



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 5 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	Transactional writing (Paper 2, Section B)	Formative
English literature	Macbeth and Poetry (Anthology and Unseen)	Formative
Creative Digital Media Production (BTEC L2)	Exploring and creating media products	Formative and External summative
GCSE Computer Science	Since Christmas we have been working on Unit 2 (Binary, Hexadecimal, Images, Sound and Compression) - we will do the unit test in the assessment week. After the Unit Test we will move to Unit 3 on Computer Hardware which will finish in July	Unit test in assessment week
Technology	Metal work project, Unit 3-4 Theory and start of the GCSE NEA	Unit tests following theory sessions.
BTEC Tech Award in Digital Information Technologies	Unit 2 (Spreadsheets and Data) - The students have already completed the first assessment with real marks. Spreadsheets will form the basis of the second assessment. Each of these assessments is worth 30% of the final grade.	building spreadsheets for the Unit 2 submission
GCSE Business	1.5 Understanding external influences on Business	End of Year exam
Enterprise and Marketing	LO5 Understand factors for consideration when starting a business RO68 Design a business proposal	End of Year exam
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
Psychology	Memory and Research Methods	Mid and End of topic assessments involving both short and long style questions
Health and Social Care Level 2 BTEC Tech award	Learning outcome A: Understand the different types of health and social care services and barriers to accessing them A1 Healthcare services A2 Social care services A3 Barriers to accessing services	Component 2: Health and Social Care Services and Values Levels: 1/2 Assessment type: Internal, externally moderated Guided learning hours: 36
Maths	Non-Calculator Methods: 4 operations with integers, decimals and fractions, rounding, estimating, error intervals, surds	Mock Assessments Paper 1: Non Calculator Paper 2: Calculator

	<p>Pythagoras: Squares, roots, finding the hypotenuse, finding a shorter side, Pythagoras in context, 3D Pythagoras</p> <p>Trigonometry: Finding the length of a missing side of any triangle, and finding a missing angle from any triangle</p>	
French	<p>Mock exams and feedback/reflection</p> <p>Continuation of HT4 content</p>	Reading, Listening and Writing mock assessments
German	<p>Mock exams and feedback/reflection</p> <p>Continuation of HT4 content</p>	Reading, Listening and Writing mock assessments
Spanish	<p>Mock exams and feedback/reflection</p> <p>Continuation of HT4 content</p>	Reading, Listening and Writing mock assessments
Art/craft/design	<p>coursework project - either using the scheme of work for 'Day of the Dead' or 'Africa' depending on group</p>	coursework 60% of final GCSE grade & examination project 40% - all work internally marked and externally via an AQA moderator visit to school.
Drama	<p>Devising unit component 2 - continued from the previous half term. Students are working on creating, rehearsing and documenting their performances in rehearsal and writing their devising logs.</p>	Students are to perform their devised performance they have been working on since January and document this in their devising logs.
History	<p>Elizabethan England- Catholic Problems; Puritan Problems & the Spanish Armada</p>	8 marker Explain the Significance & Write an Account style Questions Summer MOCK Exam = Health & people essay
Geography	<p>The Changing Economic World- we start this topic and look at the contrasts across the world in terms of development. We cover how we measure development; the historical reasons for different levels of development and how we can reduce the development gap.</p>	Regular exam questions based on the content of the unit.. A mid unit test on The Changing Economic World topic. Summer Mock exam based on all the subjects studied so far.
GCSE RS	<p>Theme B - Religion and Life</p> <p>Islam B&T</p> <p>Theme D - Religion, War and Peace</p>	<p>Recall checks every lesson - knowledge organisers will help with this.</p> <p>End of unit assessments</p>
GCSE PE	<p>Optimising training and prevention of injury</p> <p>Warm up & Cool Down</p> <p>Levers</p> <p>Planes & Axis</p> <p>Use of Data</p>	PEP (Coursework) , Unit Tests, Homework
GCSE Food Studies	<p>Food Safety.</p> <p>Food Choice.</p>	<p>Topic tests.</p> <p>Formative and summative tests for both practical and theoretical elements of the course.</p>
GCSE Music	<p>Mock Examination</p>	End of unit test, listening questions

	Purcell- Music For A While Ensemble Performance	and comparison exam question towards the end of the topic
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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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