

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 focusing on the topic Memory Box. Students will be writing and speaking about objects that are important to them.

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. The GCSE group will be focusing on 3D shapes. The other groups will be focusing on the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

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. Also encouraging your child to read the time for themselves.

ICT

We will be focusing on work linked with our Enterprise project. This will involve conducting research, producing a range of documents and using IT to track our finances.

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 The Vikings. Students will be working towards an AQA Unit award for this topic. They will be studying how the Vikings lived and finding out about their invasion of Britain

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

Science

Our topic this term is Mixtures and Reactions. Students will be revising the properties of different materials and learning more about how they react with each other. They will be taking part in a range of practical activities

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

PSHE

Our focus this term is on Drugs and other substances. We will be learning about legal and illegal substances including tobacco and alcohol. We will be thinking about their effect on the body and also the possible legal and social consequences of substance misuse.



Discussing your child's work with them would be helpful, including answering any questions they may think of outside of school.



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.

Community Skills

Students will take part in a Community Skills session once a fortnight. This will involve catching the public bus to a destination in Milton Keynes, this term it will be Kingston. They will then complete a work task before going to a café for a drink and catching the bus back to school. Students will need to bring their bus pass or bus fare, as well as some money for a drink. Please be aware that we will go out whatever the weather, so students will need to dress appropriately.

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