

## Upper 6 Group Update

Dear Parent,

In this flyer you will find information about some of the topics we will be working on this term, and ways in which you can support learning at home.

What we will do in school...

What you could do together at home...

### English

We will be developing information finding skills and working towards writing a celebrity fact file. We will also be developing the students' functional literacy skills during community trips.

Please encourage your child to read as much as possible, especially in practical situations, and also to communicate when in the community, for example by asking a shop assistant how to find an item.

### Maths

Students will be working on a range of differentiated activities based around number. The GCSE group will be focusing on BIDMAS and algebra. The other groups will be focusing on written and mental calculation skills.

Giving your child the opportunity to use money regularly in a variety of contexts would be helpful, as would discussing the idea of budgeting and money management if appropriate. Also encouraging your child to read the time for themselves.

### ICT

We will be focusing on the topic We Are Astronauts, which involves understanding what an algorithm is and writing a simple computer programme using Scratch.

Supporting the use of ICT in any context would be helpful. For some this could be mobile phones, for others it could be internet shopping and accessing other forms of ICT in the community.

### Humanities

Our topic this term is People and Protest. We will be finding out about different protest groups through the ages, such as the Luddites and the Suffragettes.

Talking to your child about the work they have been doing in class would be helpful.

### Science

Our topic this term is Light and Sound. Students will be using practical experiments to find out about the properties of light and sound, as well as learning about the eye and the ear.

Discussing your child's Science lessons with them would be helpful.

## PSHE

Our focus this term is Different Beliefs. We will be finding out about different religions and other beliefs that people hold and learning a bit more about them.



Discussing your child's work with them would be helpful, including answering any questions they may think of outside of school. It would also be beneficial to give them the opportunity to access a range of leisure facilities outside of school time.



## Home-School Book

We will write in the home-school book to let you know about anything non-routine and will also send a newsletter home at the end of each week. We encourage the students to be responsible for handing in and taking home their own home-school books, so please let them know if there is a particular reason they need to hand it in to us.

Please feel free to write what your child has been up to at home, any new achievements and any concerns or questions you may have.

Thank you for taking the time to read this flyer. If you have any other queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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