useful and your child is enjoying learning with us at HCCS.

Kind regards,
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