



Gordano Learning

Director of Key Stage 4: Mr Beesley

LEARNING UPDATE – Year 10

MOCK INTERVIEWS

Year 10 took part in a series of 'mock interviews' with a number of our **Business Partners**. The feedback from the local companies who came in to do was really pleasing. Every single one of the employers/local businesses said what a positive experience it had been and *"What a brilliant bunch of students" we have at the school.*

Some were keen to say that they had apprenticeships and opportunities available and would welcome applications from students from our school.



LEARNING OVERVIEW

I have the privilege to frequently and continually spend time in lessons around the school. This term, departments have been focusing on building on prior learning and ensuring that students are confident about their knowledge and understanding about the subject.

Year 10 lessons have been full of new learning, new topics and revision – along with feedback to help students feel confident and be able to demonstrate their understanding in longer assessments. Remember to revise for the Year 10 Mock Exams in June!

It is always a real pleasure to spend time in lessons, to look at books and discuss with students – how they feel about their subjects and preparation for exams.

There was such positive feedback from the students about the way in which they are taught, the practical opportunities within lessons and the resources provided to help them revise, when away from the classroom.

Remember, students have access to all the **GCSEPod** resources. Please continue to engage with the software and plan to use it frequently over the Easter break. Check Classcharts for instructions on how to LOGIN



As you will be aware, I leave Gordano School at Easter after leading the KS4 students for the last 7 years. I want to thank you all for your support and encouragement with the students and we welcome Mr Mark Tipler to the school, to continue the Year 11 Strategy and lead Key Stage 4.

I wish you all the best in the future –

Mr Beesley

KEY DATES

5 April – 21 April - **Easter Holidays**
2 May - **Yr 10 Achievement Review 2**
23 May - **End of Term 5**
2 June - **Yr 11 Transition**
16 June - **Yr 10 Mock Exam Week 1**
23 June - **Yr 10 Mock Exam Week 2**
30 June - **Work Experience Week**

Year 10

Subject	Term 5	Term 6
English Language	Narrative/Descriptive Writing (paper 1 Question 5)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Mock Preparation (Full Paper 1) Intro to Non-Fiction Writing (Paper 2 Question 5)
English Literature	Finish ' <i>Macbeth</i> ' Start Poetry Anthology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Love and Relationships OR Power and Conflict 	Poetry Anthology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Love and Relationships OR Power and Conflict
Maths	Pythagoras' Theorem, Right Angled Trigonometry, Standard Form, Revision for year 10 mocks, Mock TRIO.	Standard form, Mock revision, Year 10 mocks, Mock TRIO.
Science	Biology continue B5 Including Genes, Inheritance and selection Chemistry C5 Including Monitoring chemical reactions and Controlling chemical reactions Physics P6 Including Radiation, radioactivity and nuclear power Term 6 will be revision for the year 10 Mock exam, which is an OCR Gateway Science Combined paper 1 for all three subjects Biology contains modules B1 B2 B3 Chemistry Contains C1 C2 C3 Physics contains P1 P2 P3 P4 This will be followed with TRIO work around the mocks and looking at required practicals.	
Ethics (including PSHE)	For PSHE please also see letters about specific topics from the Head of Department which will be sent home in advance Ethics & PSHE Protecting your body	For PSHE please also see letters about specific topics from the Head of Department which will be sent home in advance Ethics & PSHE Protecting your rights and liberty
RE (Twilight)	Good and Evil	Human Rights
History	Part 2: Elizabeth	Part 3: Elizabeth
Geography	Global Hazards - Weather	Sustaining Ecosystems
Travel and Tourism	PSA (coursework) Prep – Unit 1 – Travel and Tourism Organisations	PSA 1 – Coursework – Unit 1 – Travel and Tourism Organisations

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French	Home and environment	Revision and exams
Spanish	Home and environment	Revision and exams
Art	Applying a range of media, processes and techniques to a theme in depth, leading to a final piece.	Applying a range of media, processes and techniques to a theme in depth, leading to a final piece.
Art Photography	Architecture Surrealism	Surrealism
Dance	Shadows – choreography	Within Her Eyes - choreography
Drama	Devising Theatre	Devising Theatre
Music	Schwartz: 'Defying Gravity', Instrumentation focus	Schwartz: 'Defying Gravity', Harmony focus
Product Design	Lighting Project	Lighting Project
Graphic Design	N/A	N/A
Food and Nutrition	Fats and Sugars	Nutrition, healthy diets
Textiles	NEA Coursework	NEA Coursework
iMedia	Media industry sectors and products	Design Principles
Computing	Computational Thinking	Programming Techniques 2
Core PE	Athletics, cricket, rounders, interhouse swimming, sports day	
GCSE PE	NEA Part 3 written coursework	Unit 5 Socio-cultural factors
Business Studies	Topic 2.2. Making marketing decisions	Topic 2.2 Making marketing decisions & Exam Technique
Health and Social Care	Life events coursework	Start of R035 new unit – Health promotion
Psychology	Social context and behaviour	Language, thought and communication and psychological problems.
Uniformed Services	Unit 1 – Command and control	Unit 1 – crime scene investigation