



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 8 in each subject and how students are assessed and given feedback to support their progress.

Subject	Content this half term	Assessments
English	Having a 'Voice' in Nonfiction writing and Poetry	Formative and summative
Maths	Number Sense (Rounding, Money and Error Intervals); Angles in Parallel Lines and Polygons; Area and Perimeter	End of Unit Assessments and Interim 3 End of Year Assessments 17th and 18th June
Science	Waves 2 - We focus on the properties of light and how we perceive it. They will learn about the mechanisms of sight and hearing, gaining an understanding of how our senses interpret these waves. Additionally, they will investigate ultraviolet light and its various effects and applications. Earth 2 - We focus on Earth's climate and the carbon cycle. Students will learn about the significant impacts humans have on the environment, including the effects of plastic pollution. Additionally, they will explore the importance of recycling and its role in mitigating environmental damage.	End of topic tests
MFL	All languages: continuation of previous topic, final assessments and feedback, opinion phrases, useful adjectives, common phonic sounds and pronunciation practice	Ongoing formative assessments and end of topic tests.
Computer Science	Mobile App authoring software is used to write about Computer Hardware and Binary Mathematics	End of Unit Exam and the EBook.
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.
Food preparation and Nutrition	Students will be looking at key cookery skills and also how multiculturalism and immigration has influenced British cuisine.	Evaluation assessment
Music	Suites; Club Dance Music	Practical and listening assessment for each project, as well as a reflection homework
Art	Students build on their knowledge of successful drawing and collage experience from within the curriculum & develop paper collage work using inspiration from artist Keith Haring.	ongoing formative & summative assessment

Drama	Scripted unit: 'The Gate Escape' - a scripted piece based on truancy. Students will build upon their group communication and rehearsal skills alongside developing their ability to transfer from page to stage, interpreting characters and key scenes from the play using and further enhancing their characterisation and post performance analysis skills.	In class practical scripted performance
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	World War One	Causes essay (PEE paragraph Writing) and source work
Geography	The Geography of Disease. Considering why diseases spread, the difference between communicable and non communicable disease, focusing in on specific diseases and their spread around the world and the prevention of these diseases.	2 key assessments. A knowledge recall test and a longer written DME- Decision Making Exercise based on Cholera and a resource booklet that they look at for homework over the unit.
RS	Who are the Sikh's An in depth, and thematic study of Sikh history, Empire, expression and belief.	Recall quiz every lesson End of topic exam.

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

Kind regards,
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