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Year 11 Course Details & Subject Outlines

Key Stage 4 Raising Achievement Team

Dear Parent/carer

As you are now fully aware year 11 have entered the final and most important year of their education at Darton College. At this point of their studies we would like to take this opportunity to inform you about the various course requirements for Year 11. From the information you will be able to see which subjects incorporate coursework as part of their qualification, the approximate time when subject areas will be undertaking the coursework and, perhaps most importantly, the deadlines for the various subject areas. You will be able to see which member of staff to contact for each subject, suggested materials, when revision sessions are taking place, when homework is set and any useful websites that students can use; all of which is relevant to student success and achievement.

The idea behind the information booklet is to keep you fully informed so that you too can continue to support your child and each subject with regards to individual requirements. Coursework and revision do form an important part of a number of courses and can mean the difference between achieving one grade or another. Students therefore need to be organised and prepare in advance in order for them to realise their potential.

We hope this information is useful in helping you to support your child in what will be one of the most challenging years of their lives.

Should you have any questions about the information contained here please do not hesitate to contact either myself or any of the Curriculum Team Leaders.

Thank you for your support in this area.

Yours Sincerely

Key Stage 4 Raising Achievement Team

M Doyle	Vice Principal	D Bisley	Assistant Principal
Y Bootman	Assistant Principal	H Thornton	Head of Mathematics
D Bond	Key Stage 4 Achievement Leader	S Twigg	Head of English
R Deverson	Lead Teacher	S Guy	Head of Science
J Woodhouse	Head of Year 11		

English Language and Literature

Exam Board	WJEC	Course Code	English 4190 English Language 4170 English Literature 4200
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Key Dates

W/B 17th October - Shakespeare/Poetry Controlled Assessment- all students.

W/B 5th December 2012- Different Cultures Controlled Assessment- English only students.

January 10th 2012: Unit 1 and Unit 2 English exam for all students. Both papers are non-fiction and require students to read and analyse the language use in at least 2 unseen texts, and produce non-fiction writing of their own.

April 20th 2012 - Final date for submission of Controlled Assessments.

All re-sits to have taken place by this point.

May 22nd 2012 - English Literature paper- students answer questions on 'Of Mice and Men', 'Blood Brothers' and unseen poetry- Language and Literature joint entry students only.

May 27th 2012 - Unit 1 and Unit 2 English resit - for candidates who need to improve on the January entry.

Staff Contact

sTwigg@barnsley.org, rHodkin@barnsley.org, rDeverson@barnsley.org

Suggested Materials

Literature:

'Of Mice and Men' by John Steinbeck

Supporting Text Books:

York Notes- Higher candidates

CGP guide- foundation candidates

'Blood Brothers' by Willy Russell

English Language:

Welsh Board study guide- non-fiction sections only. Available for foundation and higher

Revision Sessions

Every Thursday evening and every Wednesday lunchtime

Homework

Every Wednesday

Useful Websites

Sparknotes, SAM learning, BBC Bitesize KS4 English and English Literature - choose the sections with the selected texts only , www.wjec.co.uk

Mathematics

Exam Board	Edexcel (Maths/Statistics) OCR (Additional Maths)	Course Code	See Key Dates
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Key Dates

When	Set	Subject	Code	Exam	Exam
Nov	11.4, 11.5, 11.6, 11.7	Mathematics GCSE	1380 – Edexcel Linear	Wednesday 13 th November 2011 PM (Non Calculator)	Monday 14 th November 2011 AM (Calculator)
Mar	11.1, 11.2, 11.3, 11.8, 11Q and retakes from 11.4, 11.5, 11.6, 11.7	Mathematics GCSE	1380 – Edexcel Linear	Friday 2 nd March 2012 (Non Calculator)	Monday 5 th March 2012 (Calculator)
May	11.1	FSMQ Additional Mathematics	6993 – OCR	Wednesday 30 th May 2012	
Jun	Anyone who has not yet reached their target grade	Mathematics GCSE	1MA0 – New Edexcel Linear	Monday 11 th June PM (Non- Calculator)	Wednesday 13 th June AM (Calculator)
Jun	11.2 and 11.3	Statistics GCSE	5STi - Edexcel	Monday 18 th June 2012 PM	Coursework Feb- March

Staff Contact

Hannah Thornton – hThornton@barnsley.org CTL (teaches sets 11.4 and 11.6)
 Jacqui Whitfield – jWhitfield@barnsley.org Lead teacher KS4 (Teaches 11.2 and 11Diploma)
 Mark Crossley – mCrossley@barnsley.org Lead teacher KS3 (Teaches 11.3 and 11.8)
 Carol Fyfe-Jones – cFyfeJones@barnsley.org (Teaches 11.5)
 Rachel Lomas – rLomas@barnsley.org (Teaches 11.1 and 11.7)
 Zoe Eatherington – zEatherington@barnsley.org (Teaches 11Q)
 Amie Hudson – aHudson@barnsley.org (Tutor and supports all groups especially 11.4/6)

Suggested Materials

Pupils require their own calculators as we do not have enough to lend every individual. We highly recommend the CASIO FX-83 Scientific calculator. We sell them in school for £7 in pink or grey.
 Revision guides: CGP or LETTS books are very useful.
 All pupils were given a revision CD in Y10. If a replacement is needed these can be ordered through us for £4 each.

Revision Sessions

Run every Tuesday both lunch and after school. Sessions run all year for the groups who have impending examinations or simply need help.

Homework

Will be set on a Monday or Tuesday by individual staff.

Useful Websites

www.mymaths.co.uk Username: DARTON Password: CIRCLE
 www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize
 www.samlearning.co.uk – pupils have their own login

Science

Exam Board	AQA	Course Code	Science A 4461 Biology A 4411 Additional Science A 4463 Physics A 4451 Chemistry A 4421
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Key Dates

Exams: November and March – B1a, B1b, C1a, C1b, P1a, P1b RESITS
January B2, C2, P2
Summer B3, C3, P3 and B2, C2, P2 RESITS (not all students are sitting the B3, C3, P3 exams)

Coursework: Completed after January exams (majority has already been completed in class)

Staff Contact

Class teachers
GCSE – S.Guy
BTEC – L.Owen

Suggested Materials

Revision guides
Past papers on the AQA website
SAM Learning and BBC Bitesize

Revision Sessions

Details to follow – will be lunchtimes, after school and during the holidays

Homework

Will be set to reinforce and extend class work. If no actual homework is set, students should use that time on SAM Learning and BBC Bitesize

Useful Websites

http://web.aqa.org.uk/qual/newgcse/science/new/bio_materials.php
http://web.aqa.org.uk/qual/newgcse/science/new/chem_materials.php
http://web.aqa.org.uk/qual/newgcse/science/new/physics_materials.php
www.samlearning.com
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/science/aqa/>

ICT

Exam Board	OCR	Course Code	
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Key Dates

Unit 1 - 18th December 2011

Unit 22 - April 2012

Exams: No Exam

Coursework: 100% Course Work 2 Units for CORE ICT in Y11 and 4 Units Option ICT

Staff Contact

Mr Z Iqbal, Mr M Javid and Mrs M Jackson

Suggested Materials

Coursework materials provided. Mark scheme and assignment.

Revision Sessions

Most Lunchtime for CW catch up and Thursday afterschool intervention classes.

Homework

To complete at least 30mins – 60 mins at home to complete the work for AO working on each week.

Useful Websites

www.ocr.co.uk

Art

Exam Board	Edexcel	Course Code	Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate 500/7105/1
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Key Dates

End Unit 4 - 16/12/11, End Extension and intervention 29/3/12, Grades hand in date 10/6/12

Exams: None

Coursework: End Unit 4 - 16/12/11, End Extension and intervention 29/3/12, Grades hand in date 10/6/12

Staff Contact

Matthew Wiggans

Suggested Materials

Art and Design Level 2 BTEC First Study Skills Guide - Edexcel
The Art Book – Phaidon
Art Now - Taschen

Revision Sessions

Tuesday -3.45pm-4.45pm
Lunchtimes-catch up sessions (Short Tasks) Monday-Thursday

Homework

Set weekly as a continuation of coursework assignments

Useful Websites

<http://www.edexcel.org.uk/home/>
<http://www.artcyclopedia.com/>
<http://www.tate.org.uk>
www.artchive.com

Business & Enterprise

Exam Board	Edexcel	Course Code	Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Business 500/6790/4 Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Business 500/6745/X Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Business 500/6789/8
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Key Dates

Understanding Finance

1st draft: 3rd October 2011

2nd draft: 31st October 2011

Customer Relations

1st draft: 14th November 2011

2nd draft: 5th December 2011

Customer Rights

1st draft: 15th January 2012

2nd draft: 5th February 2012

Business Ethics

1st draft: 1st March 2012

2nd draft: 25th March 2012

Small Business Presentation

10th April 2012

Exams: No exam – Assessment is through continuous assessment of assignments

Coursework: Deadlines attached every week !

Staff Contact

Mrs M Jackson mjackson3@barnsley.org

Suggested Materials

Support materials posted in the central areas

Revision Sessions

Intervention sessions listed on critical date s provided in student contract

Homework

Complete assignment task or address action points every week (minimum of 2 hours per week)

Useful Websites

www.businessstudiesonline.co.uk or any relevant corporate website

Child Development

Exam Board	OCR	Course Code	J441
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Key Dates

February 2012 Completion of all coursework

Exams: Written paper-40% of final grade

Coursework: 3 Short Tasks (30%) Individual Child Study (30%)

Staff Contact

Mrs J E Makings
jMakings@Barnsley.org

Suggested Materials

GCSE Child Development for OCR-Collins
Essentials Child Development-Revision guide -Lonsdale
CGP GCSE Child Development-Revision guide
OCR Child Development-Carolyn Meggit –Hodder Education

Revision Sessions

Tuesday -3.45pm-4.45pm
Lunchtimes-catch up sessions (Short Tasks) Monday-Thursday

Homework

Set weekly.
Child Study –Tasks related to individual study and child observations

Useful Websites

Super Nanny-Jo Frost
NHS website and Net Mums

Citizenship Short Course

Exam Board	Edexcel	Course Code	5CS01 and 5CS02
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Key Dates

Exams: May/June 2012

Controlled Assessment: 4 parts. All to be completed by February half term

Staff Contact

John Maltby

Suggested Materials

Edexcel Citizenship Studies Short Course student book.
Darton College Website

Revision Sessions

Between Easter and the exam night to be decided

Homework

Pupils will need to complete research for controlled assessment on a regular basis until February and then it will be based on course content.

Useful Websites

<http://www.parliament.uk/education/>
http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/11_16/site/citizenship.shtml
<http://www.citizenshipfoundation.org.uk/>

Dance

Exam Board	AQA GCSE EDEXCEL First Diploma in Performing Arts – Dance	Course Code	4230
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Key Dates

Tues 18th October Ghost Dances - Performance in a Group Dance & Solo Choreography

Wednesday 19th October - Set Dance 1

Wednesday 14th December - Set Dance 2

Friday 16th December - Rosas Das Rosas -Performance in a Group & Group Choreography

Tuesday 20th March - Set Dance & Solo Choreography

Friday 23rd March - Performance in a group& Group Choreography

Exams: Internal Practical assessments w/c 19th March , External moderation TBC (end of March) , Written paper May 2012

Coursework: See above

Staff Contact

N Powell and T Marshall

Suggested Materials

All resources for BTEC are accessed through school but helpful resources are on AQA website for GCSE prep for the written exam

Revision Sessions

Every lunchtime – tutorials for practical coursework after October half

Homework

Rehearsal time

Useful Websites

GCSE Performance in a group examples:
Group Dance – Chemical Brothers (Good Lighting)
http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=jm_HMI0o1nU&feature=related

GCSE Choreography examples:
Duet Choreography based on 'A Child Called It'. (Abusive childhood)
<http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=V8POV6cTSYU>
Group Choreography – 'Pulmonary Instruction'
Based on the idea of a heart beat and blood circulation. Good choreographically – girls talk through performance though which spoils it.
<http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=6wliTBfw3bg>

Group Choreography – 'A series of celebrations'
Same group performing as above so again they talk and spoil it but choreography wise a good example. Based on the idea of sweets being shaken up in a big jar.
<http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=g-cxa6SNugl>

GCSE French / Spanish

Exam Board	AQA	Course Code	French (4655) Spanish (4695)
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Key Dates

Examinations take place in May

Exams: Reading 20%, listening 20% (May)

Coursework: 60% of final grade, 20% made up of 2 speaking tests, 20% made up of 2 pieces of written coursework

Staff Contact

Mrs G Dobson - Curriculum Team Leader – Modern Foreign Languages

Suggested Materials

CGP GCSE French/ Spanish revision guides
Malvern Language guides – GCSE French/ Spanish vocabulary
AQA GCSE French/ Spanish Specification A

Revision Sessions

Friday Lunchtimes (French/ Spanish)
Wednesday lunchtimes (Spanish masterclass)
Thursday lunchtimes – MFL homework club

Homework

1 hour weekly

Useful Websites

SAM learning AQA GCSE French/ Spanish
BBC Bitesize GCSE French/ Spanish
Linguascope – username and password available from the MFL department

Geography

Exam Board	Edexcel	Course Code	Geography Edexcel B
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Key Dates

Exams: Mock exam for Unit 2 – People and the Planet will be held in December.
Unit 1 re-sit examination – Dynamic Planet – January
Unit 2 examination – People and the planet – January.
Unit 3 examination – making geographical decisions – Summer exam period

Coursework: Coursework will be completed between January and March 2012.

Staff Contact

Curriculum Team Leader – Miss K Vickers - kVickers@barnsley.org

Suggested Materials

The key text books used to support the course are
GCSE Geography edexcel B – Oxford University Press (ISBN 978-0-19-913490-8)
Edexcel GCSE, Geography B, Evolving Planet – Pearson (ISBN 978-1-84690-501-8)

Revision Sessions

Geography revision sessions will be held on a Wednesday at both lunchtime and afterschool. Students are also welcome to arrange further times with their class teacher for either lunchtime and afterschool to do revision, practice examination technique.

Homework

Each KS4 Geography group will be set homework every week. Homework will predominantly be students developing revision materials and completing practice examination questions.
Miss Vickers' group – homework will be set on a Wednesday.
Miss Goodman's group – homework will be set on a Tuesday.
Mrs Smiths' group – homework will be set on a Wednesday

Useful Websites

SAM Learning
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/geography/> - GCSE Bitesize revision
<http://www.s-cool.co.uk/gcse/geography>
<http://www.geography.learnontheinternet.co.uk/gcse/index.html>

Graphics

Exam Board	AQA	Course Code	GCSE in Art and Design – Graphic Communication 4203
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Key Dates

December 2011 Completion of all coursework. Course ends April 2012

Exams: Jan - April-40% of final grade

Coursework: 60%

Staff Contact

Suzanne Lee
Matthew Wiggins

Suggested Materials

GCSE in Art and Design students handbook – AQA and Nelson Thornes

Revision Sessions

Tuesday -3.45pm-4.45pm
Lunchtimes-catch up sessions Monday-Thursday

Homework

Set weekly as a continuation of coursework assignments

Useful Websites

<http://www.edexcel.org.uk/home/>
<http://www.artcyclopedia.com/>
<http://www.tate.org.uk>
www.artchive.com

History

Exam Board	Edexcel	Course Code	SHP GCSE History Specification B
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Key Dates

Exams:

Medicine- Re-sit Tuesday 17th January 1.15-2.30pm (1 hour 15 mins),
Medicine re-sit (if only had 1 attempt, 3 students) Friday 15th June 2011 9.10-10.25am
Surgery- Wednesday 25th January 9.10-10.25am (1 hour 15 mins)
Surgery re-sit- Tuesday 12th June 1.15-2.30pm
American West Wednesday 20th June 1.15-2.30pm

Coursework: Nazi Germany

Staff Contact

Miss Chapman - Head of History, Mr Bond - KS4 Achievement Leader, Mr Beverley - History teacher

Suggested Materials

Classwork, Miss Chapman's revision booklets and quizzes, Edexcel website, past papers, SAM learning, Mr Walker's website- Winker's World, Edexcel textbooks and exam plus booklets

Revision Sessions

Every Monday lunch and afterschool for Medicine re-sit, every Thursday dinnertime and after school for Surgery up to January, starting at October half term.
After Easter, every Monday lunch and afterschool for Surgery, every Thursday lunch and afterschool for American West

Homework

1 essay per week for American West, revision for surgery plus past papers.

Useful Websites

www.bbc.co.uk/gcsebitesize/history
www.schoolhistory.co.uk

Hospitality

Exam Board	Edexcel	Course Code	Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Hospitality (QCF) 500/8305/3
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Key Dates

practical assessments March

Exams: no exam

Coursework: June 1st

Staff Contact

Tracy Baldry

Suggested Materials

Ovenden F, Holmes S, Horne S and Wilson P – BTEC First Hospitality (Heinemann Educational, 2008)
Journal
Caterer and Hotelkeeper – Reed Business Publications

Revision Sessions

Coursework catch up as and when required

Homework

Coursework

Useful Websites

www.bha.org.uk British Hospitality Association,
www.caterersearch.com Caterersearch – Hospitality news
www.catersource.com Catersource – Education, products and news for caterers
www.connexions-direct.com Connexions Direct – Information and advice for young people
www.instituteofhospitality.org Institute of Hospitality – Professional body for hospitality, leisure and tourism industries
www.people1st.co.uk People 1st – Sector Skills Council for Hospitality, Leisure, Travel and Tourism
www.visitbritain.com Visit Britain – Official UK Travel and Accommodation Guide

Music

Exam Board	Edexcel	Course Code	
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Key Dates

Coursework: Completion of coursework to set dates provided on the start of units throughout the course

Staff Contact

Mr. S Gillott

Suggested Materials

Solo and practice techniques.
Music Industry and career paths
Musical ensembles and music genres

Revision Sessions

N/A all coursework

Homework

Coursework pages completed weekly.
Instrumental practise. Practise diaries
Unit work and research for topics.

Useful Websites

Wikipedia, Ultimate Guitar.com, piano score. You Tube.

GCSE Physical Education Short Course

(started this September)

Exam Board	AQA	Course Code	4891
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Key Dates

End of autumn term first practical assessment completed; Easter the second practical assessment to be completed.

Exams: 40%

Coursework: 60% Practical assessments based on 2 activities

Staff Contact

Mr D Bisley or Miss C Prescott

Suggested Materials

AQA Physical Education – Kirk Bizley

Revision Sessions

These will start later on in the course; probably after February half term

Homework

Students will be set homework after each theory lesson

Useful Websites

www.aqa.org.uk GCSE Bitesize

Physical Education BTEC

Exam Board	Edexcel	Course Code	
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Key Dates

Completion dates for each assignment set by individual staff

Exams: None

Coursework: All

Staff Contact

Miss C Prescott or classroom teacher

Suggested Materials

The Internet is used as the main source of information
Governing Bodies publications
Steps to Success series (coaching books)

Revision Sessions

Tuesday nights for completing/help with assignments

Homework

Students are expected to spend time at home on their assignments; at least one hour per week

Useful Websites

www.sportscoachuk.gov.uk
Bitesize
Governing Body websites
www.the-fa.org (football)

Religious Studies

Exam Board	WJEC	Course Code	4451/01
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Key Dates

May 2012

Exams: 1 Exam worth 100% of Mark, usually around 15th May each year.

Coursework: None

Staff Contact

C Cook – CTL (RE) – email: ccook@barnsley.org

Suggested Materials

Course book: Believing and Living for WJEC Spec B, 2nd Edition, Unit 1. Authors: Gavin Craigen & Joy White, Published by Hodder Education. ISBN: 978-0-340-97557-2

Revision Book: Religion & Life issues for WJEC Religious Studies Spec B, REVISION GUIDE, by Gavin Craigen & Joy White. Hodder Education. ISBN: 978-0-340-97563-3

There are also revision powerpoints on the school website to download and print, as well as practice questions.

Revision Sessions

Held lunch and after school as the exam approaches. Students falling behind with class work will be expected to attend intervention lessons too at lunch or after school as deemed necessary.

Homework

Fortnightly – practice exam questions, plus various others.

Useful Websites

Sam Learning

Textiles

Exam Board	Edexcel	Course Code	2TT01
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Key Dates

Exams: June 2012
Coursework: Coursework deadline date - 23 March 2012

Staff Contact

Miss S. Hanwell
Mrs J E Makings

Suggested Materials

GCSE Design & Technology for Edexcel (Barbara Lawler and Helen Wilson)
Heinemann Exam Success, Revise for Edexcel, GCSE Textiles Technology (Sue Manser)
Lonsdale DT Textiles Technology Workbook

Revision Sessions

Timetabled lessons after 23.03.12
One evening – January 2012 onwards

Homework

Coursework pages completed weekly.

Useful Websites

SAM Learning
BBC Bitesize