

Gordano Learning

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LEARNING UPDATE – Year 10

It has been a very busy and productive term for the Year 10 students.

I have had the pleasure of visiting a number of lessons, looking through books and folders, along with subject reviews and **Year 10** have been doing really well.

It is an important time in the middle of GCSE and Vocational qualifications to get into good habits around producing high quality work and ensuring knowledge is being retained for the future.



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We couldn't end the term without mentioning the time and effort that went into our wonderful **Christmas Concert**. With a number of Year 10s taking part, it is brilliant example of how to balance studying with other activities. Continuing with creative activities allow great opportunities to socialise and focus your attention away from learning content. Once again, thank you to everyone who made the event so **special!**

The school is also proud to announce, that we have the highest number of starters on the **Duke of Edinburgh Award** in the South West!

With 88 students starting the SILVER award, this is an outstanding achievement!

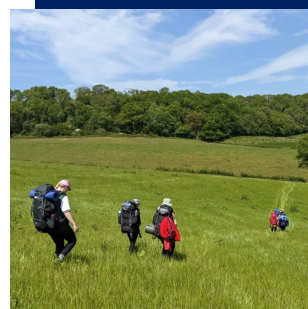
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LEARNING OVERVIEW

Students often tell me that the Christmas holiday gives them an opportunity to plan for the new year, make resolutions and get a head start on what's to come.

So, I have attached the **curriculum overview** for Year 10 over the next 2 pages, so students can organise their time.

How ever you choose to spend your time, we wish you and your family a happy holiday and look forward to welcoming students back on **Thursday 4 January 2024**.



KEY DATES

15 January – Yr 10 Employability Workshop
31 January – Yr 10 Intermediate Maths Challenge

19 & 20 February – INSET DAYS

22 March – Yr 10 Achievement Review 2

24 March – Yr 10 Duke of Edinburgh – SILVER TRAINING DAY

25-27 March – Yr 10 GCSE Drama performances

28 March – Last day of term term – Finish at 3:20pm

Dream
Big

Do Your
Best

Give
Back

YEAR 10

Subject	Term 3	Term 4
English Language	Evaluation of Tone / Narrative Writing	Evaluation of Tone / Narrative Writing
English Literature	Shakespeare: ' <i>Macbeth</i> '	Shakespeare: ' <i>Macbeth</i> '
Maths	Iteration (Higher); Further Quadratics; Summarising and Representing Data	Growth & Decay; Assessment 2 & TRIO; Simultaneous Equations
Science	Biology continue B4 Including Ecosystems Chemistry C5 Including Monitoring chemical reactions and Controlling chemical reactions Physics P5 Including Wave behaviour, The electromagnetic spectrum and waver interaction	
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	Global Hazards - Weather
Travel and Tourism	PSA (coursework) Prep – Unit 1 – Travel and Tourism Organisations	PSA 1 – Coursework – Unit 1 – Travel and Tourism Organisations
French	Careers and future jobs	Healthy and unhealthy living (food and drink)
Spanish	Careers and future jobs	Healthy and unhealthy living (food and drink)
Dance	Shadows – choreography	Within Her Eyes - choreography

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Subject	Term 3	Term 4
Music	Purcell: 'Music for a While' and Melody	Purcell: 'Music for a While' and Structure
Product Design	Lighting Project	Lighting Project
Food and Nutrition	Dairy Foods	Cereals, Bread and Pasta
Creative iMedia	Media industry sectors and products	Design Principles
Computing	Computational Thinking	Programming Techniques 2
Core PE	Hockey, Netball, Football, Fitness, Basketball, Badminton, Table tennis	
Business Studies	Topic 1.5 Understanding external influences on business	Topic 2.2 Making marketing decisions
Health and Social Care	Life events	Assessment on Unit R033
Psychology	Social context and behaviour	Language, thought and communication and psychological problems.