



Parental support
booklet

September 2015

Bryn Hafren English Department

Information for Year 11 Parents / Carers



This sheet will hopefully help you understand your daughter's route through the two GCSE English qualifications.

NB: Reading at home is one of the most effective ways of improving performance in English. I cannot stress this enough! Pupils must use their basic skills: www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise

Pupils will leave Yr11 with two separate qualifications: Literature and Language.

ENGLISH LITERATURE

Unit 1 Exam 35%	Of Mice and Men: one extract question [10], and one essay question [20] Unseen poetry: Compare to unseen contemporary poems [20]	First attempt: May 2015 Some are re-sitting in on Jan 6th 2016 (results March)
Unit 2 Exam 40%	Follows the same pattern as the Of Mice and Men section in Unit 1. Blood Brothers: one extract question [10], and one essay question [20] Lord of the Flies: one extract question [10], and one essay question [20]	May 2016
Unit 3 25%	Controlled Assessment (25%): Shakespeare and Poetry.	Everyone should have completed by now. Must liaise with class teacher to catch up.

HOW TO REVISE FOR GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE

- If possible, re-read the texts (copies can often be found online for free).
- Make a list of the key events of the text.
- Make a profile for each of the major characters: physical appearance; personality; why they speak/interact with other characters; what other characters say about them.
- Make a list of the major themes and how each character is linked to them.
- Extract question:
 - Choose a part of the novel that focuses on a character or relationship, or that relates a certain mood/atmosphere.
 - Choose ten quotations that you would use to answer the question: *How does the writer...?*
 - Practise doing this and then writing the response in twenty minutes.
- Essay question:
 - Fill in the blank with a theme or character from your text: *How does the writer present the theme/character of in the novel?*
 - Choose three or four key events from the novel that link with that character/theme.
 - Choose some quotations from these key events.

- Try doing all of this and then writing your essay in forty minutes.
- Empathy Question:
 - Fill in the blank with a character's name: *Imagine you are At the end of the story you think back over what has happened. Write your thoughts and feelings. Remember how would speak when you write your answer.*
 - Choose three events that your character would focus on. Plan what they would say about each one: thoughts, feelings, relationships.
 - What words/phrases would you use to make it sound like that character?

Please try these websites for further assistance:

- www.shmoop.com
- www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Unit 1* Exam 30%	Fiction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reading: Pupils have to read an unseen story and answer questions (Skills: locating information; inference and interpretation; use of quotations; explaining personal response). ● Writing: Pupils have a list of five titles from which to choose for the inspiration for their narrative writing (Skills: Structuring a story; imagination; making linguistic choices; creating character; creating and sustaining a convincing 'voice'; SSPS). 	January 8th 2016 (results March) Re-sit in June 2016 (don't rely on this though!)
Unit 2* Exam 30%	Non-fiction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reading: Pupils have to read two transactional texts and answer questions (Skills: information retrieval; inference and interpretation; determining attitude/ viewpoint/intended audience; analysis of persuasive technique; comparison of texts; use of quotations). ● Writing: Pupils will be instructed to write a piece of transactional writing which is usually inspired by what they've read. It will state the intended audience and purpose (Skills: Structuring and formatting the text appropriately; aiming it appropriately at the intended audience; using persuasive and other rhetorical devices; SSPS) ● Types of texts: letters, reports, reviews, articles, leaflets speeches. 	June 2016
Unit 3* 20%	Controlled Assessment (20%): one piece of writing and one piece of reading	Completed in Year 10.
Unit 4 20%	Controlled Assessment (20%) Speaking and Listening	w/b February 22 nd 2016

*Spelling, punctuation and grammar is worth 50% of the writing marks in Units 1-3 for Language.

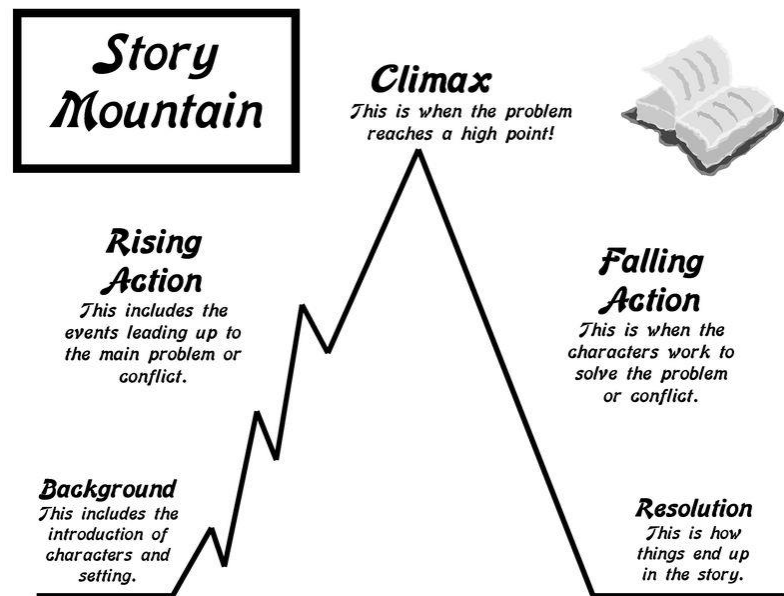
HOW TO REVISE FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Unit 1

- READ! Read books at home. Lose yourself in a novel and learn how to create engaging, technically accurate texts by magic!
- Remember: Your Literature skills will help you with the reading section of this paper; narrative writing is what you must practise.
- Use the story mountain template to plan stories in five sentences (you can then use one of these in your exam:

Examples of story titles you could have to choose from in the examination:

- Only my mother could embarrass me like that!
 - The Gift
 - I knew it was a mistake as soon as I turned the corner.
 - Write about a time when you felt proud/scared/nervous
 - The Stranger
 - Write a story that begins, “What was I thinking?”
 - Write a story that ends with, “I swore I’d never get myself in a situation like that again!”
- Use an online thesaurus to build up a bank of vocabulary so that you don’t keep using words like big, small, good, scary, etc. They’re baby words!



This unit will form the mock exam in December 2016. Before they break up for the holiday, pupils will have extensive feedback on their mock exam so that they are able to fully prepare and improve for the real exam in January.

Unit 2

- Read newspapers (*The Times, Guardian, Telegraph, i*) and other pieces of non-fiction.
- For each piece of non-fiction you read, identify the following:
 - purpose (Why was it written? To persuade, explain, advise, share opinions?)
 - audience (Who was it written for? For teenagers, a person of high status, newspaper editor?)
 - format/genre (what is it? A letter, article, speech, guide?)
- Practise writing persuasively using AFOREST:

Alliteration	Two or more words next to each other that begin with the same letter.	
Fact	A true statement.	Miss Banks teaches English.
Opinion	A point of view.	Miss Banks has the best dress sense.
Rhetorical questions or Repetition	A question that does not require answer but that plants an idea in the reader’s head. To repeat something for effect.	How could this be allowed to happen?
Exaggeration and Emotive Language	To go over the top. Words used to provoke an emotional response.	It is the best experience of my entire life! This poor, vulnerable kitten was left

		on the bitter winter streets to die.
Statistics	Using figures to support your point.	87% of people interviewed agree.
Tripling	Writing in a pattern of three.	It's cruel, it's unkind and it's heartless.

Here are some sample writing tasks. First identify the purpose, audience and format. Then try writing a response.

- British scientists want to join a mission to put men on Mars in 2014. The cost will be £25 million a year. There are those who believe that the money should be spent on other things needed by society.
- A debate on the issue is to be broadcast on your local radio station and you are to put a young person's view.
- Write out, in full, the speech you intend to make either for or against supporting the Scientists
- A Government report suggests that the levels of congestion and pollution caused by traffic in this country could treble in the next decade.
- Write a letter to your MP in which you argue this situation is unacceptable and offer advice on how it might be avoided.
- Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper in which you try to persuade him to include more topics that may tackle issues faced by teenagers.
- The school meals service is seeking advice on how to make their meals more attractive to consumers. Write a letter to the school meals service in which you offer your advice.
- Write a letter to former students of your school in which you try to persuade them to return to school for a special occasion of your choice.

All English teachers stay behind on a Monday after school. Currently, these sessions are for controlled assessment catch-up. Shortly, the focus will switch to revision for the January exams.

Saturday sessions will begin after half-term. You will be advised of the date.

Pupils should follow their English teacher on twitter, and Miss Banks: @BHEnglish

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss L Banks and the English team

#Bhfamily

Bryn Hafren Mathematics Department

Information for Year 11 Parents / Carers



Mathematics GCSE

All students in Year 11 will sit their external GCSE examination in November, 2015. The dates of the two papers are:

Wednesday, 4th November, 2015 and Tuesday, 10th November. Both papers are in the morning.

Revision and preparation

There is **revision** each week after school on a Wednesday (3 – 4pm) and on a Saturday morning from 9.30 – 11am. Attendance to these sessions is strongly advised. (Please note there will not be Saturday sessions on 24th October or 31st October due to half term).

Revision will stop after 10th November.

Mock Examinations will take place at the following times:

Paper 1 (Non-calculator paper)	Thursday 24 th September
Paper 2 (Calculator paper)	Friday 2 nd October

They will **not** have a mock exam in December.

Past papers are supplied to your daughter by her teacher; however, a new paper will not be issued until the previous paper has been handed in for marking. We encourage pupils to hand in a minimum of one paper per week; however, she can do more!

Online Resources

The following on-line resources are available to support your daughter's learning:

- **www.mathswatchvle.com** – this has mini power-points which explain verbally more than 200 topics. Use the following details to login:
centre id *bhcs*
username *surname forename*
password *password*
- **www.mymaths.co.uk** – similar to maths watch. Login details are:
username *brynh*
password *radius*

General advice

- Please encourage your daughter to attend all revision sessions and complete as many past papers in the time between now and the exams.
- Following the results in January 2016 the options available to your daughter will be discussed. Re-sit examinations will be in May / June 2016.
- Ensure your daughter has the necessary mathematical equipment including a calculator.

If you have any concerns please contact me on the usual numbers or by email (lloyd.bhcs@valelearning.com)

Mrs L Lloyd (Head of Mathematics)

Bryn Hafren Science Department

Information for Year 11 Parents / Carers



OCR Gateway Additional Science GCSE

All students in Year 11 will sit 2 external examinations in June 2016. They will have a Mock Module 3 examination at the end of the term in December 2015.

The students in Yr 11 have already completed their controlled assessment.

General advice

Please encourage your Daughter to attend regularly, complete all homework deadlines and seek individual help if there are any areas of the work that she does not understand.

Revision and preparation

All students should have a black Collins Revision guide which also contains Practice questions. These questions are set for homework and pupils are expected to mark and correct their answers using a green pen (if possible).

Students regularly sit tests using examination questions throughout each term. It is important that she prepares for these tests thoroughly.

There are revision sessions after school/ at lunchtime during the weeks leading up to the external examinations. Your daughter will be given this information by her Science teachers. Attendance to these sessions is strongly advised.

We also put on Revision Sessions for Module 3 during the Easter holidays and Module 4 during the Whitsun Half term holiday

Online Resources

There are many resources available on the Science subject area of the school website. These include the Powerpoints used in lessons, Specification summaries, Revision aids/games and Practice papers with markschemes.

www.gcsebitesize 'Science' is also recommended to aid revision.

Contact –

If you have any concerns or questions please contact me by ringing the school or emailing me:
DConway.bhcs@valelearning.com.

Mrs. D. Conway (Head of Science)

Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School

Bryn Hafren Science Department

Information for Year 11 Parents / Carers



Applied Science/Science at Work Level 1 / 2 Award (IVQ)

All students in Year 11 will sit 1 external examination in June 2016. They will have a Mock examination in May 2016.

The deadlines for completing all of the Coursework Assignments is the first week of April 2016.

General advice

Please encourage your Daughter to attend regularly and seek individual help if there are any areas of the work that she does not understand.

Revision and preparation

Revision takes place during lessons from April onwards. Students will be given Practice paper questions and other Revision aids. It is important that pupils use the notes from their Unit booklets and the Practice paper questions to revise from at home.

Online Resources

There are many resources available on the Science subject area of the school website. These include the Powerpoints used in lessons, Specification summaries, Revision aids/games and Practice papers with markschemes.

Contact –

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Mrs. D. Conway (Head of Science)

Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School

Bryn Hafren Hair & Beauty Department

Information for Year 11 Parents / Carers



City and Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Hair Services.

City and Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Beauty Therapy Services

All students in Year 11 will sit controlled on-line exams throughout the year. They will also sit practical controlled exams in all practical areas of the course throughout the year. A controlled assessment plan is available for all.

General advice

Please encourage your Daughter to practise her skills and continue to revise her booklets. This will help her to reach her full potential in these subjects.

Revision and preparation

There are revision sessions available every lunch time in Salon 1 and salon 2. Attendance to these sessions is strongly advised in order to progress.

Revision materials / books are available to purchase from the dept.

City and Guilds Level 2 VRQ Diploma in Hairdressing.

City and Guilds Level 2 VRQ Diploma in Beauty Therapy.

Please see Mrs. Elias.

Online Resources

The following web links are available to support your daughter's learning

- 'www.habia.org/'. 'www.cityandguilds.com', 'www.paulaschoice.com', '2good2lose.com/braidyourhair.shtml', 'www.wikihow.com/braid-Hair', 'www.youtube.com/Indianheadmassage'. – These can be useful sites to check procedure, research different techniques and find out anything linked to the industry.
- 'Pinterest' – Some nice images on designs, techniques and styles.

Contact –

If you have any concerns please contact Anna Elias on 01446 403500 ext - 141.

Mrs. Anna Elias and the Hair and Beauty Team.

Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School

Bryn Hafren Geography Department

Information for Year 11 Parents / Carers



Geography GCSE

All students in Year 11 will sit their GCSE external exam during June 2016. They will have a mock exam in the weeks running up to Christmas. If they are to resit their Year 10 exam they will also have a mock at Christmas and will resit this also in June 2016.

General advice

- Make sure your Controlled Assessment is completed by October half term.
- Learn specific key words for Geography.
- Read through your booklets and complete all past paper questions.
- Collect our past paper question from the department on USB.
- Use our revision power points.
- Attend our revision sessions.

Revision and preparation

- Every Tuesday 3-4pm there is Controlled Assessment catch-up.
- Every Thursday 3-4pm there is Year 10 Geography revision for those resitting their examination.
- From January every Thursday 3-4pm there will be Year 11 revision.
- Revision guides are available from the Geography department.

Online Resources

- Follow the department on twitter and ask questions @hafregeography
- Please use our revision website www.lovegeography.com
- Also visit GCSE Bitesize Geography for revision.

Contact –

If you have any concerns please contact me on the usual numbers or email mlewis.bhcs@valelearning.com.

HOD and The Geography Team

Brynhafren Comprehensive School

Bryn Hafren ICT Department

Information for Year 11 Parents / Carers



ICT GCSE/DiDA

If students did not achieve a C grade or better in the year 10 exam, they will be expected to resit the exam in the summer term. The year 11 students will not have a mock exam in the weeks running up to Christmas.

General advice

Please encourage your Daughter to work on their coursework in the ICT department in their free time as this will help them to complete their work to a high standard and receive further support from their teacher

Coursework & Revision

Coursework catchup is currently running Monday to Thursday after school until 4pm. These will also become revision sessions in the spring term for those pupils resitting the exam. Attendance to these sessions is strongly advised.

The website containing the full coursework brief is:

http://www1.edexcel.org.uk/DA203_1409/SPB/Index.htm

Online Resources

The following web links/resources are available to support your daughter's learning.

@Mr_Richards_BH – This can be useful for internet links, asking questions, getting reminders and sharing information.

The website containing the full coursework brief is:

http://www1.edexcel.org.uk/DA203_1409/SPB/Index.htm

Contact –

If you have any concerns please contact me on the usual numbers or alternatively please email me:
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HOD and The ICT Team

Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School

Bryn Hafren Music Department

Information for Year 11 Parents / Carers



Music GCSE

All students in Year 11 will need to:

- Submit **TWO** contrasting music compositions to Mr Green no later **Friday 18th December** (for teacher feedback)
- Submit **TWO FINAL** music compositions to Mr Green no later **Thursday 24th March** (for exam submission)
- Perform **ONE solo** and **ONE group** piece before **Friday 18th December** (mock performance)
- Perform **ONE solo** and **ONE group** piece in **February/March 2016** (to a WJEC examiner)
- Sit a mock appraising/listening exam in **December 2015**
- Sit a final appraising/listening exam in **May/June 2016**.

General advice

Please encourage your daughter to do the following this year to maximise her potential:

- Use the Music Department MAC suite regularly to complete coursework at lunchtimes
- Attend Composition Drop-in sessions at lunchtime (please book with Mr Green)
- Practise all performances at home and with your peripatetic music teacher
- **Either**, perform in the school orchestra **OR** perform in senior choir (good attendance is compulsory at GCSE)
- Revise topics covered in lesson, and take home a revision booklet later in the year.

Revision and preparation

There are coursework catch-up/support/challenge sessions on **Monday** and **Tuesday** lunchtimes. Attendance to these sessions is strongly advised. Revision materials and books are available from the dept. Please see Mr Green. Online text books/revision guides (GCSE Music) are available from:

www.eBay.co.uk and www.amazon.co.uk

Online Resources

The following weblinks / resources / apps are available to support your daughter's learning:

- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/subjects/music.shtml>
- www.youtube.com

If you have any concerns please contact me on: Lgreen.bhcs@valelearning.com

Mr L. Green

Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School

Bryn Hafren 'Subject' Department

Information for Year 11 Parents / Carers



Art, Textiles, Photography and Ceramics GCSE (WJEC)

All students in Year 11 will receive their examination paper in January and sit an external practical examination during the first week of March. They will also have a mock examination in the first week of December.

General advice

This is a VERY short year for our year 11 students, so please encourage your daughter to attend ALL of her lessons and to make every effort to keep up to date with her coursework unit. She will need to liaise with her subject specialist teacher so that she knows exactly what needs to be done before the final presentation and assessment of the work, as this will help in gaining the best possible mark for your daughter.

Revision and preparation

There will be opportunities for your daughter to do extra work at lunchtimes and after school, using the art room's specialist facilities and equipment. Taking advantage of these opportunities is strongly advised as these "extra" sessions can dramatically help to improve the development of individual projects.

Presentation Boards and sketch books can be bought from the department.

Online Resources

- **On line galleries**
- **@sallypaulakis on Pinterest,**

Contacts: –

If you have any concerns please contact your daughters subject teacher or the Head of Department by phone or e:mail

Contact: Mrs Fiona Windsor Head of Art and Design Department -01446 403500 ext 111
e:mail- fwindsor.bhcs@valelearning.com spaulakis.bhcs@valelearning.com/
khougaham.bhcs@valelearning.com/ ntucker.bhcs@valelearning.com

Fiona Windsor, Head of Art and Design Department

Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School

Design Technology Department

Information for Year 11 Parents / Carers



Design Technology (Resistant Materials) GCSE (WJEC)

All students in Year 11 will sit an external examination in May 2016. They will have a mock examination in the weeks running up to Christmas

General advice

Please encourage your daughter to keep up to date with her Controlled Assessments and spend a bit of extra time in the Design Technology workshops or computer rooms to catch up any missed CAT sheets/tests. Your Daughter should also be working on examination questions in her own time using the internet and the notes and text books provided to help with the answers in preparation for her examination. When making her final product I would encourage your daughter to attend lunchtime and after school workshops to complete a quality product which would gain the most marks possible.

Revision and preparation

There are revision/catchup sessions after school on Tuesday and Thursday aswell has lunchtime sessions most days of the week but please see your individual teacher about theses. Attendance to these sessions is strongly advised. Design Technology is a hands on subject and students will need to respond to challenges throughout the making process.

Revision materials / books are available to purchase from the dept. Please see Mr Oliver if you haven't already got them

Online Resources

The following weblinks / resources / apps are available to support your daughter's learning

- <http://www.14-19nw.org.uk/course/view.php?id=40> This is an excellent online resource for our students
- <http://www.mr-dt.com/default.htm> another good theory based website
- BBC Bitesize Design Technology Link

If you have any concerns please contact me on the usual number

Contact – Mr D Oliver (doliver.bhcs@valelaerning.com)

Head of Design Technology

Brynhafren Comprehensive School

Bryn Hafren MFL Department

Information for Year 11 Parents / Carers



French and Spanish

All students in Year 11 will sit external exams in listening and reading at either a higher or foundation level in July 2016. They will have a mock examination in reading and listening the weeks running up to Christmas. Pupils will have the opportunity to sit both the higher and foundation exams in reading and listening in order that subject teachers can gauge which level papers to enter pupils for in the summer examinations. The listening mock examinations will take place in class with individual subject teachers.

General advice

Please encourage your Daughter to go on websites such as BBC bitesize to revise key vocabulary and grammar. To use the past papers in her topic booklets to revise specific exam topics and techniques and to use the LRC independent reading resources for GCSE. Encourage your daughter to listen to as much Spanish/French as possible even if it is music and to explore the current affair issues faced by Spain and France. This year your daughter has the opportunity to purchase a GCSE revision guide for both French and Spanish from her subject teacher and these are an outstanding source of revision.

Revision and preparation

There are revision sessions after school on a Tuesday and/or a Thursday once coursework deadlines have been met. We also have 'breakfast revision club' on the morning of actual exams which we strongly advise your daughter attends. We also hold drop in sessions every Wednesday lunchtimes throughout the year in U11 for coursework. In addition to this, individual subject teachers also hold their own coursework sessions. Attendance to these sessions is strongly advised.

Pupils will be provided with past papers for them to work through independently. Subject teachers will help look at these past papers and provide any support/advice needed by individual pupils.

Online Resources

The following weblinks and resources are available to support your daughter's learning

- www.spanishrevision.co.uk
- www.bbc.co.uk/school/gcsebitesize/spanish
- www.espanol-extra.co.uk
- www.frenchrevision.co.uk
- www.bbc.co.uk/school/gcsebitesize/french
- Revision guides to purchase from subject teacher for both Spanish and French.

Contact – Mrs Walters-Bresner

Head of the Languages Faculty.

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me on 01446 403500.

Bryn Hafren History Department

Information for Year 11 Parents / Carers



History GCSE

All students in Year 11 will sit an external exam on The USA: A Nation of Contrasts 1910-1929 and an external examination on Changes in South Africa, 1948-1994. They will have a mock exam in the weeks running up to Christmas based on the USA module.

General advice

Please encourage your daughter to complete the examination questions which are set every lesson as this gives her vital practice of the examination itself and will help her understand the requirements of each question.

Revision and preparation

There will be revision sessions Wednesday lunchtimes prior to the mocks and again before the summer examinations. Attendance to these sessions is strongly advised as it will enable the pupils to revisit work which has already been covered, and will be an opportunity to recap on any aspect of the course which they may have found difficult.

Revision materials have already been given to the pupils for the USA module and they will be given another revision booklet for South Africa.

Online Resources

The following weblinks are available to support your daughter's learning

- BBC Bitesize – now follows the WJEC course and provides excellent revision opportunities for USA: A Nation of Contrasts. There is also material for South Africa.
- Schoolhistory.co.uk – this offers interactive diagrams on the USA which are useful for revision.
- Spartacuseducational.com – this is a useful resource to find out additional information on both topics.

Contact –

If you have any concerns please contact me on the usual numbers.

Mrs K Phillips

Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School

Bryn Hafren Dance Department

Information for Year 11 Parents / Carers



Dance BTEC

All students in Year 11 will complete **three dance performances** this year and complete a **written assignment**. Practical Dance performances will take place in lesson time and be videoed – this evidence will be sent off to an external examiner to be marked.

There is no written exam in the summer term!

General advice

Please encourage your daughter to attend all Dance lessons and bring appropriate dance kit.

Please encourage your daughter to work hard and be confident – they all did brilliant work in year 10 and should build on that experience to create and perform work of a good standard this year. They can do it but some of them need to believe in themselves more!

Revision and preparation

Please encourage your daughter to practise her dances ready for assessment, either in lunchtimes or after school. (Main Hall and/or Lesser Hall are usually available)

Online Resources

Youtube is an excellent resource for looking at dance choreography to get ideas and inspiration – They will be given particular choreographers to look at later in the year.

Contact –

If you have any concerns please contact me on the usual numbers or email

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Mrs Roach (HOD)

Bryn Hafren Welsh Department

Information for Year 11 Parents / Carers



Welsh GCSE Full course / Short course

All students in Year 11 will sit one written external exam on the topics they have studied in May 2016. Only pupils who chose the Full course GCSE option will have an oral examination at Easter. All students will have a mock exam in the weeks running up to Christmas and this examination will be based on reading and writing tasks. Controlled assessments are a feature of the Welsh GCSE and the deadline for the 3 pieces is March 24th 2016.

General advice

Please encourage your daughter to practice writing extended paragraphs on the various topics, as this will help her remember key vocabulary. To improve the quality of her written work we suggest that your daughter revises the tenses and various sentence constructions carefully. Your daughter also has a list of idiomatic phrases which she needs to know and include in her work.

Revision and preparation

There are “catch up” sessions available at lunchtime in school on a Wednesday for any pupil who needs extra support and the department will be starting revision sessions after October half term on a Thursday at lunchtime in G2. Attendance to these sessions is strongly advised.

A GCSE revision book is available to order which we recommend for all students. The supplier is offering a discounted price of £2 until November. After November it can still be purchased but the cost will be £2.99. The Welsh department is happy to order these very useful revision guides for your daughter.

Online Resources

The following weblinks / apps are available to support your daughter's learning :-

- www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize This can be used to practice examination questions.
- Quizlet (app) This app is good for testing your vocabulary knowledge.
- GCSE 2nd Lang Welsh (app) This is excellent for revising the topics, tenses and sentence patterns. This app is free to download on any apple device.

Contact –

If you have any concerns please contact me on 01443 406500 (Ext 134)
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Mrs C. Hughes and The Welsh department

Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School

Bryn Hafren Welsh Baccalaureate Dept

Information for Year 11 Parents / Carers



Welsh Baccalaureate Diploma

All students in Year 11 must complete the necessary modules of the Welsh Baccalaureate by May 2016. They will not have a mock exam in the weeks running up to Christmas, however assessment of the essential and Wider Skills are on-going throughout timetabled Welsh Baccalaureate lessons.

General advice

Please encourage your Daughter to attend Welsh Baccalaureate lessons regularly as this will help them provide the necessary evidence for their skills qualifications. It is also essential that students spend time independently on their Individual Investigation as this is a large piece of coursework that requires extensive research.

Revision and preparation

Mrs N Jennings, Head of Department Welsh Baccalaureate, has an 'open door' policy where students are welcome to come and seek support and guidance to ensure all students have an opportunity to achieve the full Baccalaureate diploma. Revision materials / books are available on the school shared area to further support students development of skills and completion of the Welsh Baccalaureate.

Online Resources

The following weblinks / resources / apps are available to support your daughter's learning

- 'Twitter feed' @BHWelshBacc– This can be useful for updates and deadlines.
- <http://www.welshbaccalaureate.org.uk/> Welsh Baccalaureate website contains samples of work, planning resources and guidance.

Contact – Mrs N Jennings

If you have any concerns please contact me on:

Tel: 01446 403500 ext.142

Email: njennings.bhcs@valelearning.com

Bryn Hafren 'Subject' Department

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Physical Education GCSE /

All students in Year 11 will sit an external written exam in May 2016; they will also have a Practical External exam in March 2016. They will have a mock exam in the weeks running up to Christmas.

General advice

Please encourage your Daughter to attend after school PE clubs as this will help in the external moderation in March. This also counts for 60% of her overall grade.

Revision and preparation

There are revision sessions in school on a Monday lunch time. Attendance to these sessions is strongly advised to enable your daughter to get the best written mark (40%) she can.

Revision books are available to purchase from the dept (£2.50). Please see Mrs Williams

Online Resources

The following weblinks / resources / apps are available to support your daughter's learning

- www.bbcbitsize-pe.com

Contact –

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Mrs E Williams and PE Team

Brynhafren Comprehensive School

Bryn Hafren Drama Department

Information for Year 11 Parents / Carers



Drama Workshops

Your daughter will be taking part in a videoed workshop for Units 1 and 2 of the course on **September 24th and 25th**. They will need to wear their own clothes so they stand out and can be identified on the DVD which is moderated by the exam board. Attendance for these days are compulsory and your daughter will be under exam conditions.

Coursework

After the workshops the pupils will need to write up the workshop in 2,000 words this needs to be submitted by **Monday 12th December**. Coursework will be completed in lessons but diagrams/research can be completed at home. As soon as the workshops are completed coursework club will take place on a Tuesday and Thursday after school 3pm-4.30pm.

Theatre Trip

The pupils will be reviewing a live performance of 'Blood Brothers' which they will be seeing on **Thursday October 8th** at the New Theatre Cardiff. This review needs to be completed by **Monday 12th December**.

Drama GCSE Practical Exam

All students in Year 11 will perform an external practical exam on **Monday March 21st** and **Tuesday March 22nd**. The practical exam needs to be well rehearsed and so after school rehearsals are vital. The pupils will be required to rehearse with their group either on a Tuesday or Thursday after school in the lead up to the examination. There will be a Sunday dress rehearsal on **March 20th** (which is compulsory).

General advice

Please encourage your Daughter to rehearse after school and attend coursework clubs on Tuesday and Thursday's in the Drama Studio 3pm-4.30pm.

Online Resources

Please encourage your daughter to follow their Drama teachers on twitter where we will be posting revision tips/rehearsal times on a regular basis.

@Miss_theatrical / @coombs_j

Contact

If you have any concerns please contact me on the usual numbers or on my email address awilliams.bhcs@valelearning.com

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'RS' GCSE – WJEC Religion and Human Experience

All students in Year 11 will sit an external exam in June 2016. They will have a mock exam in the weeks running up to Christmas 2015.

General advice

Please encourage your daughter to revise the key words for each topic as these are essential to understanding the questions. Your daughter also needs to revise the information in the revision booklets which she has been given. It would also be useful if she practised answering the questions by completing past papers which have been given to her.

Revision and preparation

There are revision sessions after school on a Tuesday. Attendance to these sessions is strongly advised as it is a time where your daughter can receive individual help and support.

Revision booklets are available from the dept. Please see the class teacher.

Online Resources

The following weblinks/apps are available to support your daughter's learning

- 'Twitter feed' – This can be useful for asking the teachers questions about the course.
- <https://www.youtube.com/user/MrMurdochSmith>
- www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/rs/

Contact –

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