



# Gordano Learning

Director of Key Stage 4: Mr Beesley

## LEARNING UPDATE – Year 11

### 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. It is a term full of learning and it was described to students as the last bend of an athletics race. It is a time when you can see the finish line, but do not want to go too soon and start cramming and worrying about the end. Students should pace themselves with frequent, planned revision activities and demonstrate their knowledge by completing past paper questions – then marking them and reflecting on their progress.

Year 11 lessons have been full of learning, revision and feedback to help students feel confident and be able to demonstrate their understanding in longer assessments.

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.

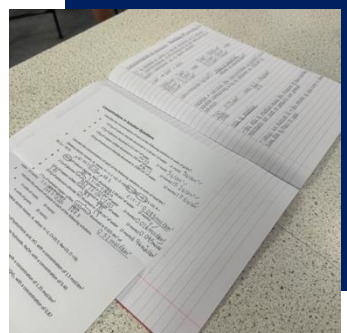
There was such positive feedback from the students about the way in which they are taught, the practical opportunities within lessons and the resources provided to help them revise, when away from the classroom.

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

- 4 April - **Yr 11 Achievement Review 2**
- 5 April – 21 April - **Easter Holidays – Key time for revision**
- 22 April - **Start of TERM 5**
- 25 April - **Letters regarding study leave**
- 2 May - **Celebration Day**
- wb/ 5 May - **Start of Exams**
- 24 June - **Year 11 Prom**
- 24 June - **Bridging Week**
- 25 June – **Exam Contingency Day**
- 21 Aug - **GCSE Results Day**

# Year 11

Subject	Term 5	Term 6
English Language	Revision both papers	Revision both papers
English Literature	<i>Finish A Christmas Carol</i> <i>Revision of analysis skills</i>	Revision both papers
Maths	Revision &TRIO	Revision & TRIO
Science	<b>Biology complete B6</b> Including Monitoring and maintaining health and Non-communicable diseases <b>Chemistry complete C6</b> Including Organic chemistry, Interpreting and interacting with Earth's systems <b>Physics complete P8</b> Including Physics on the move, Powering Earth and Beyond Earth  Most lessons will be comprised of revision of topics identified as weaker in the mocks and looking again at the 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  PSHE Sexual and Mental Health	For PSHE please also see letters about specific topics from the Head of Department which will be sent home in advance  Ethics Sociology of Belief
History	Part 4 Power and the People	Part 4 Power and the People Revision
Geography	Distinctive Landscapes	Distinctive Landscapes
Travel and Tourism	PSA – Unit 3 – Customer needs in travel and tourism	PSA – Retake – Unit 1 – Travel and Tourism Organisations
French	Revision and exams	
Spanish	Revision and exams	
Art	Exam unit (term 3 – term 5) Self directed project – students choose one title from a list provided by AQA and produce a response.	Exam unit (term 3 – term 5) Self directed project – students choose one title from a list provided by AQA and produce a response.
Art Photography	Exam unit (term 3 – term 5) Self directed project – students choose one title from a list provided by AQA and produce a response.	Exam unit (term 3 – term 5) Self directed project – students choose one title from a list provided by AQA and produce a response.
Dance	Solo/Group choreography NEA coursework prep Trio performance NEA coursework prep Theory – Infra and set work revision	Solo/Group choreography NEA coursework prep Trio performance NEA coursework prep Theory – Infra and set work revision
Drama	Performing Text	Reviewing Theatre
Music	Set work revision and exam prep	

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Product Design	NEA Project – Making	NEA Project – Making and Evaluation
Graphic Design	N/A	N/A
Food and Nutrition	NEA2 Practical Examination	Revision
Textiles	Exam preparation	
Creative i-Media	Distribution platforms and media to reach audiences Properties and formats of file formats	Research methods and data Legal considerations
Computing	Application of computational thinking Pseudocode Flow Charts	Programming Techniques 3
Core PE		
GCSE PE	Revision	
Business Studies	Topic 2.4 Making financial decisions	n/a
Health and Social Care	Factors affecting health	Exam
Psychology	Revision Paper 1 and Paper 2 topics	n/a
Uniformed Services	Completion of final unit	n/a