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Dear Parent/Carer

**YEAR 10 CURRICULUM, STUDENT WELL-BEING, AND HOW BEST TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD  
HALF TERM 5**

The Curriculum at St. James' is the foundation of everything that we do in school, and full information about what your child will be learning at Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 can be found on the school website at [www.stjamesheadle.co.uk/curriculum](http://www.stjamesheadle.co.uk/curriculum). Here, you will find whole school and faculty curriculum statements which sum up our vision of what a knowledge-rich, properly sequenced and challenging education should look like. By clicking on each faculty icon, you will be taken to the curriculum 'progression grids' for each subject, which outline what will be taught each half term and how it will be assessed.

In Half Term 5, this is what is intended to be studied in Year 10 in each subject. Please be aware that due to the current restrictions, the delivery of the curriculum may be subject to change:

SUBJECT	TEACHING CONTENT	ASSESSMENT
English	Shakespeare – Macbeth Exploration and analysis of the playwright's methods, including dramatic devices, in the play. Exploration of contextual details that are relevant to Macbeth with the aim of integrating this knowledge into examination responses.	Ongoing formative and summative assessment
Mathematics	Unit 10 – Number Direct Proportion Inverse proportion Unit 11 – Congruency and Similarity Congruent triangles Similar triangles Enlargement Similar shapes	HT 5 Assessment – testing knowledge of skills taught in Units 10 and 11
RE	Sanctity of Life and good death Contrasting views on Sanctity of Life Vatican II and the Magisterium	Ongoing formative and summative assessment
Science	Infection and response Quantitative Chemistry We use quantitative analysis to determine the formulae of compounds and the equations for reactions. Energy Changes	Ongoing formative and summative assessment
PE	<u>Boys</u>	



	Athletics/Softball <u>Girls</u> Athletics/Rounders	
PSHCE	Unit 6 Citizenship European Union Should Britain rejoin the EU? The roles and function of the European Union Britain's relationship with the EU United Nations What is the UN and what does it do? Human Rights The four different types of human rights Taxes and Spending How are taxes raised and what is the money spent on?	

In the coming weeks, you can support your child in a number of ways:

- Your child needs to review work done in Year 10 every week – through mind maps, re-reading information, practicing examination questions. Subject teachers will be able to provide information on this. Further information can be found at [www.stjamesheadle.co.uk/homework](http://www.stjamesheadle.co.uk/homework)
- Check that your child is keeping up with all of the work on Show My Homework
- Speak to your child about what they are doing – this could be through asking them what they have done, testing them on what they have written etc
- Ensure that they have regular breaks and get a good night's sleep – work in chunks of time, turn off mobile phones and devices an hour in advance of going to bed
- At the same time, reassure them – at home and in school, we want to challenge our students to do their very best, but we also need to understand the stressful time that we have all gone through (and continue to go through)

Yours faithfully

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