

SECONDARY PARENTS' WEEKLY SHEET

May 21st 2015

Curriculum news: we hope that the following gives a flavour of this week's studying in secondary . . .

Arabic: ٧7 درس طلبية الصف السابع نص قرائي يمثل قصة من كتاب تاريخي اسمه "كليلة ودمنة".

٧9 درس طلبية الصف التاسع درس في النحو العربي عنوانه "أفعال المقاربة والرجاء والشروع".

٧9 NN studied: What are you doing? (The verbs) *Matha tafal?* ماذا تفعل؟

٧8 N completed the grammar lesson – (اسم المفعول) and learned about (الثبات في حياة المصطفى)

٧7 NN worked on: telephone calls - Mukalamah hatifiyah - مكالمة هاتفية

Art: We have been making good progress with our secondary patchwork quilt inspired by UAE landscapes and our personal identity. The parches are beginning to look great when placed together! Also, in Art we have started our preparatory studies for our upcoming Art examinations, developing our recording skills and paying particular focus on the formal elements of light, tone, pattern and texture.

Computing: Year 7 organised spy school spreadsheet projects – projects in by next week for assessing.

Year 8 structured their sound effect story projects in preparation for next week's submission deadline.

Year 9 worked on their final task concerning flash animation – the students have really excelled themselves during this project with some outstanding pieces of work being produced to date.

English: Year 7 performed their plays written around the poem 'Lulu' by Charles Causley and studied a poem by T.S.Elliot. In grammar they have been learning about the 'Magic e' and writing stories about pirates! Year 8 completed descriptive stories about someone close to them or that they admire, describing that person's appearance, achievements and why they matter to them. They also studied Percy Shelley's 'Ózymandias'.

Year 8 Drama students are preparing for their final performance of monologues, based around a setting of their choice. Year 9 worked in groups to develop ideas for a hoax story; students are now writing their own news-paper articles. Year 9 Drama students developed and performed a monologue explaining the thoughts and feelings of a character in the story 'The Stones'.

History: Year 7 are studying what everyday life was like in Imperial China. Year 8 have been completing their work on political reform in the 19th century by examining the Chartists. Year 9 have been studying WWII in Asia and the bombing of Pearl Harbour.

Maths: Year 7 Cinnamon have been studying ratio and proportion. Year 8 Orchid have been continuing with their level 7 topic of algebra, with expanding and factorizing quadratic expressions. Year 9 have just finished percentages and ratio, before beginning their revision this week. Maths – 7A & 8J – We have spent this week preparing for the end of year exams next week.

Music: Year 7 learned about the Guitar and learnt how to hold it and play a chord. Year 8 continued with their work on the Guitar and added D & A Majors to their repertoire! Year 9 began their pop song unit and started working on a song of their choice in groups using only 4 or 4 chords.

Science: Year 7 finished presenting their projects, looking at our solar system and galaxies and enhancing their critical thinking skills by looking at how to design experiment's to prove theories. Year 8 presented their projects on sound and will also focus on enhancing their critical thinking skills. Year 9 finished presenting their projects on gravity and space. Critical thinking skills' development is also a focus for this year group as we move towards the summer examinations.

Finally, please note that school will be closed on Sunday 24th May.

FOR THE EXAMINATIONS, PLEASE REMIND YOUR CHILDREN TO BRING IN THE CORRECT EQUIPMENT – INCLUDING SPARE PEN. Students are expected to wear correct school uniform during the examinations. Thank you for your support.



Advance Notice: Summer Examinations for secondary students begin on the 27th May & end on 8th June 2015.

Please note the timetable below. Students will be required to attend throughout the day and the slots in orange represent timetabled lessons or revision lessons. **Lessons will continue as timetabled after the examinations. For Year 9 students, we will be teaching iGCSE work.**

Secondary Examinations Summer 2015										
Date	Yr	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
Wed 27 May	7	Science			History	Arabic	Art		Lunch	
	8	Maths					History			
	9	English					History			
Thurs 28 May	7	English			Geography	Social Studies	History			
	8	Science					Art			
	9	Maths								
Sun 31 May	7	Maths			Social Studies	Music	PE			
	8	English					Islamic/Spanish			
	9	Science					Music			
Mon 1 June	7	History			Social Studies	PE	Geography			
	8	Maths					Art			
	9	English								
Tues 2 June	7	Maths			Arabic	Lunch	Music			
	8	English					PE			
	9	PE fitness	History				French/Spanish			
Wed 3 June	7	English			French	Arabic	Islamic/Spanish			
	8	History					Music			
	9	Maths								
Thurs 4 June	7	French			PE	Fr Spkg/normal	Fr Orals			
	8	Arabic					PE			
	9	Islamic/Fr Spkg					Fr Spkg			
Sun 7 June	7				Fr Spkg/normal	Fr Spkg/normal	PE			
	8	Fr Spkg/normal lessons					Fr Spkg/normal			
	9									
Mon 8 June	7	Fr Spkg/normal lessons			Fr Spkg/normal	Fr Spkg/normal	Fr Spkg/normal			
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	9									